

NEWSLETTER

McDonald Park School



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KITCHEN LESSONS

We have an amazing Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden here at our school. This is where we learn about new foods, how to cook and enjoy eating what we have cooked. The kitchen lessons focus on safety skills, food handling and collaboration. They teach us about seasonal produce and help us understand the process of growing, harvesting and eating fresh foods.



Jacob: Enjoyed learning to make cookies for Mother's Day and making food for someone else to enjoy. He learnt a lot about cooking and the utensils he needs to use.

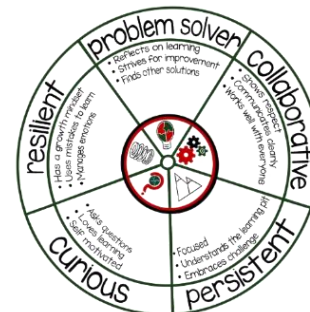
Nathaniel: Working in groups and cooking together has been fun and then sharing the meal with my friends is fantastic.

Miley: Likes making the food and working with her friends to cook. Her favourite recipe was lemon scones because they were flavoursome and sweet. She tried apple crumble for the first time but didn't like it.

Scarlet: Likes to make food and take home for her family to eat. She likes all the recipes they cook in Kitchen lessons as students put a lot of effort in to make them.

Benji: Liked the fruit clan berry bars as they were really good and easy to make. I have learnt a lot about cooking, reading recipes and measuring ingredients. It is a lot of fun. Kitchen is a favourite lesson for all students and we learn a lot while having fun. Knowing how to cook the food we grow is amazing.

This report is compiled by SRC leaders



Coming Events

- ❖ Week Ten - all week
NAIDOC WEEK
- ❖ Week Ten - all week
Swimming Rooms A1, A2, A3, A4 & Rm 1
- ❖ Week Ten -
Friday 7 July
EARLY DISMISSAL
2:15pm



STUDENT FREE DAY
Monday, 24 July 2023

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wishing all staff, students & their families a happy & safe holiday break.

Term 3 Begins
TUESDAY 25 JULY

VISION AWARDS

Term 2, Week 8

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.**

RESPECT

Presented to	By	For
Skyla L-R	Miss Eldridge	being a thoughtful and respectful member of the class who always helps others.
Eric C	Ms Munday	being a friendly and inclusive member of all learning groups.
Tahj P	Mrs McLean	demonstrating respect towards his learning, approaching work with a positive mindset and showing excellent growth.
Kiara H-J	Ms Mitchell	the respectful way she engages with the class, her peers and our buddy class.

THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Siara M	Mrs Hentschke	travelling and reflecting on various techniques, materials and ideas to create her unique mask.
Abbey B	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	planning and presenting a well-structured persuasive text.
Hamish H	Ms Munday	showing commitment to success in all learning areas.
Hannah B	Mrs McLean	thriving within her school community, working hard with her learning every day and being an amazing role model.
Phoenix F	Mrs McLean	always giving his best each day by focusing and employing a strong work ethic.

ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Abby C	Miss Eldridge	speaking confidently and engagingly in front of a group during Lions Mad Minute.
Hayley M	Miss Eldridge	making huge improvements to her time management and work ethic.
Malekai G	Mrs Hentschke	sharing ideas and asking questions, when learning about compound sentences.
Jett S	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	engaging confidently in all impromptu speaking activities.
Alexis B	Ms Munday	thinking deeply about all learning tasks.
Jasmin A	Ms Munday	consistently contributing to class discussions.
Scarlett D	Mrs McLean	demonstrating a high level of engagement within her learning every day.
Bentley W	Ms Mitchell	engaging consistently with all aspects of the curriculum.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Presented to	By	For
Hudson F	Miss Eldridge	applying effective strategies to solve complex addition and subtraction problems.

COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Alex B	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	being a positive and supportive group member in drama lessons.



STAFFING TERM 3

We look forward to welcoming our Principal Kirsty Hill back from long service leave at the beginning of term 3. Sharon Day will return to Deputy Principal, Daniel Castle to Senior Leader and Katherine Bundy to Aboriginal Education Teacher/classroom teacher. We thank all our staff and community for supporting us in what has been a smooth and positive term of learning for our students.

