

# NEWSLETTER

## McDonald Park School



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# GARDEN



The Garden offers many learning opportunities for the students of McDonald Park School. It is a wonderful space where they get to learn about and enjoy the produce that is grown.



SRC leaders asked Kristen Arbery, our Garden specialist some questions about how the garden is used.

She cares for the animals in our garden by teaching classes how to care for them. Students change the bedding, put new food in, change the water, tidy up their pens and get them anything else they need.



Kristen makes sure all students from year 2 to year 6 have a go at everything. They are able to plant seeds, turn the soil, weed garden beds and test the soil to make sure it is good for the plants and vegetables that are growing. They are able to harvest the produce, rake up the leaves, and generally tidy up.

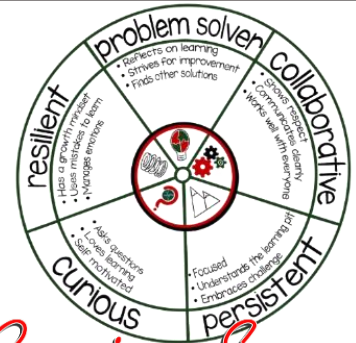
In our garden we grow lots of vegetables and fruits, similar to what we eat at home. We grow zucchini's, carrots, cabbage, tomatoes, lemons, broad beans, brussel sprouts, apples, pears, locates, apricots, plums, nectarines, tamarillos, mandarins, and oranges. Classes use this produce in kitchen lessons to cook and eat.



Children are able to use the garden every Tuesday during lunch time and they get 2 terms of lessons every year. Their science and kitchen teachers also utilize this space for lessons.

Once a year classes also get to make pizza in the pizza oven. It's so yummy. We really are very lucky to have our garden and the produce we grow. It's a beautiful space.

**Pictures and information from Kristin Arbery, SRC Leaders and the Promotions Group**



## Coming Events

### Week 3

**Tuesday 8 August**

School Photos

**Friday 11 August**

Parent information session:  
**REGULATION OF EMOTIONS**  
 in Staff Room  
 9:30am to 11:00 am

### Week 4

**Thursday 17 August**

Year 4/5 Crossing monitor training

**Friday 18 August**

Assembly 9:15am

### Week 5

**All Week – Book Week**

**Wednesday 23 August**

Book week parade 9:15am

## PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

**Friday, 11 August 2023**

**9:30am to 11:00am**

We will be covering:

- Strategies used at school to help children regulate and understand the emotions they may be feeling throughout their day
- Help you to understand and implement strategies to support your child's/ childrens' emotional learning and growth.
- Zones of regulation, emotional regulation, brain theory, interoception, flipping the lid and different types of 'thinking' which affect their emotional regulation.

Please join us for an informal session.

# VISION AWARDS

## Term 2, Week 10

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
Caileigh F	Mrs Spencer	always being a kind and considerate class member who is respectful of her peers.
Harry W	Ms Huitema	always being a respectful class member and helping younger children whenever needed.
Ella P	Miss Schulz	always being a respectful member of our class and helping her peers.
Charlotte M	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	showing respect to her classmates and other adults at all times.
Sam P	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	always being respectful to his classmates and staff at the school.
THRIVING		
Presented to	By	For
Johniezel C	Ms Huitema	successfully working out the answers to the Math fluency tasks.
Amirah M	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Fox	being positive, happy and motivated to take on new tasks and challenges in music.
Arabella A	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Fox	being positive, happy and motivated to take on new tasks and challenges in music and digital technology.
Beau R	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Fox	making strong progress with his literacy learning. His independence and preparedness to challenge himself is commendable.
Mia G	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	making good attempts with her reading and working hard to decode more complex words.
Jonti P	Mrs McCracken	combining his Auslan with digital technology skills to create Auslan vocabulary videos.
Imogen S-W	Mrs Dew	thriving and overcoming uncertainty about swimming lessons.
Zac H	Mrs Dew	thriving and overcoming uncertainty of swimming lessons.
Jordan S	Mrs Dew	thriving and succeeding at swimming lessons.
Destiney B	Mrs Dew	thriving and overcoming uncertainty at swimming lessons.
COLLABORATION		
Presented to	By	For
Ella R	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Fox	happily working with others and being a strong, patient and kind learning partner with them.
Madalyn M-C	Mrs McCracken	working with her peers on a variety of math fluency games and activities.

PROBLEM SOLVING		
Presented to	By	For
Theo W	Mrs Spencer	displaying problem solving skills and kindness when working with peers in challenging tasks.
Aubrey H	Miss Schulz	having a go at sharing her thinking in mathematics with her peers and always having a growth mindset.
Archie C	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	being very helpful in making sure the Australian flag is raised and lowered each day.
Aisling D	Mrs McCracken	planning, designing and creating a robot to de-bug the school computers in technology.
ENGAGEMENT		
Presented to	By	For
Harriet K	Mrs Spencer	enthusiastically engaging with all learning tasks and supporting her peers to develop their understanding.
Andre V	Mrs Spencer	actively participating in all learning opportunities with a positive attitude.
Mario M	Ms Huitema	reading every morning to himself and a buddy to improve his reading.
Emmi S	Ms Huitema	engaging with her reading and learning her common sight words.
Joel M	Miss Squire	making excellent choices and following his Pokemon zones plan.
Olivia D	Miss Squire	showing great determination and growth in Read Write Inc. this term.
Rydah P	Miss Squire	showing amazing growth in literacy, especially in Read Write Inc. and writing.
Scarlett P	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Fox	being a busy and conscientious learner who consistently tries her hardest. She is also a kind and caring friend to others.
Dhriya P	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	keeping up with her reading homework, having read and recorded more than 70 nights of reading so far this year.
Michael R	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	being engaged at all times and connecting his learning to future career opportunities.
Flynn R	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	engaging well with Leigh while learning about mass and capacity in Maths.
Baden D	Mrs McCracken	actively participating in all learning opportunities with a growth mindset.



# RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

## BOOK WEEK PARADE

Our annual Book Week Parade will be held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August in the gym at 9 am.



The theme this year is 'Read, grow, inspire'. Students may dress up as inspirational figures, something that grows, or something related to a book.

We ask that students wear age-appropriate costumes suitable for a primary school setting, with no face coverings or face paint. Students can be creative by using materials found at home

to make their costumes. We are excited for this long awaited for event!

## WONDER RECYCLING REWARDS PROGRAM

Thank you so much for your outstanding support with our Wonder Recycling program.



We sent four boxes of bread bags to the Wonder group. It was a phenomenal effort and made a great difference to the environment. We hope to participate another time.

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Please continue to send the Premier's Reading Challenge forms to the resource centre. The challenge ends on September, 8<sup>th</sup> 2023.



## NEW LIBRARY FURNISHINGS

Our resource centre upgrade is almost complete! New furnishings arrived at the end of term 2 and we are proud of the results. Students are enjoying the new seating options and layout of the shelves. They are discovering books they haven't read before. Please come in with your child at any time and wander around. We would love to see you!





On Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, A3 and A4 celebrated 100 days of school for 2023. Our 100<sup>th</sup> day was on the last Friday of Term 2 so we planned our celebration for our first day back. On Tuesday, students dressed up like they were 100 years old to symbolise how much they have learned and grown over the last 100 days. In the holidays, they gathered their own collections of 100 items to share with the class. We had so many interesting collections, like 100 uno cards, 100 blocks of lego, 100 leaves, 100 grains of rice, 100 seashells and many, many more. We loved looking at how different '100' can look and exploring different ways of counting to 100.

**Tali:** I liked getting to dress up like we were 100 years old.

**Ava:** I liked counting how many days of school we had been here for on each day.

**Evie:** I liked doing all of the 100 activities, like when we counted groups of 10 up to 100 and made a poster of all of those things.

**Luke:** I liked collecting 10 groups of 10 things to glue on our piece of paper to make a poster of 100 - my favourite group was the marshmallows.

**Alex:** I liked making my collection of 100 to share. I counted out 100 uno cards for mine.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FEDERAL BASEBALL CLUB



The Federal Baseball Club is recruiting for the upcoming summer season of Baseball, and we think you'd fit right in! If you'd like to play a fast-paced summer sport on Saturday afternoons that only takes a couple of hours, opportunities and brief sessions in the field then

Baseball with the Feds could be right for you! Federal Baseball Club are holding come and try / pre-season light training days until the start of season on Sunday afternoons from 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023, at Blue Lake Sports Park on Diamond 5, from 2pm until around 3:30pm.

For further information and to register, please see our website: [www.federalbaseballclub.com.au](http://www.federalbaseballclub.com.au)

Or contact our Junior Development / Committee Officers:

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# MCDONALD PARK SCHOOL - TERM 3 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	24/7 PUPIL FREE DAY Governing Council meeting	25/7	26/7	27/7	28/7
<b>WEEK 2</b>	31/7	1/8	2/8	3/8	4/8 Assembly - 9:15am SAPSASA Basketball
<b>WEEK 3</b>	7/8	8/8 School Photos	9/8	10/8	11/8
<b>WEEK 4</b>	14/8	15/8	16/8	17/8 Year 4/5's Road Crossing training 1:40pm	18/8 Assembly - 9:15am
<b>WEEK 5</b>	21/8 BOOK WEEK	22/8 BOOK WEEK	23/8 BOOK WEEK PARADE 9:15am	24/8 BOOK WEEK	25/8 BOOK WEEK
<b>WEEK 6</b>	28/8 Governing Council meeting	29/8	30/8	31/8	1/9 Assembly - 9:15am
<b>WEEK 7</b>	4/9	5/9 Dog Agility performance 1:35pm - 3:00pm	6/9	7/9	8/9 CASUAL DAY
<b>WEEK 8</b>	11/9	12/9 Wipe Out Waste performance	13/9	14/9 Musical dress rehearsal 1 10:55am - 3:00pm	15/9 Assembly - 9:15am Musical dress rehearsal 1 10:55am - 3:00pm
<b>WEEK 9</b>	18/9 MUSICAL	19/9 MUSICAL	20/9	21/9	22/9
<b>WEEK 10</b>	25/9	26/9	27/9	28/9	29/9 Assembly - 9:15am Early dismissal 2:15 pm