

McDonald Park School

NEWSLETTER

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GENEROSITY - RESPECT - HONESTY - LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

COMING EVENTS

Week 7

MONDAY 12 June – KING'S BIRTHDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Week 8

Week 9

All Week - Swimming Lessons Rooms
2,3,4,5 & 6

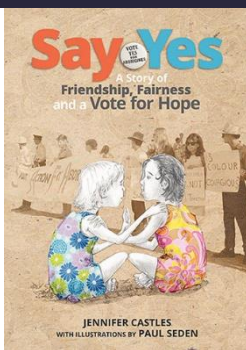
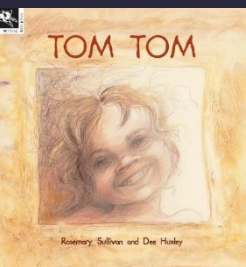
Monday 26 June – Governing
Council Meeting

RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023

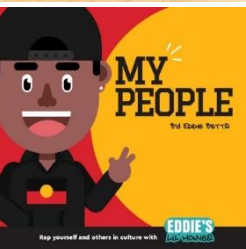


This year's National Reconciliation Week (NRW) theme '**Be a Voice for Generations**' encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways within our everyday lives. By using our power, words and actions we can create a more just, equitable and unified future for our nation.

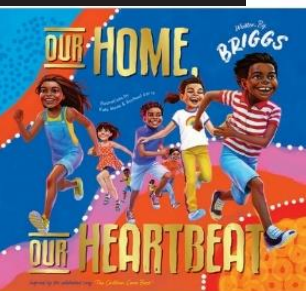
Reconciliation is about developing strong and positive relationships between the broader Australian community and



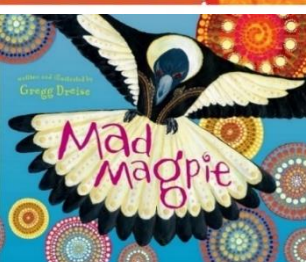
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. These relationships must be built on acknowledgment, trust and respect and be free of racism. It means acknowledging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of this land and recognising that these peoples were dispossessed, persecuted and oppressed as a result of colonisation in Australia. Reconciliation involves developing our understanding of how these histories continue to shape contemporary Australian society and ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures are treated with dignity and respect at all times.



Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories and achievements. It is also a time to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. NRW is held at this time of year to commemorate two significant dates of the Australian reconciliation journey: 27th May 1967 (successful referendum) & 3rd June 1992 (High Court Mabo decision).



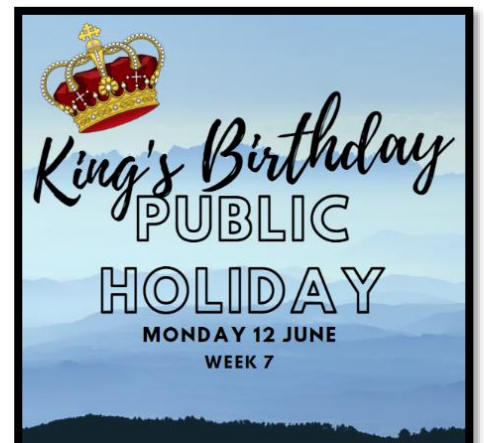
During our Library Connection lessons we had several focus texts written by First Nations authors/ illustrators that helped us to explore various themes, such as: rights and responsibilities, families, Kinship, respect, Indigenous Art, Dreaming Stories, local history/ language, the upcoming Voice to Parliament, Aboriginal legends and important milestone dates (the 1967 referendum, Mabo decision, Wave Hill Walk Off). Reading books written from another perspective can help us to understand others, their experiences, how they feel and to develop empathy. We hope to continue exploring these themes in the lead up to NAIDOC week (week 10).



Reconciliation is often best understood as a journey. We, as individuals and a school, can take important steps towards reconciliation every day.

Amber Deppeler
(Acting Aboriginal Education Teacher)

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



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VISION AWARDS

Presented Term 2, Week 4

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
Mitchell H	Miss Eldridge	applying different strategies and thinking 'outside the box' when problem solving.

COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Will M	Miss Eldridge	helping other students when they need assistance with their work.

ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Alfie T	Ms Munday	engaging confidently in the debating activities.
Jayla S	Ms Munday	strong participation and engagement in all learning areas.
Aiden C	Mrs McLean	continously seeking feedback and endeavouring to make improvements in his understanding.

RESPECT

Presented to	By	For
Max K	Ms Munday	being a respectful and kind member of our class and the school community.
Paige M	Mrs McLean	being an outstanding role model within our community and actively being inclusive.
Mylee M	Ms Mitchell	the respectful way she treats others and focuses on her learning.

THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Lara B	Mrs Hentschke	extending herself in writing through research, detailed sentences and taking on feedback.
Stella C	Mrs Hentschke	showing excellent growth in reading fiction texts, with fluency and a detailed understanding.
Kahlika M	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	improving in confidence, mindset and efficiency in Maths.
Rikku D-W	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tiley	being involved and engaged in learning discussions.
Phoebe B	Ms Mitchell	her outstanding commitment to learning and wonderful respect for others.



SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following McPark runners who have been selected to participate in SAPSASA State Cross Country. They will be competing in Adelaide on Thursday 8 June. Best of luck to you all.

Judd C, Cameryn B, Benji R, Benji C and Campbell B.



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SAPSASA FOOTBALL



I represented the Lower South East in the SAPSASA football team and it was a good team. Most of our games we were in front but then in the last quarter we lost. We won three games. I saw a lot of people from different parts of South Australia. It was really fun to participate in SAPSASA football. **Ronnie C**

SAPSASA football was good this year. It was fun and enjoyable. I think I played well in most of the games. The Lower South East team was good to play with and was inclusive. We played good games and ok games. **Nash N**

It was a fun experience playing for the Lower South East SAPSASA football team and I wish I could go back and play one more game. I took some good marks and I did good kicks. I had a great time. **Jacob C**



I was proud to be selected to participate in SAPSASA footy and represent McPark. I love playing footy and I love playing with my mates. It was a great experience. I got to play with my South team mates and school friends. It was good to meet other boys from other areas.

We had a fun time at Bounce on Monday night. We only won three games but I loved the football and I improved my skills. It was a great opportunity. **Beau M**



I really enjoyed SAPSASA football because I made lots of new friends and met new people. There was only three people from last year and that was good because then the new people trying out had a fair chance. I was very pleased to get to go to Adelaide for a school sport. **Eleanor Mc**



**Lower South East
SAPSASA DISTRICT**

COMMUNITY NEWS

**COONAWARRA
RUNNING
FESTIVAL**

RUNNING FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Saturday 11th November 2023

*Remembrance Day will be acknowledged at 11.00 am

PLEASE JOIN US!

The Coonawarra Running Festival is an all inclusive, all abilities fundraising event.

Run through the majestic Coonawarra wine region and the beautiful, lush red gum country of the Limestone Coast. After you have finished running, walking or wobbling your distance you can grab a bite to eat and have a well earned drink in the Coonawarra Park where a festival type atmosphere with music and stalls will be held.

Funds raised shall be given to Breakthrough Mental Health Research Fund to assist Mental Health in our region.



Registration and further information

facebook.com/coonawarrarunningfestival coonawarrarunningfestival.com.au

sportitude.com.au/events/coonawarrarunningfestival

21.1km - \$65 8am start, 12km - \$50 8.45am start,

6km - \$40 9.30am start, 1km - \$5 10am start,

Toddler Race after lunch, 5km Wobbly Winery Walk - \$50

wine tasting walk start time 11.15am

PRESENTATIONS AT NOON. Shuttle Bus available from/to Penola bookings essential - details on Facebook

ART SHOW

Evoking Emotions

We would like to thank the school community for coming to support the art show held on June 7. We had some wonderful feedback, and we are very proud of the hard work and creativity that went into each masterpiece. We

would like to thank the students and staff for all their efforts that helped make the night a success. We had a raffle with some great prizes collected by our promotions leadership group. Thank you to these students, their families and all the businesses that donated prizes. Lastly, thank you to the Governing Council for running a BBQ on the night and the arts committee for coordinating the show. It was a great community event enjoyed by everyone.



The best in show awards went to:

Annexe: Johniezel C

Downstairs: Melissa N

Block: Ruby C

Inspirational Artist award: Shaye C