Vanessa McLean will take long service leave for term 3 and in her place in N5 we welcome Ms Gemma Hunt on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and Ms Katherine Bundy on Wednesdays.

Mrs De Spencer will take up the Autism Inclusion Teacher vacancy after Mrs Hannah Waters began maternity leave and Ms Ashleigh Hutchinson will take A1 on Wednesdays while she fulfils this role. Ms Katelyn Squire will now teach in A4 full time.

We congratulate Hannah and Todd Waters on the happy arrival of baby Eli James Waters on Friday 30th June.

We wish all our families a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for term 3.

Sharon, Daniel, Katherine and Lia



SAPSASA HOCKEY



SAPSASA Hockey went for three days Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On the Thursday the weather was terrible, I couldn't even hit the ball. It was so cold that we were allowed to play in our L.S.E. jackets. In the last game we had to take our jackets off because Barossa & Light had a black uniform. It was freezing. We played two games on Friday. The first game was against Airport. Bailee got hit on the hand which deflected on to Rubi's mouth. In the second game we played the Upper South East and beat them 7 nil. Bailee got 2 goals, Rubi got 2 goals, Chloe, Sophie and I all got 1 goal each. Our best game was the last game against the Upper South East. We got most of our goals from shorts, but my goal, I pushed on the back of my stick and it went in.
Cameryn B

At SAPSASA Hockey in Adelaide I only participated on the Thursday and Friday. It was so cold on the Thursday that I literally couldn't hit the ball. It was so cold that they let us wear our L.S.E. jackets to play. During our last game the other team had black tops so we had to take our jumpers off. At half time I put my Zone jumper underneath, but it was still freezing. My hands were numb and that meant I couldn't undo my buttons. On Friday we only had two games. During the first game a girl hit the ball and it went straight into my hand, then hit my team mate's mouth. I tried to stay on but I couldn't, it was too sore. My hand was numb. I went back on during the second half, it was still sore but I managed to go on to play. Our last game was probably our best. It was on turf. We played the Upper South East. I scored two goals. It was a great game. I scored 3 goals all up for the tournament. My third was against Barossa & Light on Thursday. **Bailee R**

It was really fun at SAPSASA Hockey. I really want to do it again. Wednesday we had to play three games. On the Thursday it rained all day and my whole team was turning blue. I scored 3 goals all up. One on a grass and two on turf. Our last game of the week against Upper South East, we won 7 nil. We won our first game and won our last game. I hope that I will get into the team again next year. **Sophie W**

The first game we played was on turf. I was in goals. We won 6-0. On Thursday it was pouring with rain. Our last game we won 7-0. Although it was raining a lot we all still had fun. We came fourth overall. I played fullback and inner. **Halle D**

It was an awesome experience playing with different teams from different places. All our games were awesome. We had a tough game against the Riverland, but we did a good job. The weather was very hard to play in. It was very wet, lots of rain, but we pushed through. I love playing with people I play against. I would love to go again next year. My positions were halfback and fullback. I love to play those positions. Our team got fourth place overall, which I think is awesome. **Alexis B**

I went to Adelaide for SAPSASA Hockey. I stayed at West Beach for four days. Most of my team was there as well. I went to the pool on the second day with half of my team. My team and I won second place with 6 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss. The first place winners won 7 games, 2 draws and 0 losses. All of the teams played nine games. It was fun because I got to go to Adelaide.
Mitchell H

I competed for the Lower South East SAPSASA Hockey team in Adelaide from 21st to 23rd June. I enjoyed playing with new people and making new friends. In one game I managed to score two goals. Our team ended up coming second overall and we got medals. It was a great three days and I would recommend people to try out for SAPSASA. **Connor L**

YELP – EARTHKEEPERS CAMP

Earlier in the term Mrs Deppeler took student leaders from the Environmental group to the Naracoorte Caves for the annual Earthkeeper Camp run by The Limestone Landscape Board. Becoming an "Earthkeeper" is a vital step in the Young Environmental Leader Program (YELP). Throughout the year students work to collect the 4 keys to environmental success (knowledge, experience, yourself and sharing). Students were presented with their first two keys at this event and are now recognised as "Apprentice Earthkeepers". During the camp students undertook various outdoor activities to immerse themselves in the landscape and connect with nature. Being outdoors and connecting to nature through hands on learning provides a valuable experience to students who learn about supporting a healthy and sustainable environment.

