

# McDonald Park School

## NEWSLETTER

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GENEROSITY - RESPECT - HONESTY - LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

### COMING EVENTS

#### Week 4

Come & see McPark - Enrolment tour  
Sunday 28/5 2:00pm

#### Week 5

Reconciliation Week

#### Week 6

Wednesday 7 June – ART SHOW



- **Date: Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**
- **Time: 5:30-7:00pm**
- **Governing Council BBQ**  
**Sausages in bread \$2.00**  
**(cash payments only)**
- **Gold coin donation at the door**
- **Raffle tickets available on the night**  
**with some great prizes**



We are excited to announce that our school will be hosting our biannual art show on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, with the theme "Evoking Emotions". This is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the wonderful learning that happens within the visual arts curriculum area and to celebrate creativity, expression, and imagination.

The art show allows students to showcase their artistic talents and this year's theme is particularly special. We have asked our students to create artwork that can evoke emotions and feelings. Through this process, classes have explored artistic elements like colour, line and shading to express themselves in unique and thought-provoking ways. We believe that this theme will provide a captivating experience for all visitors.

Our students have been hard at work for weeks, carefully crafting their masterpieces with the guidance of our talented teachers. We are confident that you will be amazed by the wide range of art pieces that will be on display.

We encourage all families to attend and show their support for their children's artistic abilities. This is an excellent opportunity to show appreciation of the hard work and dedication that has gone into each piece of artwork.

**Sharon Day, Daniel Castle, Lia Jordan, Katherine Bundy**  
**SENIOR STAFF**

## Vision Awards presented Term 2, Week 2

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

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### PROBLEM SOLVING

Presented to	By	For
Nate T	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Waters	using various strategies when problem solving in maths.
Jordan S	Mrs Dew	his improvement in maths mental problem solving.

### COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Zara C	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Fox	seeking to work with others and confidently contributing her ideas.

### ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Donovan P	Mrs Spencer	enthusiastically engaging with all learning tasks and making positive choices.
Toby W	Ms Huitema	creating a growing pattern using shape and colour.
Maddox F	Miss Squire	enthusiastically engaging with his maths learning and supporting his peers to help develop their understanding.
Michael R	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	displaying curiosity, kindness and using excellent observation skills.
Tilly S	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	displaying a high level of interest and participation in all class activities.
Annie L	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Waters	actively participating in all learning opportunities with a positive attitude.
Caleb P	Mrs Dew	always being on task.



The environmental group would like to ask for you to keep bringing empty, clean bread bags to school. The bread bag bins are kept in the resource centre, front office and the block.

We are collecting until the end of term two. Our school receives sports equipment rewards at the end of this Wonder Bread recycling program so thank you for supporting us.

**Student Leadership - Environment Group**

### RESPECT

Presented to	By	For
Evie F	Miss Schulz	always being a kind and considerate member of our class.
Matilda L	Mrs Pitkin	always displaying kindness and respect to all and being a great role model for her peers.
Levi C	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Fox	being such a kind and generous student. Levi demonstrates genuine interest and care for all his class mates.
Cayley E	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	being a respectful member of the class, always using her manners and being inclusive of others.
Fletcher dV	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	always being respectful towards others in the class and the school.

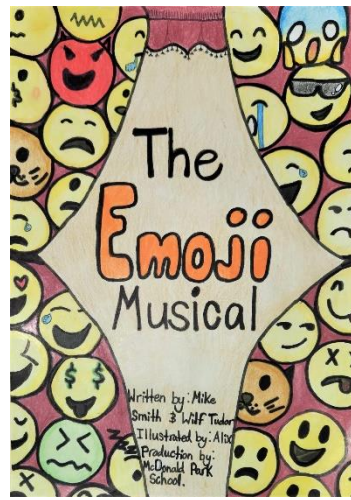
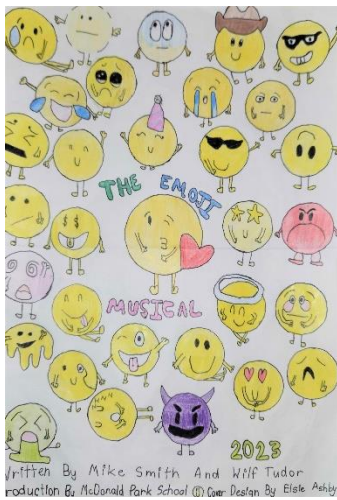
### THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Violet D	Mrs Spencer	being an outstanding role model and striving to do her best.
William B	Ms Huitema	created a very complicated pattern in math.
William P	Miss Schulz	continued improvement in his reading and confidence to blend new words.
Estelle J	Miss Squire	always striving to do her best and challenging herself with her learning.
Jesse J	Mrs Pitkin	displaying increasing confidence when sharing his ideas and opinions with the class.
Paige F	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Waters	challenging herself when faced with mathematical problems that get her into the 'learning pit'.

