McDonald Park School community will work collaboratively to develop respectful, thriving and engaged problem solvers.



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As we come to the end of another busy year of learning, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generosity and support during 2023. The learning focus on fluency of number facts and moving student learning forward as a result of feedback has been evident. Students have been user the learning assets to grow in their learning as reports and awards will demonstrate. It is a privilege to teach your children and work in partnership with you.

Farewell to our year six students, who have had a successful year. We wish them well for their future learning at high school, along with all our other students and families who are leaving us to continue their learning at other sites. We trust that they leave with fond memories of McDonald Park School.

On a staff level we farewell exceptional staff who we are very sad to see leave. Unfortunately our numbers do not enable us to retain the positions they have temporarily had. Chloe Hentschke and Katelyn Squire have secured contract positions at Moorak PS, Sallyanne Morgan has obtained a permanent position at Grant HS and Karen Fox will become a part of the staff of Tenison Woods College. Our loss will certainly be a gain for their prospective schools. We thank each and every one for the commitment to McDonald Park and wish them well for the future.

On other staffing news we announce that Sharon Day will be at the helm of Kongorong PS for the first 6 months of next year. We know that Sharon

will lead Kongorong with student dedication and learning at the forefront. We wish her all the best for this challenge which she will competently manage. Daniel Castle will back fill the role of deputy in her absence.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break and look forward to seeing students return on Tuesday, 30 January 2024. Please note that Monday is an approved pupil free day as staff will work with a consultant focusing on team building and culture.

WEEK 9

Friday 15 Dec. Assembly 9:15 am Early dismissal 2:15 pm



2024

Monday 29 Jan. **PUPIL FREE DAY** (OSHC available)

Tuesday 30 Jan. Term 1 begins for students

Kirsty Hill



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	Ву	For
Elijah D	Miss Schulz	being a kind and caring member of our class.
Savannah S	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Fox	being a thoughtful and kind class member who is willing to help others.
Gracie P	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Fox	always listening so carefully to others and using kind and friendly words.
Scarlett P	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Fox	showing exceptional learner commitment and kindness, always.
Elsie K	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	always showing respect to her class mates and teachers.
Hunter P	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Dempsey	sharing math strategies with peers in a respectful and caring manner.
THRIVIN	G	
Presented to	Ву	For
Skye P	Mrs Specer & Miss Hutchinson	settling into her new school, saying "goodbye" to Mum confidently and starting the day successfully.
Charlotte R	Mrs Spencer & Miss Hutchinson	successfully and confidently decoding and recognising long vowel sounds and split diagraphs within unknown reading text.
Isaac D	Miss Schulz	his growth towards his Read Write Inc. sounds and reading.
Alex R	Miss Squire	having an incredible year filled with amazing achievements.
Estelle J	Miss Squire	consistently maintaining a high standard of learning achievement as well as behaviour.
Taylor A	Miss Squire	being a great class member who is a wonderful role model.
Ivy B	Miss Squire	showing amazing growth in all areas.
Amelia T	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Fox	working consistently across all areas of her learning.
Stevie C	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Fox	consistently striving to be her best self in learning and friendships.
Shiv B	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	doing an outstanding job learning his times tables in Maths.
Brayse G	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Dempsey	striving to improve his recall of multiplication facts.
Blake W	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Dempsey	seeking and accepting challenges in his learning.
Chloe B	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Dempsey	using feedback to make improvements to her work.
Akeai L	Mrs Dew	his effort and achievements on sports day.

PROBLE	M SOLVI	NG
Presented to	Ву	For
Rielyn D	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Dempsey	working through strategies to help him get ready in the green zone for learning.
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Presented to	Ву	For
Keegan T	Ms Huitema	taking care and pride in the work he produces.
Eli J	Ms Huitema	engaging with all learning tasks and always asking insightful questions to strengthen his understanding
Angus P	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Fox	always displaying confidenc to share ideas during class discussions.
Cheyden R	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Fox	actively involving himself in a learning opportunities.
Riley W	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Fox	actively involving himself in classroom activities.
Hemi L	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Fox	participating in all areas of h learning with excitement and self motivation.
Flynn R	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	engaging in tasks involving time with Leigh and confidently recognising o'clock and half past times.
Harmony P	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	writing an acrostic poem about honeyeaters and creatively using word document tools to publish he work.
Brooke F	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	enthusiastically recognising o'clock times and for persisting with logging in independently on a computer.
Nathan B	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	writing a sense poem about honeyeaters and showing persistence when experimenting with word document tools to publish hi- poem.
Amelia J	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	always engaging well in lessons and striving to do her best.
Kace P	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Dempsey	actively participating in Matlessons and fluency activities
Lara L	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Dempsey	working on her word study activities throughout each fortnight.
Denver T	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Dempsey	attempting all new learning activities.
Hannah M	Mrs Dew	conscientiously filling in her Australian Guidelines for Healthy Eating food diary, each time she ate.
Kade J	Mrs Dew	his commitment to his running in our weekly long run in DPA
Austen G	Mrs Dew	his love of reading and his sharing of books from home.
Charlotte G	Mrs Dew	the effort she puts into her drawings in many subject areas.