"Our favourite parts of the camp were getting to meet environmental leaders from other schools, collecting the keys and the 'Magic Spot' activity where everyone found their own spot in the bush to sit in silence for 20 minutes to connect with nature and think about our journey as an Earth Keeper"

Jayla S, Maddy G, Neesanok S & Logan S.W



LIONS MAD MINUTE CONGRATULATIONS McPARK



Year 5 students from our school have been involved in the Lions Mad Minute competition, which is an impromptu speaking program for schools in our area. We have been very successful in this competition in the past years, with winning the best speaker and best school. Students select a random topic, which they need to talk about for 1 minute, with no preparation time, with the aim to inform and engage their audience.

Alfie, Seth and Maggie were the top yr 5 speakers from our school that represented us at the district level. They did a wonderful job and should be proud of their participation and skill, so much so that their combined scores earned them the best school in the large school category.

Congratulations on the return of the trophy!



The Mad Minute was one of the most exciting things I have ever done. It made me feel special. My topic was 'Eyes are better than ears'. I disagreed and talked in agitated aussie voice.

By Seth A



The Mad Minute was very overwhelming at first. My topic was that KFC is the best take-away and I disagreed. I was so excited when I found out that we had won.

By Maggie F



My topic was that netball isn't the best sport. It was cool to see everyone's opinion on their topics. I was nervous at first but after a while it was fun.

By Alfie T



SAPSASA NETBALL

SAPSASA Netball was an amazing experience. I made so many new friends who supported each other and cheered for everyone! Out of all of the positions my favourite position was C (centre). Our team coach Mel taught me so much and it will definitely help me in the future. I was very happy when I found out I got into SAPSASA Netball. I was glad I wasn't the only McPark kid who got in. Overall it was an amazing experience.

Mia R

This year I was chosen to be in the SAPSASA Netball team. I was in division 1. In total we won three games and enjoyed every one of them. I had lots of fun and made lots of memories and great friends.

Eleanor Mc

I was chosen to play for the Lower South East division 1 team for SAPSASA Netball in Adelaide. I had lots of fun making memories and friends.

Milla F



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Premiers Reading Challenge



When reading books over the holidays, please add them to your child's Premiers Reading Challenge form! The challenge is 20 years old this year. This year there are two options - a 12-book challenge and a 20-book challenge. Your child has been given

the choice. Return forms to the library once complete.

For more information, or to print a new form, please go to: <https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/students/student-reading-records/>

Bread bag collection



Thank you for the overwhelming support in sending your plastic bread bags to school for our Wonder Recycling Rewards Program. This recycling initiative ends on July 7th, and the bags will be collected at the beginning of next term. We will accept

bags collected over the holidays at the start of term 3. This has been a great recycling opportunity, and we receive sports equipment as a reward.

Student leadership Environment Committee

New library furnishings

We are so excited to announce that our new library furnishings have arrived! This arrival completes our library refurbishment which began in 2022. We are currently placing books on new shelving and will share photos once we have finished. We also have table ottomans, signage and other seating options. The students are delighted with their new space. Please come and visit us anytime.

