

McDonald Park School

NEWSLETTER

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GENEROSITY - RESPECT - HONESTY - LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

COMING EVENTS

WEEK 11 Fri 14 April Last day of term 1, Early Dismissal 2:15pm	Term 2 – Week 1 Begins Monday 1st May	Week 2 Fri 12 May – Cross Country
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End of Term 1

It is often stated that time goes quickly when one is busy and occupied. If that is the reason why time flies then across the school, it has definitely been a productive term for us all.

Staff and students began the term very focused on learning, particularly embracing our mathematics focus and applying our learner profile to being a mathematician. Next term we will focus on trialing and developing time in every class to develop numeracy facts and fluency skills. Staff have engaged in a significant amount of professional learning in this area and we hope that your children are talking about mathematics with curiosity and motivation.

Four separate camps have been held over the last two weeks and we sincerely thank all staff who have taken the time to attend camps away from their own families in order to provide students with an opportunity to participate in this experience. Thank you to Melissa McCracken, Kate Eldridge, Chloe Hentschke and Helen Widdison for their time in organizing and planning. We often talk to the students about camps and excursions being a privilege; not all students are given the opportunity to experience camps and excursions to the degree that McDonald Park students do. The additional independence skills, collaboration and out of school experiences cannot be emulated in the classroom and we thank all adults – staff and parent volunteers for making this opportunity possible.

Student leadership teams have also had a busy start to the year in learning their respective roles and beginning their particular projects.

Next term we look forward to the Art Show in week 6 of the term. This is a biannual event that school community value as a time to come together and view student learning in various mediums.

The beginning preparations of this year's musical will also be in full swing next term as auditions for the main roles are scheduled. Classes will be allocated their songs and choreography will begin. This will all come together in term 3 with the whole school concert in week 8, on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 of September. As feedback suggested the event will once again return to the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.

Next term there will be a different leadership structure as Kirsty Hill will be taking leave for the term. Sharon Day will fulfill the principal role, Daniel Castle the deputy role and Katherine Bundy the Senior Leader.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday break with your children and look forward to continuing the learning next term.

Kirsty Hill, Sharon Day, Daniel Castle, Lia Jordan
SENIOR STAFF



Resource Centre News



Pepper the Story Dog

We are fortunate to announce that the Story Dogs program has returned to our school. Pepper the Story Dog, with his lovely owner Janine, comes each Thursday to the resource centre.

Together they listen to four students from across the school read. Both Pepper and Janine are a calming presence and are greeted with enthusiasm by whomever they meet! We thank them for volunteering their time to this worthy program.

Rooms 3 and 4 history excursion

As part of our learning about history in our local area, we investigated swimming over time in Mount Gambier, from the ocean to the Valley Lake and now the Wulanda Recreation and

Convention Centre.

We met Danni at the Mount Gambier Library who shared photos and information about past swimming opportunities. We were amazed to discover there was a Public Bath built in the Cave Gardens in 1898, which was used for several decades. We were also interested to learn that for a while, men and women had separate swimming times as it was deemed not appropriate for them to partake in such an activity together. We know that has changed over time.

We stood on the pavers in the Cave Gardens, which show the size of the Percy Browne Public Baths and marveled at the size. Danni shared photos of the Olympic Swimming Pool built at O'Halloran Terrace in 1957, and the Mount Gambier Aquatic Centre (built 1986). Our students have memories of swimming lessons there!

And now we have the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre. We were given a tour of Wulanda by Helen. This was a new experience for some students and a very exciting one. We have been fascinated by how swimming opportunities have changed in our local area over the past century!

We thank the Mount Gambier Library, Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre and Hopgoods Bus service for building on our learning in the resource centre.

I learnt that cameras film the basketball games which you can watch upstairs.

By Brooke

I learnt that the basketball hoops can go up and down. They can be higher for senior players and lowered for junior players.

