

# NEWSLETTER

## McDonald Park School



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## Welcome to the new school year of 2024

It has been lovely to welcome students, staff and families back to the school and see smiling faces (adults and children) ready to start the school year. We hope that you have had a relaxing holiday with your children and have created special family memories.

We extend a warm welcome to our new Reception students and new families. We hope that they enjoy their learning experiences at McDonald Park School.

This year our staff are all familiar faces and adults that students already know. Daniel Castle has stepped into the role of deputy principal while Sharon Day is in the principal role at Kongorong PS. Please feel free to contact us if we can help in any way to make your child's learning more successful.

OSHC is now provided at McDonald Park School and we look forward to working in collaboration with the YMCA organisation to ensure that this runs smoothly at our site. More information including a web link and contact details has been included towards the end of this newsletter.

Last week staff reviewed the processes and purpose of the room that you may know of as the Rainbow Room. We have renamed it the 'Reset Room' as this more accurately reflects on its purpose, which is to problem solve any issues that may be occurring, provide strategies and restore relationships. Your child may be asked to go to the 'Reset Room' for a number of reasons, this may include to give or receive an apology, to provide additional information, to resolve an issue, talk to a staff member about their behaviour choices or spend some time out of the yard – usually this is due to being repeatedly unsafe. In most cases this will be resolved at a school level and is a learning opportunity that may not involve contacting parents. Where there is a pattern of behaviour, uncharacteristic behaviours or major incidents, parents will be informed of what has happened, how it has been resolved and any other follow up. Either classroom teachers or senior staff may provide this information. We ask that parents support by following up with a conversation about more successful behaviour choices and actions that could help them to improve. Please contact us if you require additional information or wish to discuss other ideas to support.

On Monday, all staff were involved in professional learning based on the work of Professor Brene Brown. The work was reflective and focused on individual leadership and how everyone contributes to the success and culture in which we work. Sometimes we need to be brave and go outside of our comfort levels. Already I have heard students talk about how brave they have been in starting their school year. This work will complement the upcoming focus on 'Zones of Regulation'.

Please consider being involved in Governing Council as we are seeking new parent members. We will meet following Acquaintance night on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Kirsty Hill, Daniel Castle & Lia Jordan**



## Coming Events

### WEEK 2

#### SEVEN LITTLE WONDERS PERFORMANCE – (F-Yr3)

Sir Robert Helpmann  
Theatre  
Thursday 8 Feb

### WEEK 3

#### Assembly (GYM)

Friday 16 Feb 9:15am

### WEEK 4

#### GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Wednesday, 21 February  
2024 at 6.45pm



# WELCOME

all new students and their families, to McDonald Park:

**Foundation :** Shae A, Vincent A, Spencer A, Layla B, Hallie B, Ava C, Madsen D, Huey E, Alex E, Lara F, Kora G, Ally G, Mikayla G, Spencer H, Bella H, Koby J, Soraya J, Thea J, Holly K, Tex L, Jamison L, Jack L, Loretta L, Dallas Mc, Ty M, Michelle N, Willow O, Lara P, Alaze P, Hunter R, Saffron S, Charlotte S, Mateo S, Oscar S, Archer S, Byron T, Charlie W, Kyah W-R

**Year 2 :** Paige G, Meaghan H **Year 3 :** Zade K **Year 4 :** Mai C-T, Domonique H, Sailor W

**Year 5 :** Emmy G **Year 6 :** Lainie W



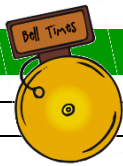




## Student Personal Data

Incorrect student personal information eg address, parent / caregiver phone number and work location, emergency contacts names and phone numbers makes it difficult for us to contact you, especially in an emergency. Unfortunately we are no longer able to send home details to families to check. If you believe any of your child's information has changed in any way and you have not yet let us know, please do by emailing [dl.1021\\_info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.1021_info@schools.sa.edu.au) so that we can update your information. We are aware that things can change. Updates can be made at any time.

## Bell Times 2024



<b>8.55am</b>	School begins
<b>10.55am</b>	Recess - out to play
<b>11.25am</b>	Recess finishes
<b>1.05pm</b>	Lunch - out to play
<b>1.35pm</b>	Lunch finishes
<b>3.15pm</b>	Dismissal

## 2024 Materials and Services Information

Invoices for 2024 materials and services (school) fees and credit notes for the SA Government school fee rebate were posted to families in January with a statement showing the total amount owing. Please note the rebate/credit reduces the amount payable for our 2024 materials and services (school) fee to \$254.00 per student. If families have a credit remaining from 2023 school year, this will further reduce the amount payable in 2024 as highlighted on your statement.