COLLABORATION				
Presented to	Ву	For		
Theo W	Mrs Spencer & Miss Hutchinson	recognising other peers for their efforts. Sharing insights and helpful tips with others to improve learning.		
Harriet K	Mrs Spencer & Miss Hutchinson	using her initiative to help, guide and direct others in daily activities and tasks.		
Presayis G	Ms Huitema	collaborating well with her peers during group work activities.		
Isla W	Ms Huitema	being a good and supportive friend to those around her.		
Harrison W	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Fox	enjoying the opportunities to share in his learning with peers.		
Kieran N	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	working collaboratively as part of our class team and thriving in all areas of his learning.		
Ryder W	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Harding	being engaged and working collaboratively in a small group while learning time activities.		
Sam P	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	getting along well with others and working well in group work.		
Charlotte B	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Dempsey	communicating clearly in group tasks in a caring manner.		
Harlow D	Mrs Dew	her contributions in group and class work.		
Lylah B	Mrs Dew	her collaborative skills while working with others in tasks.		

MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES 2024

Governing Council approved the materials and service fee to be set at \$354.00 per student for 2024. The subsequent poll conducted by the school resulted in a majority vote in favour of making this fee the amount that is legally recoverable. This fee contributes to the costs of materials and charges for items such as stationery, internet access, art and craft materials, photocopying, sports equipment, library books and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

Invoices will be raised and mailed in January 2024 along with information regarding payment options. Families may apply for school card if they believe they will be eligible, which is income assessed each year and covers this fee. School card forms will be available from January 2024 at the front office or an online application may be lodged via the state government website at www.sa.gov.au.





Friday's 80s & 90s SRC casual day has raised \$364.95

Cash donations: \$ 280.95 Qkr donations: \$ 84.00





This term in economics and business the year 5/6 classes have been learning about what makes a successful business. As part of our learning we have looked at goods and services, what resources businesses use, the planning needed to run a business and how they make a profit.

In groups, students created their own business. They conducted market research, identified the goods or services they would offer, created a business plan, considered a risk matrix and pitched their business to a "shark tank" of local business people in order to secure an initial ten dollar investment. Groups could apply for additional donated funding from Woolworths or Coles. The businesses then came together at lunchtime in week 7 to present the McPark Market to their customers (other students). Businesses included a wide range of foods and activities and all groups made a profit and were able to return their investment. Profits were donated to Four Reasons Why who have recently been very generous in their support of many of our students to attend camps.

Thank you to the business people who formed our "shark tank"; Tania Widdison, Daniel Grosse, Damien Buckley and Connie Nieto, for giving up their time and for their feedback and advice to the students.

We also appreciate and acknowledge the support of Woolworths, Commercial St and Coles Mount Gambier.

Thank you to Trudi Shelton from the Four Reason Why for meeting with students and accepting our wonderful donation of \$1100.00!

















Last week the Events and Promotions team held McPark's Got Talent for 2023. During the term auditions were held to find talented individuals or groups to perform at the finals. It was very hard to choose finalists from all the excellent auditions.

On Friday the finals were held. We had three judges to come and help us choose the winners - Ms Hill, Tonya Allison and Candi Mendoza. The finalists were divided into three categories - Junior Primary, Middle Primary and Upper Primary and a winner chosen from each. We saw some fantastic performances including, dance routines, musical compositions, singing, piano playing, stand-up comedy and drama skits. We also had special guest performances from Candi, Aspen and the choir. It was wonderful to see so much talent on display from both our school and the wider community.