*'I wish we had this at our house!' Mikey and Nathaniel
'I think I will remember this library for the rest of my life' Michael*



Thunder AFL 9s



At the AFL 9s tournament against other schools we had an opportunity to have fun. The highlights of the day were when we played Reidy and other schools. The challenges against all the schools were when there were close games. Before the carnival I was feeling very nervous and excited at the same time. After the football all day I felt very happy and excited about the ending. I learnt about how to play football without using tackling and, we played football where you must hold the person with two hands. **Mylee M**



The 9-a-side football trip was really fun. There were some teams that gave our team a challenge and some not so much. We had really good coaches Noah, Sharna and Nat, they gave me advice and told me what to do at what time. Overall, I had around 50 disposals throughout the whole day. I played all over the field but played the last game in midfield because the coaches said that was my best position. The toughest game we played was against Reidy Park because it was undefeated vs undefeated. We managed to win the game by 2 points but in the first half we were down by a goal or two, but in the second half we managed to snap out of it and play a lot better. Overall, I think I played really well. I want to thank Grant for hosting the tournament because we couldn't have done it without them. **Braith A**



The best Part about football was getting the chance to play a sport that I have never played before. The biggest challenge about today was learning the skills like kicking, handballing and giving it to the right people. I am feeling good about it because I got 2 points and a goal. I think I did a great job. Before I was nervous because I was worried that I wouldn't be able to kick the ball. I learnt how to play football and kick the ball. We came first in our pool and got chocolate. **Cameryn B**



It was really fun. I loved my coaches, Noah and Sharna. My highlights of the day were vs Reidy Park at the end and winning by two points to win the tournament. My challenge was when I was in the midfield getting out without getting caught holding the ball. One person cannot win a game as a team does. Thank you to Grant High for running it and thank you to everyone that helped out for the 9 aside footy tournament. **Beau M**





MONDAY 10 TO SUNDAY 16: PAPER SCULPTURE MAKING AGES 4+

During opening hours @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Using coloured card and paper create a wacky and colourful paper sculpture. Free self-sufficient craft. Bookings not required.

MONDAY 17 TO SUNDAY 23: MINI FABRIC AND YARN COLLAGES AGES 4+

During opening hours @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Choose your colours and patterns of fabric and yarn and layer them on a card to make a collage. Free self-sufficient craft. Bookings not required.

SATURDAY 24 JUNE TO TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER: WINTER WONDER ROOM AGES 3+

During opening hours @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Mount Gambier's winter months have never seemed brighter for families as The Riddoch re-opens the popular WONDER ROOM! After the amazing success of the summer edition, the Riddoch team have been busy designing a range of activities to keep kids entertained this winter. Explore a variety of creative stations including: Papercrafts, Musical Storytelling, Interactive Rain Display, Giant Puzzle, Selfie Stations, Cosy Cubby and more!

MONDAY 10 TO SUNDAY 23 JULY: MAKE A SLOTH ALL AGES

During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library Families are invited to come in and complete this self-sufficient craft. Celebrating this year's National Simultaneous Storytime book 'The Speedy Sloth'. Free self-sufficient. Bookings not required.

THURSDAY 13 JULY: BUBBLE PAINTING WORKSHOP GOLD COIN AGES 5+

2:30pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Loads of bubbly fun using baby bath bubbles and paint to make an artwork that is dreamy! Bookings essential.

FRIDAY 14 JULY: LIL' CREATORS – DUCK MASKS GOLD COIN UNDER 5'S

10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Waddle on down to the Riddoch with your little ones to make a one-of-a-kind duck mask out of cardboard, paper and feathers. Bookings essential.

FRIDAY 14 JULY: STOP MOTION AGES 10+

2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library Get creative with making your own stop-motion movie with plasticine, LEGO and backdrops! **BYO device (smartphone/tablet) with Stop Motion Studio app installed.** Bookings essential.

MONDAY 17 JULY: SLIME AGES 8+

10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library Who doesn't love ooey gooey slime ... especially when it's not being made at home! Children can choose to add in a few sparkles to their colourful slime. *BYO plastic container to take home slime. Bookings essential.

MONDAY 17 JULY: MARBLED SHAVING FOAM ART AGES 5+

2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library Making art with chemistry! Your unique design can then be made into a card or framed piece of art. Bookings essential.

TUESDAY 18 JULY: METAL STAMPED JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP \$10 AGES 12+

10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Have you ever wanted to know how to make stamped metal jewellery? We will show you how to do basic metal stamping to produce your own unique pieces. These stamped shapes can then be used to make anklets, earrings, bracelets and necklaces. Bookings essential.