A payment plan option was included in the mail out. If families would like to take advantage of this, the signed agreement and first instalment is due on Friday 2 February 2024.

Payments may be made in person at the front office with cash, cheque or by credit card, over the phone by credit card, online via electronic funds transfer from your financial institution or by using the mobile payment app Qkr!.

The mobile payment app Qkr! Is free to download from either Google Play for your android device or the Apple Store for your Apple device.

McDonald Park School's bank account details for payment via electronic funds transfer are:

Account name: McDonald Park School  
 BSB: 633-000  
 Account number: 147553226  
 Reference: Please use your family code or invoice number as a reference when making payments via EFT.

If you have any queries regarding school fees or would like to discuss payment options, please contact our Finance Officer, Julie on 8724 9811 or in person at the front office.

## 2024 School Card Scheme Information Update

The School Card scheme offers financial assistance with school fees (materials and services charges) for students attending South Australian schools.

Applications need to be completed via an application form at the beginning of each year.

Online application forms are available at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) by searching school card. Families with students attending multiple schools may find this option of benefit with only one online application required to be completed per family.

Paper application forms are available from the front office for families who prefer to complete their application this way and may be lodged with the school.

Eligibility for school card assistance is dependent upon your combined family gross income for the 2022-2023 financial year being within the School Card income limits:

### Eligibility income limits for a student attending a government school

Number of dependent children	Combined gross family income limit for 2022/2023 financial year	Gross weekly school card income limit
1 child	\$70,994	\$1,365
2 children	\$72,262	\$1,390
3 children	\$73,530	\$1,414
4 children	\$74,798	\$1,439
5 children	\$76,066	\$1,463
Each additional dependent child	\$1,268	\$25

We encourage families to review this table and apply as soon as possible if they believe they will be eligible in 2024.

More information on the School Card Scheme is available at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) by contacting the school on 8724 9811 or in person at the front office.

## McPark on Facebook

McPark has a page on Facebook. Search for McDonald Park School and 'like' our page to keep up to date with what's happening. We will post information for parents and caregivers on a regular basis.



Our newsletter can be accessed online at [http://www.mcpark7.sa.edu.au/whats\\_happening.htm](http://www.mcpark7.sa.edu.au/whats_happening.htm)

## Qkr! App



If you use Qkr!, you will need to update your child's details at the beginning of every year to show their new year level and room number.

Open the Qkr! app, then select the profiles page to display the manage profiles screen. You will need to enter your password to access this. Select your child, then change their year level and room number via the drop down options. Click update profile to save changes.

If you would like to get started using Qkr! please refer to the details below for instructions on how to get started.

**Qkr!** | **masterpass** For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr! you can:

- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

**Getting started is easy - try it yourself today**

**Step 1 Download Qkr!**  
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

**Step 2 Register**  
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

**Step 3 Find our school**  
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

**Step 4 Register your children**  
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

## School Uniforms

We currently have in stock the following uniforms:

- Summer dresses (size 4,6 & 8) \$18.00
- Hats \$8.00
- Black shorts \$18.00
- Red/black t-shirt \$28.50
- Green jumper \$29.50
- Pinafore \$50.00
- Black fleecy pant \$16.50
- Girls black leisure pant \$23.00
- School bag \$74.00

## Reminders

- **Hats and Uniforms** – in terms 1, 2 and 4 all students need to wear a broad brimmed or bucket hat in the yard and during outside activities such as fitness and PE. Hats are available from the front office for \$8.00. We have a school dress code and we expect all students to dress accordingly. Most items are available for purchase from the front office. Please label all items of clothing. We have a lost property bin which is located in the main building near room one (under the stairs). Please check this regularly for lost items.
- **Hot weather** – All areas of the school are air-conditioned, which provides students with pleasant learning conditions at all times. For this reason we do not send students home when the forecast is 38 degrees or above. If parents wish to collect their child it is their choice. We also have an inclement weather policy and students are kept inside during break times on wet and very hot days.
- **Medication** – Please remember to ensure your child's medications eg asthma puffers, epi-pens, ADHD medicine are not past their expiry date and that you have supplied the school with the necessary medication and health care plan signed by your doctor.
- **Materials and Services** – Invoices and school card forms were posted out to families last week. Please see front office staff if you didn't receive one.
- **Nut Allergies** - DfE requires schools to promote and construct learning environments that are safe and supportive. Students and staff may have anaphylactic (severe allergic) conditions, that include nut allergies. This means that exposure at school may constitute a risk to the health and wellbeing. It is not possible to guarantee that the environment will be completely free of potential hazards, however, compliance to reasonable guidelines will minimise the potential risks.