By Van

I saw parts of Wulanda I hadn't seen before. There are basketball courts and games rooms I didn't know existed. I also really enjoyed going to the library and seeing the online timeline. It showed how it used to be before there were real baths in bathrooms. I remembered learning about the 1898 public baths which were built in the Cave Gardens last year and it was good to go back to this learning. I visit the place the baths were in the Cave Gardens with my family and I tell people who are visiting us about this history.

By Ahna

Wonder recycling rewards for schools



The Environment Committee is supporting the collection of soft plastic bread bags through the Wonder Recycling program. Please send your clean, soft plastic bread bags that contain any type of bread products to the resource centre. We are not collecting bread tags.

As a reward, Wonder will give our school sports equipment as being part of this program.

We thank you for supporting this recycling initiative!
Student Leadership Environment Committee

Library monitors

Meet Harper, Amelie, Annie and Elsie! They are some of our enthusiastic library monitors who volunteer their time before school to help in the resource centre. We love their cheerful commitment and passion for reading.



SAPSASA DISTRICT ATHLETICS DAY

On Wednesday, 29 March we took 50 McPark students to Mount Gambier High School for District Athletics Day. Our students displayed fantastic skills and sportsmanship throughout the day. We had over 15 students come away with ribbons; quite a few with multiple ribbons. One of the highlights of the day was a tie for first in the 10 year old boys 800 metre race, where McPark's two Benji's had a draw. Well done to all competitors. Thank you to Mrs Moelder and Marty for your assistance on the day and thank you to the parents for helping.

Sallyanne Morgan

9 Year Old Girls			
Event	Name	Place	Time/Distance
200m	Anna L	3rd	39.6
800m	Chloe B	2nd	3.36.03
High Jump	Anna L	2nd	104cm
Shot Put	Skyla L-R	1st	5.22m
Discus	Anna L	1st	13.50m
9 Year Old Boys			
100m	Akeai L	2nd	16.99
200m	Akeai L	3rd	36.71
800m	Logan M	3rd	3.18.34
High Jump	Dominic A	3rd	100cm
Shot Put	Akeai L	2nd	5.64m
10 Year Old Girls			
800m	Charlotte G	3rd	3.41.62
10 Year Old Boys			
800m	Benji R	1st	3.01.11
	Benji C	1st	3.01.11
Long Jump	Tyler C	3rd	3.08m
Discus	Nathaniel T	1st	17.07m
11 Year Old Girls			
Shot Put	Phoebe B	3rd	5.53m
11 Year Old Boys			
Discus	Alex L	1st	17.41m
12 Year Old Girls			
800m	Eleanor M	3rd	3.21.47
High Jump	Tekani C	2nd	129cm
Discus	Hannah B	3rd	12.78m
12 Year Old Boys			
High Jump	Jacob C	3rd	120cm
Shot Put	Ronnie C	1st	9.34m
Discus	Ronnie C	2nd	19.30m



Vision Awards presented Term 1, Week 9

Our awards are centred on our school vision. Students will be recognised for their collaboration, respect, engagement, problem solving or progress (thriving).

McDonald Park School community will work collaboratively to develop respectful, thriving and engaged problem solvers.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Presented to	By	For
Austin May	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	persistence when in the learning pit.

COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Alix W	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	being a positive and supportive group member in all collaborative tasks.

ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Logan M	Miss Eldridge	being an enthusiastic participant in all aspects of his learning.
Siara M	Mrs Hentshke	carefully drafting and designing a new book cover for our read aloud.
Chelcy K	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	being a motivated and independent learner who always tries her best.
Nash N	Ms Mitchell	enthusiastically engaging with all curriculum areas and making positive choices.

RESPECT

Presented to	By	For
Cruz C	Mrs Hentschke	treating all class members with care and respect.

THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Anna L	Miss Eldridge	always striving to do her best.
Shaye C	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	displaying creativity and persistence while developing visual arts skills and processes.
Ava R	Mrs McLean	her consistent mature approach to her learning and the meticulous attention to organisation of her work samples.
Tyler C	Mrs McLean	being an outstanding role model within our community and utilising feedback to improve his learning.
Bailee R	Ms Mitchell	being a leader during class discussions to share her extensive knowledge and ideas.



