

# NEWSLETTER

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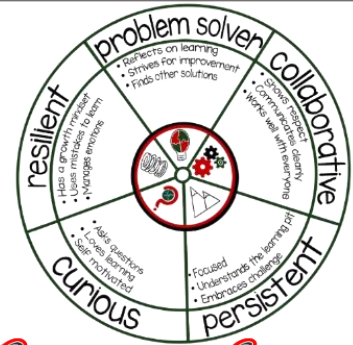
# BOOK WEEK

## READ GROW Inspire

Prior to Book Week, we spent time looking at all the shortlisted books and categories. So many wonderful tales and so many favourites! Students had the chance to be judges themselves, voting on which books they would choose if they were the actual judges. The winners were announced in week 5. This year's theme was 'Read, Grow, Inspire' and a giant tree emerged in our resource centre... Book Week was celebrated with guest story readers who read shortlisted books to classes. These were mostly people who do not often have the chance to read to students, which made it extra special. Thank you to: Ms. Hill, Mrs. Day, Mr. Castle, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Bundy, Mr Lewis, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Moelder, Mrs. Major and Mayor Martin for their time.

On Wednesday morning we held our annual Book Week Parade. This is always a highlight of the week! In week 6 we are continuing the celebrations with the renewal of an old favourite - 'Storytime at dusk'. You may remember some years ago we had many happy memories with 'Stories in Fairyland'. Thanks to Mr. Castle, Mrs. McCracken, Mrs. Day and Ms. Huitema for being our story readers for this exciting evening event.

Reading is treasured at McDonald Park School and it is a delight to focus completely on books during Book Week.



## Coming Events

### Week 6

**Friday 1 September**  
Assembly 9:15am

### Week 7

**Friday 8 September**  
CASUAL DAY

### Week 8

**Tuesday 12 September**  
Wipe out Waste  
performance in gym

**Thursday 14 September**  
Musical dress rehearsal 1  
10:55am – 3:00pm

**Friday 15 September**  
Assembly 9:15am  
Musical dress rehearsal 2  
10:55am – 3:00pm

### Friday, 1 September 2023

McDonald Park School will be **open** but providing a modified program to ensure duty of care for those attending.

Thank you for your understanding.

Education programs will resume Monday, 4 September 2023.



# BOOK WEEK PARADE

# READ GROW Inspire



# Story Time At Dusk



On Tuesday and Wednesday night, many families brought their pyjama-clad children to school for our inaugural 'Storytime at dusk' event. The resource centre was lit with fairy lights, and we snuggled down to listen to stories read by Mr Castle, Mrs McCracken, Mrs Day and Ms Huitema. Afterwards, children wrapped their hands around cups of milo and nibbled on biscuits. They had the opportunity to show their families around our new library furnishings and cuddled together with books.

It was such a delightful evening. We thank you for coming and celebrating the end of Book Week with us!



## A3 Book Sharing

A3 had a delightful time searching for, and borrowing books, this morning in the resource centre during Book Sharing with Mrs Harding and Miss Schulz. They are so knowledgeable about the different areas in our library!



# VISION AWARDS

## Term 3, Week 4

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
Alex R	Miss Squire	challenging himself in our maths learning by working with tricky numbers and showing them in lots of different ways.
Max H	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Fox	his earnest participation and excitement in his learning. Max is determined to find solutions to problems and is confident to share his approach with others. He is a thoughtful and friendly class member.
Logan W	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	applying effective mental strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems during fluency time.
Brax B	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	showing curiosity and interest in his learning by solving problems and questioning processes.
Imogen B	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Dempsey	using multiple strategies when working out multiplication problems.

### ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Austin M	Mrs Spencer & Miss Hutchinson	being positive, happy and motivated to learn new and challenging sounds in Read Write Inc.
Evie A-C	Ms Huitema	clearly explaining how long certain activities take with our math unit on time duration.
Hailie W	Miss Squire	showing excellent mathematical understanding and reasoning during our daily maths chats.
Anna C	Miss Squire	happily giving everything a go and trying her best.
Luke D	Miss Squire	working hard towards meeting his writing goals and improving the quality of his sentences.
Mitchell D	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Fox	engagement with all aspects of his new school; enthusiastically participating in all learning and showing interest and enjoyment in the company of his new classmates.
Romeo L	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	consistently displaying an excellent, responsible attitude to all his learning.
Digby N	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	always having a go at new activities and being positive when attempting new challenges.
Amelia F	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Dempsey	actively engaging in dance lessons.

### RESPECT

Presented to	By	For
Tiggy L	Miss Schulz	always showing patience and kindness towards her classmates.

### THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Tyler J	Mrs Spencer & Miss Hutchinson	actively participating in all learning opportunities with a positive attitude.
Cody E	Ms Huitema	moving up to level 6 with his reading and his improved efforts with writing.
Jameson D	Miss Schulz	continuing to show great improvement and independence towards his reading.
Zane C	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Fox	explaining his mathematical thinking to his peers.
Elliott B	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Fox	actively participating in maths and helping his peers by explaining strategies used.
Millie P	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	achieving fantastic results in her spelling dictation tests.
Kace P	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Dempsey	developing a quick recall of addition and multiplication facts.
Dominic A	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Dempsey	actively seeking challenges in his math learning.
Harlow D	Mrs Dew	her improvement in decimals, working above standard for mental maths problems.

### COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Aurora S	Mrs Spencer & Miss Hutchinson	showing patience and kindness when helping her learning partner.
Nash M	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	working effectively in all areas and encouraging others to do their best and challenge their thinking.
Lukas V	Mrs Dew	sharing his ideas to help improve other's writing in group work.



Our school will attend a Wipe Out Waste performance on Tuesday 12 September (week 8) in the gym. The performance will focus on recycling and waste management, which supports the foci of our student leadership Environment group.



## 2024 ENROLMENTS

During term four we will begin the process of setting up classes for the following year. It is essential that we know as soon as possible of any changes in future enrolments. If you know of any new children who will be starting at McDonald Park School in 2024 or of families leaving McDonald Park School would you please contact us as soon as possible. The allocation of teachers and number of classes at each year level is dependent on accurate information so we appreciate your support in notifying any changes to the front office.

## GUIDELINES FOR CLASS PLACEMENT

- Class composition is based on expected numbers for each year level and where possible to provide flexibility to allow for the placement of new enrolments.
- This school appreciates that sometimes, because of special circumstances, parents would like to have input into the class selection for their child.
- Whether a student remains with a teacher for more than one year is at the discretion of the school.
- Students need to be distributed evenly across classes within the school in accordance with Department for Education guidelines.
- At the end of third term, a note will be placed in the newsletter advising parents that the process is about to begin and requesting that parents put information in writing regarding their child's needs. All requests to be submitted by Friday, week one of term four. This information needs to be completed annually, requests will not be carried over for future years.
- Requests must be child focussed and on the basis of a welfare issue - medical or social / emotional need. (Not a request for a specific teacher)
- Recommendations from pre-school teachers will be taken into consideration when allocating foundation students.
- Late submissions will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- Prior to class selection, students will be given the opportunity to list the names of five preferred learning partners, to be acknowledged by parents.
- While all requests will be considered, allocation of students to classes will ultimately be at the discretion of staff.
- The process takes six to seven weeks to complete and is completed as part of the staff meeting schedule.

Next term we will begin organising classes for 2024. If parents believe they have information, which will help with their child's placement, please put this information in a letter addressed to the principal, marked 'confidential' by the end of week one of next term. We cannot promise that we will be able to meet every request; however, the information will be taken into consideration.

## SAPSASA SOCCER

The first game we played, we didn't play to the best of our ability because everyone was nervous. It ended up being a 2-2 draw. They scored in the last minute. The game after, I scored the winning goal against Port Pirie. We won 3-2.