**Where a parent of a child with an allergy to nuts or nut products has alerted the school to the fact (backed by medical evidence /documentation), the school will manage the situation in the following way:**

### Parents

- Parents and caregivers being asked to take this into consideration when they are packing their child's lunch. Where possible pack an alternative to peanut butter, Nutella or similar, nuts, peanut cooking oil and other foods that may contain nuts.

### Students

- Students being encouraged NOT to share or purchase food for other students.
- Students being encouraged to wash hands after eating.
- Students bringing food that contain nuts or nut products being asked to eat that food away from any other students and to wash their hands after eating.

### Staff

- Staff supervising eating at lunch time in classrooms or another confined area.
- Staff made aware of students who have anaphylactic responses, including nut allergy.

## Academic Award Winners 2023

<b>Foundation:</b>	Ava D, Jamie F
<b>Year 1:</b>	Abi G, Elliott B
<b>Year 2:</b>	Amity W, Harrison W
<b>Year 3:</b>	Lylah B, Fletcher dV
<b>Year 4:</b>	Paiton P, Baden D
<b>Year 5:</b>	Elsie A, Bentley W

## Learner Profile Award Winners 2023

<b>Room A1:</b>	Harriet K
<b>Room A2:</b>	William B
<b>Room A3:</b>	Tali J
<b>Room A4:</b>	Sommer B
<b>Room 1:</b>	Emilia B
<b>Room 2:</b>	TJ B
<b>Room 3:</b>	Addilyn D
<b>Room 4:</b>	Tilly S
<b>Room 5:</b>	Blake W
<b>Room 6:</b>	Harlow D
<b>Room N1:</b>	Roxy J
<b>Room N2:</b>	Ryder B
<b>Room N3:</b>	Harper A
<b>Room N4:</b>	Alfie T
<b>Room N5:</b>	Paige M
<b>Room N6:</b>	Bailee R

## Resource Centre



Welcome to 2024 in the resource centre. We look forward to another year of fabulous reading, inquiry learning and library events.

### Library staff this year are:

Suzanne Harding  
(teacher librarian)  
Nicole Thompson (SSO)  
Sue Moelder (SSO)

We are grateful for the support of volunteers

whose help assist our resource centre in being organised and progressive, which in turn benefits student learning.

Students will have a 30 minute borrowing session per week. We ask that all students bring library bags (cloth or plastic) to protect books. Please encourage your child to return books to the library each week on their library day. If you find books at home, these can also be returned to school. Thank you for your support.

Happy Reading!

**Resource centre staff**

## Governing Council AGM

There are many ways in which parents and members of the school community can become involved in our school. Becoming a member of the Governing Council is one way that you can become involved in the school.

On **Wednesday, 21 February 2024 at 6.45pm**, we are holding our Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council. This is a great opportunity to hear what has been happening at our school and find out what the Governing Council has been involved in over the past year. It is also the time when we elect and organise our Governing Council for 2024.

### **What does a Governing Council member do?**

You represent the views of members in the school community and encourage their participation. When the entire school community works together to support learning, children succeed, not just in school but throughout their lives.

### **The Governing Council:**

- Provides a forum for parent, staff and student participation and decision making and ensures that the educational, social and cultural needs of the community are addressed.
- Plans for improvement in learning and wellbeing for all students through setting the values, vision, mission, site plan and local policies for our site.
- Allocates all of the resources available to the site to support the improvement of learning and wellbeing outcomes for all students.
- Monitors learning and wellbeing outcomes and reports annually to the site's community and the Minister of Education.
- Works collaboratively in the best interest of the site and its community.

### **Governing Council Sub-committees:**

The Governing Council has the power to establish committees under its constitution.

We have sub-committees that give advice on finance and in the past, sport, buildings and grounds including the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and fundraising.

We welcome new parents and encourage you to become involved. It is a great opportunity to be a part of your child's education and influence at the decision making level. It is also a way of finding out more about teaching and learning programs. If you wish to nominate yourself or another parent please fill in the form below and return to school.

### **MCDONALD PARK SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL**

I wish to nominate myself

.....  
for Governing Council in 2024.

I have spoken to .....  
and wish to nominate them for Governing Council.