CANTEEN PRICE INCREASES

Parents and caregivers, please note that there will be some price increases on items available from our school canteen. These new prices will be in place for the beginning of term 2. Qkr! Will be updated over the holidays. The term 2 pricelist is included with this newsletter.

COMMUNITY NEWS



THE KID'S SHED

HAMMER TIME FOR 2-5 YEAR OLDS

WOODWORK CLASSES 5-8 YEAR OLDS


WOODWORK CLASSES 9+ YEAR OLDS







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4 Fantastic EVENTS FOR YOUNG CARERS in Mt Gambier

FREE

- 1 Friday 21st April 6pm**
 Paint and Sip Workshop at Little Blue Wren (18-25 year olds)
- 2 Monday 24th April 1-3pm**
 Afternoon tea at Copenhagen followed by plaster painting at Kidspot (5-8 year olds)
- 3 Wed 26th April 10.30am-1.30pm**
 Basketball workshop with KT Hoops followed by Flip Out and lunch at Treehouse (6-12 year olds)
- 4 Thursday 27th April 10am-1pm**
 Horse riding and care workshop with lunch included (13-17 year olds)

Carers SA Australia

To RSVP or if you have any questions call Sam on 0491 066 939 or Email samantha.benton@carerssa.com.au



McDonald Park School CANTEEN PRICES – 2023

Term 2

The canteen menu aims to provide healthy and nutritious food and drinks consistent with the DfE 'Right Bite' Healthy Eating Guide for schools and preschools and 'The Australian Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents'. Please write your **CHILD'S NAME** and **ROOM NUMBER** on a large paper lunch bag. Lunch bags are available from the canteen, 10 for 50 cents or alternatively from Coles or Woolworths. Forks required for foods brought from home will be 10 cents each. Foods brought from home will **NOT** be reheated in the canteen due to health regulations. Any price changes or new items will be notified in the fortnightly newsletter. Late lunch orders will be accepted, however they will be given what is available and if there is insufficient money in the bag the order will be reduced. **THERE IS NO CREDIT AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEEN**



SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS		
White / Wholemeal	Sandwich	Roll
Vegemite OR cheese	\$3.00	\$3.50
Egg OR ham	\$4.00	\$4.50
Tuna OR chicken	\$4.50	\$5.00
Salad only (lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber)	\$4.00	\$4.50
Ham salad	\$5.00	\$5.70
Tuna OR chicken salad	\$5.50	\$6.00
Extra fillings: cheese, carrot, cucumber, lettuce, tomato, beetroot add \$0.50		
Mayo, tomato, sweet chilli - add \$0.30		

SALADS		
Munch & crunch box	crackers, cheese, French onion dip, carrot, cucumber	\$5.50
Wiggly worm box	cheese sandwich, mini muffin, seasonal fruit, carrot, cucumber	\$5.50
- add ham, tuna, sweet chilli chicken tender		\$1.00
Noodle salad		small tub \$3.00 large tub \$4.00
Super salad bowl:	lettuce, carrot, cheese, tomato, cucumber, ½ boiled egg, noodle salad, beetroot	\$7.50

THIRST BUSTERS	
Bottle of water	\$2.50
Flavoured milk	
250ml choc, strawberry, honeycomb	\$3.50
Pure fruit juice	
250ml apple, orange, apple/blackcurrant	\$3.00
Pop Top flavoured milks chocolate, strawberry, banana	\$3.50
Sanitarium Up and Go – chocolate/strawberry	\$3.50

NICE & ICY – lunch time counter sales only	
Frozen juice cups	\$2.00
Paddle Pops	\$2.00
Vanilla ice cream dandy cup	\$2.00
Icy Twist	\$2.00
Mini Callipo	\$2.00
Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt	\$2.50