The winners and runners up for each section were:

WINNER – Jordyn B & Evie F – dancing to 'Cheerleader' **RUNNER UP** – Johniezel C – singing 'You are my Sunshine' **RUNNER UP** – Amity W & Millie P – Comedy Routine

Middle Primary Section

WINNER - Alexis R - Flexibility routine

RUNNER UP – Brax B – Playing guitar/singing his own composition 'Let's reset the day'

RUNNER UP - Jordan S - playing 'Faded' on the keyboard

WINNER – Zahalia C, Roxy J, Anna L, Benji C, Hudson F & Harper C – performing a play called 'I've got the HIC, HIC, HICCUPS!' **RUNNER UP** – Jensen D, Sophie W, Nessa B & Ruby C – dancing to 'Rock this party'

We thank everyone for their participation in our event,

RUNNER UP - Maddy W - singing 'Million dreams'

especially our volunteer judges and special performers. We are looking forward to seeing what falents the school has to share in 2024.

The Promotions & Events Team
Ava E, Alix W, Blake P, Luke G
Miss Eldridge, Mrs Spencer
and Mr Lewis

Year 6 GRADUATION

The year six graduation was held in our school gym again this year. It was a wonderful night, giving students the opportunity to celebrate their time at McDonald Park and celebrate their graduation from primary school to high school. Congratulations to the following students who received awards:

Best All Round Year 6 Girl

sponsored by the Mount Gambier Lions Club

Phoebe Biggin

Best All Round Year 6 Boy

Sponsored by the Mount Gambier Lions Club

Jacob Ucang

Academic Excellence

sponsored by Collins Booksellers Mount Gambier

Hannah Bailey

Braith Allison

Continuous Improvement Award

sponsored by Bendigo Bank
Alix Wilson
Will Anderson
Connor Lynn
Madelyn Whitwell

School Pride Award

sponsored by Green Triangle Electrionics
Ariana Ebbs
Scarlett Davidson
Braith Allison
Ava Edwards

Humanity Award

sponsored by Nickson Farms
Phoebe Biggin
Beau Maxwell

Community Award

sponsored by Governing Council

Luke Gurney

Sports Award

sponsored by Hughes and Loveday
Ellie McCracken
Beau Maxwell
Ronnie Coleman



COMMUNITY NEWS



Valley Lake Playground 5 - 8 year olds

Thursday 25th Jan 2024 10:30am – 1:30pm

Davison Drive, Mount Gambier Lunch provided.

Join us for a time of play, followed by sausage sizzle for lunch.

Prowns Beach Day 9 - 12 year olds

Wednesday 10th Jan 2024 10:30am - 2:30pm
Browns Beach Road, Inneston Transport and lunch provided.
Spend the day out at Browns Beach and enjoy a fish and chips lunch.
Mini bus pick up and drop off at Carers SA office.

VR and Robotics Experience
13 - 17 year olds
Thursday 11th Jan 2024 10:30am - 1:30pm

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Mount Gambier Public Library: 6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier

Spend the day out experiencing VR, Robotic and more at the Mount
Gambier Public Library.

Dinner at Jens Hotel

18 - 25 year olds

Wednesday 10th Jan 2024 6pm - 8pm

Mount Gambier Jens Hotel: 40 Commercial Street E.



To RSVP or for further information please contact Sam on 0491 066 939







The Wonder Room 16 December - 3 March The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre

FREE | Ages 3+ | Bookings not required



Melty Beads
Tuesday 2 January @ 10:30am
Mount Gambier Library
A seal, a sea morater, a mermaid ... what will you create
out of Melty Beads? FREE | All ages | Bookings essential via Library



Gallery Tour for Kids Wednesday 3 January @ 10:30am The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Enjoy a journey through the latest exhibitio



Water Pistol Painting
Thursday 4 January @ 2:30pm
Mount Gambier Library
We're heading outside as we load up Paper Beads
Thursday 4 January @ 10:30am
Mount Gambier Library
You'll never know they are paper! Learn how to make beautiful coloured beads to turn into keyrings or a FREE | Ages 8+ | Bookings essential via Library







Sand Art

Tuesday 9 January @ 2:30pm Mount Gambier Library Using brillant bright coloured sand and templat create a mindfulness piece of art! FREE | All ages | Bookings essential via Library

String Art Wednesday 10 January @ 2:30pm Mount Gambier Library Nail and weave your unique piece of art – perfect to

Friendship Bracelets and Wristbands
Thursday 11 January & 2:30pm
Mount Gambier Library
Create a fun and unique friendship bracelet that can be
given to your BFF or faithy mamber!
FREE | Ages 8-1 Bookings essential via Library



Monday 8 January @ 10:30am
Mount Gambier Library
The perfect garden and project! Personalise your own
terracotta pot ready for planting or to gift.
FREE | All ages | Bookings essential via Library

Solar Printing for Kids

Tiled Terracotta Pots

Sea Creatures
Tuesday 2 January - Sunday 7 January
During opening hours
Mount Gambier Library
A shell makes a perfect body for a crab or a turtle! Cre

Ice Cream Making Wednesday 3 January @ 2:30pm Mount Gambier Library Make a tasty dessert in this fun science experiment: ice cream in a bag! You'll have children recreating at home for



Gallery Tour for Kids



Shark Tale (G) great white shark for protection.