Signed .....

Email address:

.....

## Our Staff 2024

<b>Principal</b>		Kirsty Hill
<b>Deputy Principal</b>		Daniel Castle
<b>Student Wellbeing Leader</b>		Lia Jordan
<b>Aboriginal Education Teacher / Impact Coach</b>		Katherine Bundy
<b>Teacher Librarian</b>		Suzanne Harding
<b>Permanent Relief Teacher</b>		Lorraine Cox
<b>Room</b>	<b>Year Level</b>	
<b>A1</b>	Year 1	Deanne Spencer & Amber Deppeler
<b>A2</b>	Year 1	Lydia Huitema
<b>A3</b>	Foundation	Sue Wilson & Suzanne Harding
<b>A4</b>	Foundation	Amy Pitkin & Suzanne Harding
<b>A5</b>	F-1 Science	Sally Strachan
<b>1</b>	Year 2/3	Michelle Schulz & Ashleigh Hutchinson
<b>2</b>	Year 2/3	Kate Eldridge
<b>3</b>	Year 2	Rose Cooper & Ashleigh Hutchinson
<b>5</b>	Year 3/4	Melissa McCracken & Ashleigh Hutchinson
<b>6</b>	Year 3/4	Trudi Dew
<b>13</b>	Design/Tech/Science	Paul Bigg
<b>T1</b>	5/6 Health / PE	Daniel Castle
<b>T4</b>	Japanese F-4	Amber Deppeler
<b>T6</b>	Health / Science / PE 2-5	Sonya Jolly
<b>N2</b>	Year 4/5	Carrie Bisnov & Paul Bigg
<b>N3</b>	Year 5/6	Helen Widdison & Stacey Tilley
<b>N4</b>	Year 5/6	Erin Munday & Katherine Bundy
<b>N5</b>	Year 6	Vanessa McLean
<b>N6</b>	Year 4/5	Karen Mitchell
<b>SSO</b>	Julie McKinnon (finance officer)	Jill Lewis (student support)
	Samantha Clarke (front office administration)	Shane Lewis (student support)
	Evelyn Stratman (front office administration)	Connie Nieto (student support)
	Clinton Meyer (IT support)	Sue Moelder (resource centre)
	Kristen Arbery (garden specialist)	Leigh Symons (student support)
	Sonya Shepherd (student support, Finance support)	Linda Ward (student support)
	Nicole Thompson (resource centre)	Courtney de Vos (student support)
	Jan Boyanton (student support)	Michael Stojanovich (student support)
	Anna Doll (student support)	Kristy Drage (student support)
	Shiloh Fennell (student support)	
<b>Aboriginal Communities Education Officer</b>		Georgie Hatch
<b>Student Welfare Worker</b>		Robyn Howard
<b>Canteen</b>		Michelle Clark & Megan Wilson
<b>Grounds</b>		Anthony Ingram





# McDonald Park School CANTEEN PRICES – 2024

# Term 1

The canteen menu aims to provide healthy and nutritious food and drinks consistent with the DfE 'Right Bite' Healthy Eating Guide for schools and preschools and 'The Australian Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents'. Please write your **CHILD'S NAME** and **ROOM NUMBER** on a large paper lunch bag. Lunch bags are available from the canteen, 10 for 50 cents or alternatively from Coles or Woolworths. Forks required for foods brought from home will be 10 cents each. Foods brought from home will **NOT** be reheated in the canteen due to health regulations. Any price changes or new items will be notified in the fortnightly newsletter. Late lunch orders will be accepted, however they will be given what is available and if there is insufficient money in the bag the order will be reduced. **THERE IS NO CREDIT AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEEN**



SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS		
White / Wholemeal	Sandwich	Roll
Vegemite <b>OR</b> cheese	\$3.00	\$3.50
Egg <b>OR</b> ham	\$4.50	\$5.00
Tuna <b>OR</b> chicken	\$4.50	\$5.00
Salad only (lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber)	\$5.00	\$5.50
Ham salad	\$6.00	\$6.50
Tuna <b>OR</b> chicken salad	\$6.00	\$6.50
<b>Extra fillings:</b> cheese, carrot, cucumber, lettuce, tomato, beetroot <b>add \$0.50</b>		
<b>Mayo, tomato, sweet chilli - add \$0.30</b>		

