

# NEWSLETTER

## McDonald Park School



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## Student Leadership

At McDonald Park School we have 5 student leadership groups which consist of year 6 students, these are the Ambassadors, the Sports Captains, the Environmental Group, Promotions and Events and the SRC. Each group meets regularly and has different responsibilities and roles within the school. Here are some things they have to say about being a leader at McDonald Park School.



I chose to be a team captain because I thought I was a good role model and wanted to be a leader, as I am now a bigger student in the school. The best thing that has happened when I have been leader was changing the team names that we have had for a long time. We had to make our own pictures and much more to present to the whole school. The hardest thing was trying to get the spot as a leader. You have to write an application. **(Beau, sports captain)**

I wanted to become a leader because we do lots of fun activities and we get to talk in assembly. What I like most about being a leader is that we get to go on some excursions, like the YELP forums. Some challenges that I have faced were talking in assembly and I was nervous.  
**(Neesa, the Environmental group)**



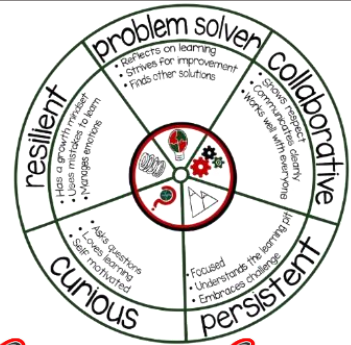
I wanted to be an Environmental leader because I wanted to be like my sister and be a leader. I wanted to stand out as a good person, and I chose the Environmental Group because I wanted to protect the environment from people. The challenges I have faced were working with people I don't know.  
**(Logan, the Environmental Group)**

I wanted to be a leader because it looked fun and interesting, and I get to help run and talk at assembly. The challenges I faced were talking at an assembly every 2 weeks, but now I can talk perfectly well in assembly.  
**(Paige, Ambassador)**



I chose to be a team captain because I love sports. I also wanted to be a leader in general because I just wanted to be able to be a person anyone can talk to. I thought I would be a good role model. I have found that being a leader has really helped boost my confidence around the school. This year has been a big year for all of the sports captains with the changing of the team names. The new names are really cool (Merit, Karu, Warnap and Parri). We all got new badges which is a plus. I am very excited for sports day as it's the biggest day for the sports captains, hopefully Merit wins.  
**(Braith, Sports Captain)**

My name is Blake and I am a promotions leader. I chose to be a leader because I like helping out with tasks. I enjoy Funky Fridays and being able to mix the music. I also like helping at assemblies.  
**(Blake, Promotions Group)**



## Coming Events

### Week 4

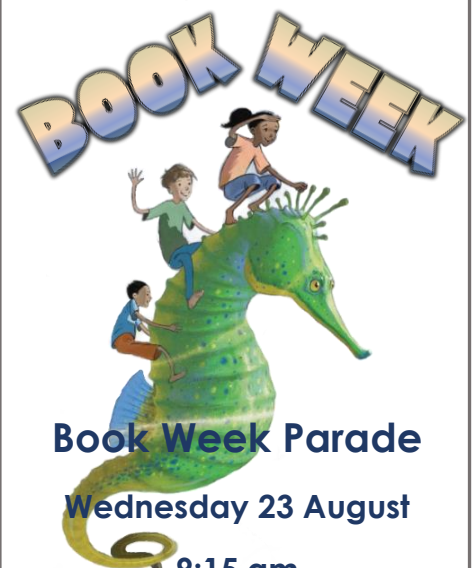
Friday 18 August  
Assembly 9:15am

### Week 5

All Week – Book Week  
Wednesday 23 August  
Book week parade 9:15am

### Week 6

Monday 28 August  
Governing Council  
Thursday 31 Aug  
Rm 5 Daffodil Day stall  
Friday 1 September  
Assembly 9:15am



## Book Week Parade

Wednesday 23 August

9:15 am

School Gym

Read. Grow. Inspire

# VISION AWARDS

## Term 3, Week 2

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   |
|--------------|-----------------|---|
| Maggie F     | Miss Eldridge   | applying effective strategies to solve multiplication problems.                     |
| Ryder B      | Miss Hutchinson | always asking questions to further his learning when finding something challenging. |
| Nathaniel T  | Miss Hutchinson | having a growth mindset!<br>Wanting to learn even when challenged.                  |



### ENGAGEMENT

| Presented to | By                        | For  |
|--------------|---------------------------|--|
| Roxy J       | Miss Eldridge             | always being a focussed worker who strives to do her best.   |
| Harper A     | Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley | consistently showing interest and effort in improving her learning.  |
| Chase B      | Ms Munday & Mr Castle     | working diligently in all areas of his learning.   |
| Neesanok S   | Miss Hunt                 | actively engaging in class discussion when sharing her thoughts and findings.  |
| Kye W-M      | Ms Mitchell               | participating enthusiastically in the buddy Auslan sessions, leading up to and including assembly. Great leadership shown. |
| Oliver D     | Ms Mitchell               | donating a number of his own personal novels to the school library. So generous!   |



### THRIVING

| Presented to | By                        | For  |
|--------------|---------------------------|--|
| Harper C     | Miss Eldridge             | having an excellent comprehension of our class read aloud. |
| Alex B       | Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley | making significant improvements in his writing.            |

### COLLABORATION

| Presented to | By                    | For   |
|--------------|-----------------------|---|
| Benji C      | Miss Eldridge         | taking the time to help others.   |
| Dakota R     | Ms Munday & Mr Castle | consistently applying her learner assets and growing more confident when collaborating. |
| Aiden C      | Miss Hunt             | demonstrating his willingness to collaborate in class discussions and group work.       |

### CALLS TO FRONT OFFICE



In a school the front office is a very busy place. We are happy to pass on messages to students about urgent matters, but we do ask that all non-urgent messages be kept to a minimum.