TUESDAY 18 JULY: BATH BOMBS AGES 8+

2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library Using a variety of ingredients and colours you can create your own bath bombs – ideal to give as a present or to enjoy for yourself. Bookings essential.

WEDNESDAY 19 JULY: MOVIE SCREENING: ABOMINABLE (PG) ALL AGES

10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre After discovering a yeti, three friends embark on a quest to reunite the creature with his family. However, they must keep him safe from a wealthy man and a zoologist who want to capture him. Run time - 1 hour and 37 mins. Bookings encouraged.

MONDAY 10 TO SUNDAY 23 JULY: INTRODUCING OUR 'LIBRARY OF THINGS'

During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library ALL AGES
Create memories at home by borrowing one of our kits to enjoy as a family. Items include: Pasta Making Machine, DVD Projector, Chromecast, LEGO Mindstorm EV3, Cake Decorating Kit, Board Games and MORE! Pop in and see our items on display.

MONDAY 10 JULY: LEADLIGHT LANTERNS ALL AGES

10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library Decorating your lantern with tissue paper makes it look like stained glass. Wait until twilight when your LED candle is lit up inside! **BYO glass jar. Bookings essential.**

MONDAY 10 JULY: DANCE VR AGES 12+

2:30pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Bring along your best moves and tear up the dance floor in virtual reality. Drop-in session – bookings not required.

TUESDAY 11 JULY: PIN LIGHT ART WORKSHOP GOLD COIN AGES 8+

10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Using Meagan Streader's current exhibition as inspiration we will use card, pins and light to create unique artworks we can project onto the wall! Bookings essential.

TUESDAY 11 JULY: SAND ART ALL AGES

2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library Using brilliant bright coloured sand and templates we create a mindfulness piece of art. Bookings essential.

WEDNESDAY 12 JULY: BEADED JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP AGES 5+

10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Using a rainbow coloured range of resin beads we will make elastic bracelets and string necklaces that are one-of-a-kind! Bookings essential.

WEDNESDAY 12 JULY: WHAT IF... CREATIVE WRITING AGES 10+

2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library Using fun and interactive storytelling tools, children's imaginations will be racing with this fast paced session that will inspire budding young writers. Lead by local published author Jacqui Davies. Bookings essential.

THURSDAY 13 JULY: BOT WARS WITH SPHEROS AGES 8+

10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library Children will design and build battle shells to go on top of a Sphero robot then enter the arena to find out who is the last standing in 'Battle of the Bot Wars'. **BYO device (smartphone/tablet) with SpheroEDU app installed.**

WEDNESDAY 19 JULY: PAPER BEADS KEYRING AGES 12+

2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library You'll never know they are paper!! Learn how to make beautiful paper beads to turn into a key ring. Bookings essential.

THURSDAY 20 JULY: TALENT SHOW ALL AGES

10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library Can you juggle? Maybe confidently recite a poem? Or perhaps play the flute? You have 3 minutes tops to wow the judges either solo or a group entry, with great prizes up for grabs in each age category: Under 6s / 7-11 / 12+ years. Bookings essential.

THURSDAY 20 JULY: PLASTICINE CRITTERS FUN GOLD COIN AGES 4+

2:30pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Let's have some fun making critters. Perhaps a snail, a frog, maybe a birdie? Bookings essential.

FRIDAY 21 JULY: BUTTON BADGE MAKING AGES 4+

10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre GOLD COIN
Badge making is back! Join us for this fun session using our button badge making machine. Drop-in session, bookings not required.

FRIDAY 21 JULY: UKE CAN DO IT! AGES 12+

2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library Join our challenge in learning a song in an hour! Participants can then continue their learning at home by borrowing one of our Library ukuleles. Bookings essential.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

- Bookings essential for all sessions (unless stated otherwise).
- Bookings can be made by contacting the individual venue as below.
- Our school holiday sessions are very popular and usually book out. If you can no longer attend please call to cancel so another child can enjoy.
- Parents and guardians must remain with children under the age of 12 during sessions

Mount Gambier Library, bookings open Monday 3 July.
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