When we were versed the Riverland team, they scored then I scored. This game was a tie, 1-1.

Lower South East ended up placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, with Mount Barker and the Riverland both placing first. **Hamish H**



## Premier's Reading Challenge



Please send your completed Premier's Reading Challenge forms to the resource centre as soon as possible. Medals and certificates will be presented at assembly in November.



Fun Reading 🐾 Reading for Life

## SRC FUNDRAISER CASUAL DAY



**Friday 8th  
September  
Week 7**

**GOLD COIN DONATION**

Bring your favourite book  
to share

Come and Try & Registration Day  
Central Baseball Club  
2023/2024 Season

Sunday 10th September 2023  
At Blue Lake Sports Park

11am - 11:30am Come and Try Baseball  
Come and Try is open to everyone of all ages and skill levels from 8+ years  
New players are highly encouraged to come out and have a go.  
11am - 2pm Registration, Information, Uniform Orders

Order Forms for playing tops and club attire will be available on the day, there will also be some old stock that will be give away.  
There will be a Sausage Sizzle and the bar will be open!  
If unable to attend please email the club 'centralbaseballclub@hotmail.com.au'

**COONAWARRA  
RUNNING  
FESTIVAL**  
RUNNING FOR MENTAL HEALTH  
Saturday 11th November 2023



21.1km, 12km, 6km, 1km,  
Toddler Race, 5km Wobbly Winery Walk



**Junior Registration Day**

**Tuesday, 5 September 2023, 4.00pm to 5.30pm**  
**Thursday, 7 September 2023, 3.30pm to 5.00pm**

If your child is interested in playing Saturday morning competition tennis this season, please attend one of the registration days. Cost for the season is \$120.00 plus a club polo (approximately \$40.00), sports vouchers can be used as we are registered provider.

Hot Shots Tennis will run during term four on Monday afternoons. This is a six week program aimed at 5 to 8 year olds beginning 23 October 2023.

Please email [mtgambiertennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:mtgambiertennisclub@gmail.com) for more Information or to register your interest.

ARTSCAPE CREATIVES

APPROPRIATE FOR AGES 5 YEARS - 12 YEARS  
MAXIMUM OF 10 SPOTS PER CLASS TO ALLOW FOR INDIVIDUALISED LEARNING  
KIDS WILL LEARN A RANGE OF ART SKILLS THAT WILL ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY AND SELF EXPRESSION



01 Mondays 4:30pm - 5:30pm    02 Tuesdays 4:30pm - 5:30pm    03 Wednesdays 4:30pm - 5:30pm

**AFTER SCHOOL ART AND  
CRAFT PROGRAM**

Let your young creative learn art skills with us @Artscape Creatives  
40 Gray Street, Mount Gambier

JOIN OUR ARTSCAPE COMMUNITY  
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FOR REGISTRATION AND BOOKINGS

ARTISTS AND TEACHERS  
RUTH STEPHENSON  
AND PARIYA ZIAKAS

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**Cancer: The treachery of the normal – how cancer takes advantage of normal cells to spread around the body**

A free public lecture presented by UniSA's Professor Michael Samuel, Research Professor in Matrix Biology, Centre for Cancer Biology

Join us to hear Professor Samuel's presentation as he speaks about how most cancers contain a stiff structure that looks and behaves a little like a builder's scaffold and how this scaffold helps cancer cells to spread around the body – a serious health outcome called metastasis.

Research has found that the scaffold isn't made by cancer cells, but by normal cells in the body that are being hijacked by cancer cells. This knowledge has spurred a rethink of what cancer is, and how we can treat it better.



Date: Monday 18 September

Time: 6:00pm (pre lecture drinks)

6:30pm (lecture commences)

Registrations are essential and can be made via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or QR Code

This event will be livestreamed for those unable to attend campus in person. Please contact Michele on 8302 8900 for further information.



Mount Gambier Campus



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