SALADS		
<b>Munch &amp; crunch box</b>	crackers, cheese, French onion dip, carrot, cucumber	\$5.50
<b>Wiggly worm box</b>	cheese sandwich, mini muffin, seasonal fruit, carrot, cucumber	\$5.50
Noodle salad	small tub	\$3.50
	large tub	\$4.50
<b>Super salad bowl:</b>	lettuce, carrot, cheese, tomato, cucumber, ½ boiled egg, noodle salad, beetroot	\$8.00
	- add ham, tuna	\$1.00
	- add sweet chilli chicken tender	\$2.00
	- add crumbed chicken tender	\$2.00

THIRST BUSTERS	
Bottle of water	\$2.50
Flavoured milk	
250ml choc, strawberry, honeycomb	\$3.70
Pure fruit juice	
250ml apple, orange, apple/blackcurrant	\$3.20
Pop Top flavoured milks	
chocolate, strawberry, banana	\$3.70
Sanitarium Up and Go – chocolate/strawberry	\$3.50

NICE & ICY – lunch time counter sales only	
Frozen juice cups	\$2.50
Paddle Pops	\$2.50
Vanilla ice cream dandy cup	\$2.50
Icy Twist	\$2.50
Mini Callipo	\$2.50
Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt	\$2.50

HOT SUB BAR	
Garlic bread plain – add cheese 50c, add Ham 50c	\$3.50
Crumbed chicken with lettuce and mayo	\$6.00
Sweet chilli chicken with lettuce and mayo	\$6.00

HOME MADE PIZZA BAR	
Hawaiian - ham, cheese, pineapple	\$5.00
BBQ chicken – bbq sauce, chicken, cheese	\$5.00

HOT PACKS	
Macaroni cheese	\$5.50
Lasagne	\$5.50
Spaghetti bolognese	\$5.50
Wedges with sweet chilli and sour cream	\$5.50
Nachos with salsa, cheese and sour cream	\$5.50
Steamed dim sim	\$2.00
- soy sauce	\$0.30

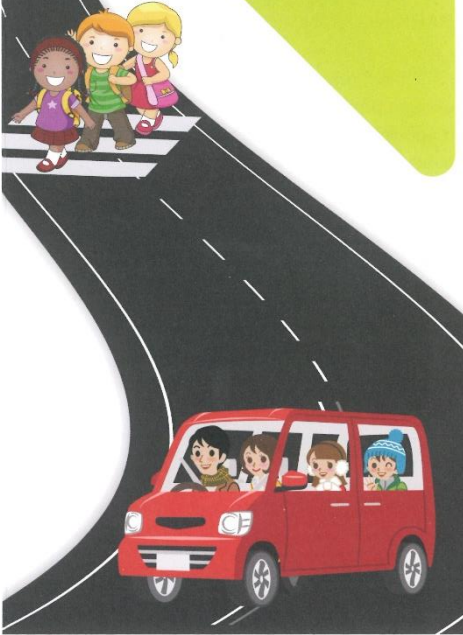
BURGERS all served in a white buttered roll	
Add salad	\$1.00
Cheese burger - beef, cheese, sauce	\$6.50
Chicken burger - crumbed chicken, lettuce, mayo	\$6.50

LUNCH PACKS		
<i>Jurassic, veggie slice packs include noodle salad, carrot sticks, cucumber</i>		
<b>Jurassic:</b>	3 dino nuggets	\$6.00
	6 dino nuggets	\$7.00
<b>Veggie slice</b>	Zucchini, bacon and carrot	\$7.00
<i>Pirate and gluten free nugget packs contain the salad but do not have the noodle salad in them.</i>		
<b>Pirate:</b>	1 piece of fish and wedges	\$6.00
	2 pieces of fish and wedges	\$7.00
<b>BENTO BOX (Small)</b>	4 Potato gems, 2 mini spring rolls, 2 dim sims, 1 corn cob	\$6.00
<b>BENTO BOX (Large)</b>	6 Potato gems, 3 mini spring rolls, 3 dim sims, 2 corn cobs	\$7.00
<b>Gluten free nuggets:</b>	3 nuggets	\$6.00
	6 nuggets	\$7.00

DAILY SPECIALS	
<b>THURSDAY ONLY</b>	
Hot dog in bread	\$3.50
Hot dog in white roll	\$4.50
- cheese	\$0.50
- bbq, sweet chilli, tomato sauce, mustard	\$0.30
<b>THURSDAY MEAL DEAL</b>	
Hot dog, flavoured milk, cookie	\$9.00
<b>FRIDAY ONLY</b>	
Pie	\$5.20
Pasty	\$5.20
Sausage roll	\$4.20
Party pie / party sausage roll	\$1.80
- sauce	\$0.30
<b>FRIDAY MEAL DEAL</b>	
Pie / pasty and juice	\$8.00
Sausage roll and juice	\$7.00
2 party pies and juice	\$6.50
2 party sausage rolls and juice	\$6.50

