

# NEWSLETTER

## McDonald Park School



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## Term 3

# MATHEMATICS

### Highlights

### Fluency Time

Our junior primary students have shown continued growth in their quick facts of adding one more, one less, two more and two less. Improving in all areas by 7%.

#### Some quotes from our year 1-4 students about fluency time:



Stevie from Room 2 said, 'Fluency time is about just knowing quickly.' And to be successful students need to 'know how to solve it in their head the moment the teacher says it (the problem).'



Millie from Room 4 said, 'We do fluency time to grow our brain and get better at maths.' And to be successful we need to, 'Try and believe and mistakes are okay – they make us smarter.'



Clifton from Room 4 said that fluency time has made him 'Get faster' at his facts and he 'Knows more in his head.'



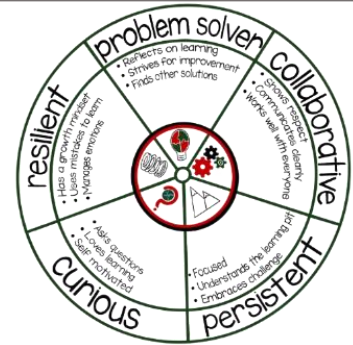
Kade from Room 6 said, 'Now I have way better strategies and I can solve higher sums.'



Lylah from Room 6 said, 'If I'm incorrect, I use a different strategy next time like the split strategy.'

### Overall Mathematics Growth

This week and last week our students have been completing PAT testing in reading and mathematics. So far, we have seen some pleasing results. Of the year 4s who were below benchmark last year, 55% of these students are now above benchmark. Of the year 5s who were below benchmark last year, 50% of these students are now above benchmark. Of the year 6s who were below benchmark last year, 54% of these students are now above benchmark.



### Coming Events

#### Week 8

Friday 15 September

Assembly 9:15am

Musical dress rehearsal 2

10:55am – 3:00pm

#### Week 9

Monday 18 September

Musical – 7:00pm Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

Tuesday 19 September

Musical – 7:00pm Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

#### TERM 4

WEEK 1 - Friday 20 October

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Mt Gambier Show

WEEK 2 - Monday 23 October

PUPIL FREE DAY

## SECOND HAND Book Sale

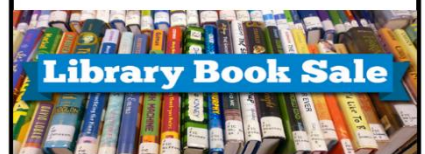
Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th September 2023

Week 10

on the asphalt before school

50 cents per item

Easy fiction, fiction, non-fiction, atlas's and more...



### Library Book Sale

# VISION AWARDS

## Term 3, Week 6

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
Tyler M	Miss Eldridge	learning and using effective strategies to solve multiplication and division problems.
Izzy N	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	showing resilience as a problem solver in maths.
ENGAGEMENT		
Presented to	By	For
Scarlett Mc	Miss Eldridge	always being engaged in tasks and striving to do her best.
Samuel A	Miss Eldridge	enthusiastically participating in our "Mission to Mars" design and technology task.
Deklan T	Mrs Hentschke	taking on feedback to continuously improve persuasive writing.
Addi C	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	exploring elements of dance and refining movements in response to feedback.
Mason R	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	exploring elements of dance with enthusiasm and confidence.
Austin M	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	engaging and showing leadership during dance rehearsals.
Eli G	Miss Hunt	having a growth mindset, being reflective and sharing his understanding with others.
Scarlett D	Miss Hunt	excellent work habits and showing persistence to complete learning tasks with effort.

RESPECT		
Presented to	By	For
Moana K	Ms Mitchell	treating all within the school community respectfully, including visitors to our school.
THRIVING		
Presented to	By	For
Zahalia C	Miss Eldridge	being a dedicated and hard working student who always does her absolute best.
Sailor B	Mrs Hentschke	persisting when finding measuring angles challenging and seeking support.
Miley A	Mrs Hentschke	facing on challenges in learning and seeking feedback.
Harper A	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	producing a combination of successive transformations of 2D shapes to create a design.
Jett S	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	interpreting scripts and creating engaging characters with variations in voice and movement.
Hamish H	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	working consistently across all areas of his learning.
Luke G	Ms Mitchell	being an active member of the school community through his involvement with the concert, playtime music and school promotions.