GOLD COIN | Ages 7+ | Bookings not required

Book Launch: Olive Cotton 'The Cat



Jellyfish Creation Friday 12 January ® 10:30am The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Using ribbons of colour create your own unique cardboard GOLD COIN | Ages 5 and under | Bookings essential







Handprint Flamingos Monday 15 January - Sunday 21 January During opening hours Mount Gambier Library These flamingos are not just pink, but purple, orange, blue





Pirate Hat Making Tuesday 16 January @ 10:30am The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre

Creating Your Picture Book Wednesday 17 January ® 10:30am Mount Gambier Library Master the art of creating your own picture book; the perfect blend of words and pictures with our online resource 'Storybox'.



FREE | All ages | Bookings essential via Library



Pavement Art
Wednesday 17 January @ 2:30pm
Mount Gambier Library
Grab your bucket of chalk as we create s
Library Grab (Caye Garden/Thugi area.



Boat Challenge
Thursday 18 January @ 10:30am
Mount Gambier Library
Row, row, row your boat ... will it float in our STEAM

FREE | Ages 8+ | Bookings essential via Library



Jellyfish Making Thursday 18 January @ 2:30pm The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre



Game On Friday 19 January @ 2:30pm Mount Gambier Library Play Wil on the big screen or perhaps take part in a game of Battleships ... a chill out afternoon with sna

FREE | Ages 12+ | Bookings not required



Cellophane Sun Catchers
Monday 22 January @ 10:30am
Mount Gambier Library
These beaufild sun catchers will brighten up a room
anywhere the sun shines!

FREE | Ages 7 and under | Bookings essential via Library



Just Dance / Sing Star Monday 22 January @ 2:30pm Mount Gambier Library Creating our own min disco by singing or dancing to your favourite songs, maybe Taylor Swift or Jason Derulo! FREE | Ages 8+| Bookings essential via Library

Rainbow Fish Craft
Monday 22 January - Sunday 28 January
During opening hours
Mount Gambier Library
Mount Gamb



3D Print & Design Tuesday 23 January @ 2:30pm Mount Gambier Library Using TinkerCad, children can either cho or build their own and watch their image

FREE | All ages | Bookings essential via Library



Movie and Popcorn
Wednesday 24 January @ 2:30pm
Mount Gambier Library
Enjoy one of our leavante movies on the big screen as you
bused to licensing movie cannot be named in the program.
Please call the Library to find out more.
REEE | Allages Bookings essential via Library



Thursday 25 January @ 2:30pm The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre GOLD COIN | Ages 8+ | Bookings essential via Riddoch



Pirate Hat Making Tuesday 23 January @ 10:30am The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Arrgh me hearlies. Girls and boys alike ma pirates. But first ye need a hat worthy of the

\$5 | Ages 5+ | Bookings essential via Riddoch



Linocut Printmaking for Beginners
Wednesday 24 January @ 10:30am
The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre
Local artist Tessa Deak will guide you through the process
of linocut printmaking. Create impressive underwater
coean the



Summer Reading Club Finale Party Thursday 25 January @ 10:30am Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Splash into our pool party at Wulanda Recreation an Convention Centre and be there for the major prize For Summer Reading Club members only—sign up 1



Important stuff to note

- Bookings essential for all sessions (unless stated otherwise).
- Bookings can be made by contacting the individual venue as below Mount Gambier Library bookings open 18 December 2023.
- Our school holiday sessions are very popular and usually book out. If you can no longer attend please call to cancel so another child
- Parents and guardians must remain with children under the age of 12 during sessions.

Mount Gambier Library Summer Reading Club

Join the challenge to win this summer!

Join the club, pick up your passport and get involved for your chance to:

FIND the golden ice cream hidden in the Library each day!

SPLASH into the FREE POOL PARTY on 25 January 2024 at Wulanda! **CLAIM** a major prize!

Three club levels - 0-5 years / 6-12 years / 13 years + Total prize pool worth \$1.400!!





For more information check out the Mount Gambier Library Facebook page or pop into the Library to register!

City of Mount Gambier



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