HOT SUB BAR	
Garlic bread plain – add \$0.50 cheese	\$3.50
Crumbed chicken with lettuce and mayo	\$5.50
Sweet chilli chicken with lettuce and mayo	\$5.50

HOME MADE PIZZA BAR	
Hawaiian - ham, cheese, pineapple	\$4.80
BBQ chicken – bbq sauce, chicken, cheese	\$4.80

HOT PACKS	
Macaroni cheese	\$5.00
Lasagne	\$5.00
Spaghetti bolognaise	\$5.00
Wedges with sweet chilli and sour cream	\$5.30
Nachos with salsa, cheese and sour cream	\$5.30
Steamed dim sim	\$1.70
- soy sauce	\$0.30

BURGERS all served in a white buttered roll	
Add salad	\$1.00
Cheese burger - beef, cheese, sauce	\$6.00
Chicken burger - crumbed chicken, lettuce, mayo	\$6.00

LUNCH PACKS		
<i>Jurassic, veggie slice packs include noodle salad, carrot sticks, cucumber</i>		
Jurassic:	3 dino nuggets	\$5.50
	6 dino nuggets	\$6.50
Veggie slice	Zucchini, bacon and carrot	\$7.00
<i>Pirate and gluten free nugget packs contain the salad but do not have the noodle salad in them.</i>		
Pirate:	1 piece of fish and wedges	\$5.50
	2 pieces of fish and wedges	\$6.50
BENTO BOX (Small)	4 Potato gems, 2 mini spring rolls, 2 dim sims, 1 corn cob	\$5.50
BENTO BOX (Large)	6 Potato gems, 3 mini spring rolls, 3 dim sims, 2 corn cobs	\$6.50
Gluten free nuggets:	3 nuggets	\$5.50
	6 nuggets	\$6.50

DAILY SPECIALS	
THURSDAY ONLY	
Hot dog in bread	\$3.20
Hot dog in white roll	\$4.20
- cheese	\$0.50
- bbq, sweet chilli, tomato sauce, mustard	\$0.30
THURSDAY MEAL DEAL	
Hot dog, flavoured milk, cookie	\$8.00
FRIDAY ONLY	
Pie	\$5.20
Pasty	\$5.20
Sausage roll	\$4.20
Party pie / party sausage roll	\$1.80
- sauce	\$0.30
FRIDAY MEAL DEAL	
Pie / pasty and juice	\$8.00
Sausage roll and juice	\$7.00
2 party pies and juice	\$6.50
2 party sausage rolls and juice	\$6.50

SNACK TIME	
Seasonal fruit	\$1.50
Red Rock Honey Soy Chicken Chips	\$1.50
Popcorn	\$1.50
Assorted fruit muffins	\$1.20
Chocolate chip cookie	\$1.20
Bag rice crackers	\$0.50
Mixed cereal, Honey Chex cereal, Milo cereal	\$0.50



MCDONALD PARK SCHOOL - TERM 2 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Events subject to change at school's discretion if need arises.)



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	01/05	02/05	03/05	04/05	05/05
WEEK 2	08/05	09/05	10/05	11/05	12/05 Cross country
WEEK 3	15/05	16/05	17/05	18/05	19/05
WEEK 4	22/05 Governing Council meeting	23/05	24/05 National Simultaneous Storytime	25/05 Come and See McPark 9:30am	26/05 Reconciliation week begins 28/05 Come and See McPark 2.00pm
WEEK 5	29/05 Reconciliation week	30/05	31/05	01/06	02/06
WEEK 6	05/06	06/06	07/06 Art show	08/06	09/06
WEEK 7	12/06 Public holiday King's birthday	13/06	14/06	15/06	16/06
WEEK 8	19/06	20/06	21/06	22/06	23/06
WEEK 9	26/06 Swimming lessons Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Governing Council meeting	27/06	28/06	29/06	30/06
WEEK 10	03/07 NAIDOC week Swimming lessons Rooms A1, A2, A3, A4, 1	04/07	05/07	06/07	07/07 Early dismissal 2.15pm