## ROOM 5

### Daffodil Day Fundraiser



On Thursday 31 August, room 5 held their Daffodil Day fundraiser during lunch. They made **\$829.30** which was deposited directly to the Mt Gambier Cancer support group.

**Congratulations Room 5!**

Special thanks to Mrs McCracken, parents/caregivers and students for their hard work organising. Thank you also to everyone who supported the cause by purchasing something on the day.

## CASUAL DAY FUNDRAISER For Story Dogs

On Friday 8 September the SRC organised a casual day, with the funds raised donated to Story Dogs. Thank you to everyone who participated. Our school raised \$398.



McPark's reading dog, Pepper

## COMMUNITY NEWS

VALLEY LAKE KETLA MALPI CONSERVATION PARK

**A DAY** in the **PARK**

CELEBRATING THE NEW CLIMATE WATCH TRAIL

**FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2023**  
10:30am - 2:30pm

**FREE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES**

NATURE CURRIES | STORYTELLING | INTERACTIVE EDUCATION | SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

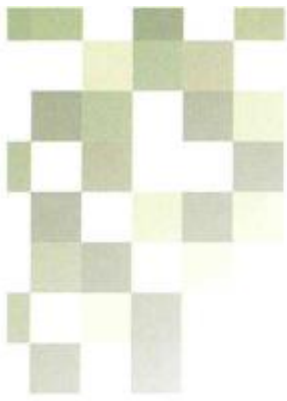
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE OR PACK A PICNIC LUNCH  
ADDITIONAL FOOD + DRINK CAN BE PURCHASED

**REGISTER HERE**

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LANDSCAPE SOUTH AUSTRALIA Limestone Coast





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11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers

You are invited to attend the next McDonald Park School Governing Council meeting on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm.

At this meeting, material and service charges for 2024 will be discussed and approved.

The proposed charge of \$354.00 per student is for the full year and will contribute to the costs of stationery, classroom consumables, internet access, art and craft materials, photocopying, sports equipment, library books, etc.

For your information a copy of the proposed charge is included on the back of this invitation. The proposed charge has been verified by the Department of Education in accordance with section 129 of the Education and Children's Services Act 2019.

Any enquiries about the proposed fee may be directed to the Principal, Kirsty Hill.

Yours sincerely

**Kirsty Hill**  
**PRINCIPAL**



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Government  
of South Australia

Department for Education



<b>McDonald Park School - 1021</b>		
<b>Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2024</b>		
<b>Notice of Charges for Reception - Year 6</b>		
<b>HEADING</b>	<b>ITEMS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>COST (\$)</b>
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$15.50
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$27.50
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</i></b>	<b><i>\$43.00</i></b>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$79.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</i></b>	<b><i>\$79.00</i></b>
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$125.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$0.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$23.00
	Sakg Program	\$38.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</i></b>	<b><i>\$186.00</i></b>
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$46.00
	<b><i>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</i></b>	<b><i>\$46.00</i></b>
<b>Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)</b>		<b>\$354.00</b>

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

<b>Subject Description</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00



# REMINDER

## SPARE YA CHANGE FOR KIDS

### Frozen meals available

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen at our school.

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 frozen meal or two. They are frozen fresh and will last up to 3 months in your freezer. 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.