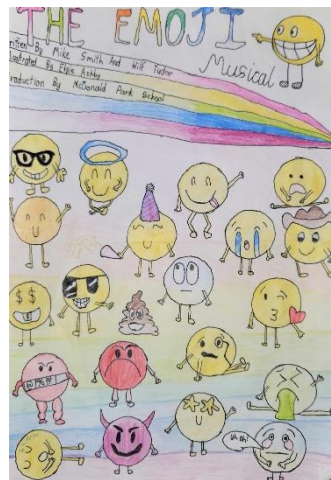
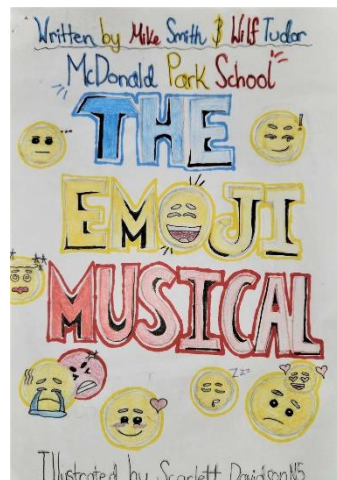
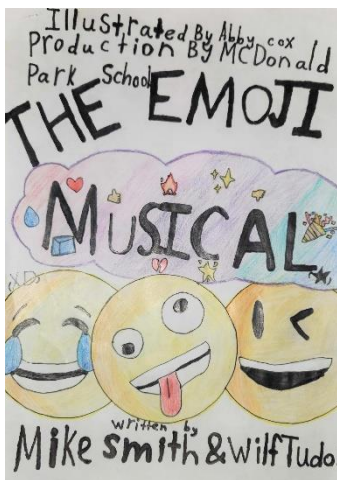


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# MUSICAL AUDITIONS & PROGRAM COVERS



This week auditions were held for the school musical. Students audition for singing and acting roles in the Emoji Musical 2023. The year 5/6 students demonstrated their skills, focusing on voice projection, character traits and character voices. Ms Jordan and Mrs Bundy said that the auditions were of a high standard and they were pleased with the effort and time the students put in to rehearsing for their roles. The students also submitted their program covers for the



musical front cover. There were over 25 entries which were all creative, colourful and showed a lot of time and effort went into creating them. The winner will be announced week 4. We look forward to a fantastic musical year.

# Spare Ya Change for Kids



McDonald Park School is pleased to announce we have become a hub for this fantastic organisation. Some families are doing it really tough at the moment. Spare ya Change 4 Kids aims that no child should go hungry so if YOUR family could use a helping hand, consider coming in on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm to grab a meal or two. On occasion, we may offer your child or family meals and hope this helps you make ends meet and enables your kids to keep learning with full bellies.

Meals are frozen fresh and will last up to 3 months in your freezer. We will post on Seesaw and Facebook the meal choices available for you to collect from the schools Stephanie Alexander Kitchen. Please bring a bag to carry the meals home with you as we are unable to supply these. We look forward to supporting families in our community with these delicious pre cooked dinners.



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## SAPSASA HOCKEY



Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Lower South East in SAPSASA Hockey. They will be competing in Adelaide from Wednesday 21 June till Friday 23 June. **Halle D, Cameryn B, Sophie W, Bailee R, Alexis B, Connor L & Mitchell H.**

Well done and best of luck to you all.

## CROSS COUNTRY Naracoorte



Congratulations to the over 50 students who represented our school at the Naracoorte Cross Country SAPSASA trials. All students ran to the best of their ability and finished their respective races. Well done to the students who finished in the top six for the Lower South East and will represent our region in Adelaide in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing another large group of students positively representing McDonald Park in 2024!



# MATHS DAY 23/5/23



Tuesday was our first Maths Day! It started with pancakes for breakfast for our Maths Challenge winners. At recess, students took on the perfect circle challenge and also the 1000 hands challenge! Throughout the day classes played Number Hive against leadership and took part in other maths activities. Leaders also read the book *Pattern Breakers* to the Annexe classes. Well done to all who took part!



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## National Reconciliation Week 2023: Book reading and craft with Aunty Michelle

**Event Date:** Sat 27 May

**Event Time:** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**Event Location:** The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre

**Event Type:** [Kids](#), [Special Event](#), [Workshops](#)

**MARTU KARU / GOOD DAY**

**My name is Aunty Michelle and I am a proud Boandik Elder.**

Join me as I retell a Dreaming story of the Boandik people about "How the emu got short wings" from my second book 'Annie connects with Boandik culture'.

I then invite children to make a head dress from cardboard, to colour with paints or textas and decorate with Emu feathers.

FREE EVENT

Suitable for ages 5+.

Bookings essential. Please call The Riddoch on 8721 2563 to book your place (please note: bookings are not taken through social media).

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023**

27 May - 3 June

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### Storytime

**Tuesday 30 May at 10:00am**

Join us for a reading of 'Back on Country' by Adam Goodes. Children will then make their own personalised door sign 'My Bedroom is on Boandik Country'.

**Bookings not required.**

### Care for Country With Boandik Elder Aunty Michelle

**Friday 2 June 10:00am and 11:30am**

**Lower Primary: Reception-Y4**

Join First Nations cultural leader, Aunty Michelle, as she guides children on the dual naming of the six significant cultural sites in Mount Gambier/Berrin. Children will make a pledge to how they will look after Country creating a sense of pride.

**2 sessions max. 25 students per session.**

**Bookings essential.**

### My Acknowledgement to Country

**With Bunganditj Language Coordinator Tara Bonney**

**Wednesday 31 May at 1:00pm**

**Middle Primary: Year 4-6**

Children will create their own 'Acknowledgement to Country' and learn about the importance of respect and the continued connection our First Nations people have to Country.

**1 class session. Bookings essential.**

### Living Book with Uncle Ken

**Wednesday 31 May at 6:30pm**

Uncle Ken is a proud Boandik Elder, and 2019 & 2022 NAIDOC Male Elder of the Year.

Join us on this personal insight into culture, family, care for country and an open discussion on how we can all be part of reconciliation for a better community and Australia.

**Bookings essential.**



For more information and all bookings contact:

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