In addition to the front office being busy, please be mindful that teachers are not able to check Seesaw messages while teaching during the day and may not see a message until after the school day. Please arrange with your children what is going to happen at home time before they go to school in the morning.

## YELP FORUM – ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP



YELP is really fun because we get to go on lots of excursions and camps. There are four keys we have to get by doing different activities. We have learnt a lot about the environment and go for walks. On the last excursion we went to Wulanda to learn about plastics and the impact on the environment. We learnt about weeds and then we went to the Valley Lake to cut some olive trees down. It was a really fun experience.



# SAPSASA BASKETBALL



On Friday 4 August, 28 of our year 5/6 students participated in the local SAPSASA basketball carnival. All teams played very well and demonstrated great sportsmanship through the day. We saw strong improvement over the day from each of our teams. The McDonald Park Team 1 boys finished 2nd in their pool for the day with four wins and one loss. They will now progress to the regional SAPSASA day, Friday 11 August. Thank you, Michael, for coaching the teams, Sallyanne for organising and Lily May for umpiring.

Mr Castle



| GIRLS: McDonald Park 1 |            | GIRLS: McDonald Park 2 |          | BOYS: McDonald Park 1 |          | BOYS: McDonald Park 2 |  |
|------------------------|------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|--|
| Alana L                | Mylee M    | Halle D                | Beau M   | Ronnie C              | Kye W-M  | Brodey K              |  |
| Caremyr B              | Miley A    | India C                | Nash N   | Connor L              | Will A   | Logan S-W             |  |
| Bailee R               | Izabella N | Sasha B                | Jacob C  | Ryder B               | Bodey M  | Noah G                |  |
|                        |            | Susan S                | Austin M | Kade H                | Max L    | Jensen D              |  |
|                        |            | Sophie W               |          |                       | Braith A |                       |  |

## REGIONAL BASKETBALL DAY

Friday our successful boys basketball team headed back to the Ice House for the Regionals tournament. The boys started off the day with a good win in the first game. Then followed it up with a 1 point win from a free throw after the buzzer. The third game was another close game with the opposition scoring right on the siren to steal the win. In the fourth game we came up against the undefeated team of the tournament and couldn't quite keep up to them. In the last game we unfortunately lost another close one, finishing our day with 2 wins and 3 losses. The team showed some real grit and sportsmanship throughout the day. Big thank you to Lilly May for umpiring for us again, we really appreciate it.

Sallyanne Morgan

## SAPSASA TRACK AND FIELD

Congratulations to the following students who have gained selection into the Lower South East SAPSASA Track and Field team. Benji R, Benji C, Nathaniel T, Alex L, and Ronnie C. They will compete in Adelaide on Monday 18 September. Best of luck to you all!



Lower South East  
SAPSASA DISTRICT



## RM 5 DAFFODIL DAY FUNDRAISER

Room 5 we are holding a fundraiser for



It will be held in week 6, Thursday 31st August at lunch time.

It will be at the tables near the canteen. We will be raising money to donate to the Cancer Council.

### We are selling



Cupcakes \$2  
Fresh lemonade \$1  
Bookmarks \$1  
Windmills \$1



Banana Ice cream sundaes \$2  
Bracelets \$1  
Jelly cups \$2

*Please bring along your money.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS



The Tigers Baseball Club are looking for new players for the upcoming season of baseball, and we would love to have you! Tigers Baseball Club are a family orientated, welcoming club and are holding their registration session on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 10am-12pm at the Blue Lake Sport Park Clubrooms.

Keep an eye on updated information by visiting our Facebook page. If you wanted to get in touch with a committee member, please contact: [tigersmg.baseball@gmail.com](mailto:tigersmg.baseball@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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# BOOK WEEK 2023

READ GROW Inspire 19-25 August

### FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday 23 August at 6:15pm  
Mount Gambier Library

Pre-book into one of our Book Week themed activities, concluding with a puppet show and refreshments.

### READ

**Choose Your Own Adventure:** Create your own character, magical location and discover the hidden treasure! AGES 8+

**Interactive Reading:** Children will be involved in an interactive reading of one of our favourite books. ALL AGES

### GROW

**Mini Magical Gardens:** To entice wonderful mythical creatures! AGES 7+

**Growing up on Boandik Country:** With Aunty Michelle. AGES 8+

### INSPIRE

**What If ...** Fun, interactive storytelling tools to inspire budding writers. AGES 9+

**Inspire to Create:** A mask and tail, what creature inspires you to create? AGES 4+

Bookings essential.  
Phone 8721 2540 or  
scan the QR code:



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## CHILDREN'S AUTHOR EVENT

# Olivia Coates 'Shadow Wall'

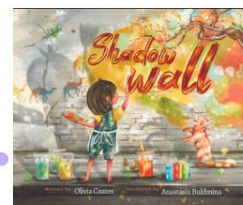
Saturday 26 August at 11:00am

Shadow Wall is a beautiful and engaging children's picture book: Once Scarlet lived in a home filled with colour, where she painted with Grandma Ruby. Green meadows, blue wild flowers and yellow ducklings danced across the canvas...but not anymore. Scarlet's new home in the city seems endlessly grey but through a community mural Scarlet builds a colourful new beginning.

**Craft activity to follow.**

**Books available for sale and signing.**

**Free event - includes children's morning tea.**



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