On Tuesday 12 September we visited the gym to watch the Wipe out Waste performance. There was magic performed by a Wipe out Waste wizard. He showed us all types of tricks and magic that everybody liked. He taught us all types of bins and things we put in them. He showed us all the things we should put in bins and things we shouldn't. We learnt how to Reduce, Re-use and Recycle. People were used as assistants to help him do all of his tricks and teaching. People love nude food dude, especially when he burped. Everyone laughed at the wizard's tricks and fun magic. There was one thing people loved most, it was when he spun plates on his helmet and sticks and juggled and rode a unicycle, which was pretty awesome! **Shayla, N2**

On Tuesday the Wipe out Waste Wizard taught us about saving the world! He taught us about cleaning up rubbish and did magic tricks which were awesome. He showed us the nude food dude. He was made out of containers. The wizard used crowd volunteers to teach us stuff about rubbish and bins. **Djakobe, N2**

On Tuesday we went to the Wipe out Waste show and it had magic. It was funny. The wizard could juggle, ride a unicycle with no hands. I loved that he could juggle while riding the unicycle. I learnt that there are three words that I need to remember: Reduce, Re-use, Recycle. There are three bins, or four, because we have to count the compost bin too. If you don't know what a compost bin is, it's a bin where you put all your scraps like a banana peel. There was a puppet in the show called the nude food dude. His body was made out of containers and inside of those containers was food. He does not have manners at all. Let me explain why he has no manners, he was hungry so he had some fruit bread and he burped, but of course everyone laughed. **Sailor, N2**

On Tuesday we went to the gym to see a performance about Wipe out Waste. In the performance we learnt about how to reduce, re-use and recycle. In the show there was magic that was really cool. He made everyone laugh a lot. We met Nude Food Dude, who taught us to use reusable containers for our food at school. **Zander, N2**

On Tuesday we went to the Wipe out Waste Wizard's performance in the gym at school. His magic tricks were really good. I wonder how long it took to learn them. He taught us about recycling and what bins we need to use. **Cruz, N2**



*Pictured:  
Some of the Annexe children with the  
Wipe out Waste Wizard*



*Great prizes*

*Raffle tickets included*

*Hosts Danni & Paul Reader*

*\$25 / person*

# FOOTBALL IN FIJI QUIZ NIGHT

*Friday 27th October*  
*Blue Lake Golf Club*

MEALS AVAILABLE FROM 6PM  
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES  
BYO NIBBLES

TABLES OF 8-10  
CALL JODI  
0438 259 693

Quiz starts 7pm

SUPPORT THESE YOUNG LOCAL ATHLETES  
COMPETING FOR AUSTRALIA IN FIJI!

COURTESY BUS AVAILABLE - BOOKING ESSENTIAL




FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

**DATES 2-4 OCT**

**THREE DAY TRAINING CAMP**

REGISTRATION




MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY  
AUTHOR EVENT

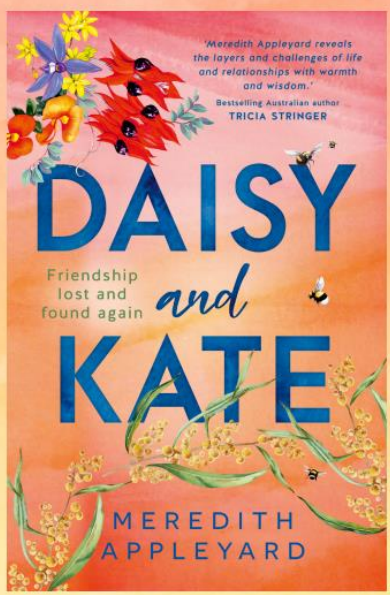
## MEREDITH APPELYARD DAISY AND KATE

**Wednesday 27 September at 7:00pm**

Jealousy destroyed their friendship decades ago, but now they need each other more than ever ...

Daisy and Kate is a compelling exploration of the waxing and waning of friendships; how precious they are, and the heartbreak that happens when it all comes undone.

**Bookings essential - phone 8721 2540.**



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**DATE 11TH OCT**

**SINGLE DAY CAMP**

REGISTRATION




**DATE 12TH OCT**

**GIRLS SINGLE DAY CAMP**

REGISTRATION




## Come & Try SESSIONS - Juniors

FREE INTAKE SESSIONS HELD APPROX EVERY MONTH

**NEXT COME & TRY SESSION:  
Thursday 21 Sept 5.00 - 6.40pm**

Complete the Contact Us form on the website

One of our friendly members will then contact you with more information

CLUB WEBSITE  
mountgambier.swimmingclub.org.au

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