SNACK TIME	
Seasonal fruit	\$1.50
Red Rock Honey Soy Chicken Chips	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$2.00
Assorted fruit muffins	\$1.50
Chocolate chip cookie	\$1.50
Bag rice crackers	\$0.50
Mixed cereal, Honey Chex cereal, Milo cereal	\$0.50

# PARKING SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS



City of Mount Gambier

## WHAT DO THE PARKING SIGNS MEAN?

### No Stopping Zone or continuous yellow line edge on road

You cannot stop in this area. A vehicle cannot stop to drop off or pick up passengers. This restriction is in place 24 hours a day.

Offence expiation fee  
(Stopping Zone): \$102  
(Yellow Line): \$104



### No Parking Zone

You must stay within 3 metres of your car at all times. You may briefly assist your child from the vehicle.

Offence expiation fee: \$85



### Obstructing Driveway

Obstructing access to and from a footpath, driveway etc. A driver must not stop on a road in a position that obstructs access by vehicles or pedestrians

Offence expiation fee: \$85



### Disabled Parking Permit Zone

Whether in car parks or along streets, disabled parking areas, are designated for those only with a disabled permit, where a valid permit must be displayed. These permits are available from the Motor Registration Division of the Department for Transport.

Offence expiation fee: \$397



### Parking longer than indicated

A driver must not park continuously on a length of road, or in a area, to which a permissive parking sign applies, for longer than the time indicated by information on the sign.

Offence expiation fee: \$56



### Bus Zone and Taxi Zones

Specific parking zones are designated for special service vehicles, such as buses and taxis, and must be left available for the vehicles stated.

Offence expiation fee: \$140



For more information please contact:

City of Mount Gambier Council  
General Inspectors

Postal: PO Box 56, Mount Gambier SA 5290  
Telephone: 8721 2555  
Email: [city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au](mailto:city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au)  
Website: [www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au](http://www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au)

## PARKING SAFELY AROUND SCHOOLS

In an effort to provide a safer environment for everyone, City of Mount Gambier Council patrols schools throughout the school term and aims to educate drivers of the road rules and what the signs mean around schools.

### PARKING CONCERNS IN SCHOOL AREAS

As it is not practical for schools to provide enough parking for everyone, it is the drivers responsibility to park their car legally and to help ease the parking issues whilst keeping everyone safe.

To help keep our children safe, it's important for drivers to:

- Slow down in school zones, during school times
- Be extra cautious around schools
- Be aware that young children can be unpredictable and difficult to see.

Children can stay safe by:

- Learning about road safety
- Practicing crossing the road with parents and caregivers.



## WHY DO WE HAVE PARKING RESTRICTIONS AROUND SCHOOLS?

The safety of all children is paramount. Unlawful parking in schools areas is a major hazard and parking infringement notices may be issued for incorrect, unlawful or dangerous parking.

City of Mount Gambier aims to ensure our roads are safe, and traffic flows smoothly. Due to the chaotic nature of traffic around schools at peak times, streets can be dangerous for children who have not fully developed their cognitive abilities. Their perception, judgement and awareness of potentially dangerous situations is not adequately developed to enable them to deal with traffic. Children tend to follow by example, it's up to you encourage good road sense.

### SAFETY CONCERNS IN AND AROUND SCHOOLS

- Speeding motorists
- Parking and stopping on footpaths
- Parking and stopping across driveways
- Parking and stopping on median strips
- Disregard of parking signs

## BE RESPONSIBLE, CHILDREN'S SAFETY IS IN ALL OF OUR HANDS

- Observe and learn what each parking sign means.
- Plan your drop off so that you can arrive early.
- Park on the school side if possible so your child does not need to cross the road.
- When out walking, practice the "Stop" "Look" "Listen" and "Think" rule each time you cross the road.
- Walk or cycle to school.

It is your responsibility as a child's caregiver, to model safe behavior, whilst teaching and guiding them about these important road safety rules.

Always be aware of children, they can be unpredictable.





# OSHC @ McDonald Park School

## ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

Service Commencing 29th of January 2024,  
subject to Service Approval

Work commitments and school hours rarely align – that's where OSHC comes in! YMCA OSHC provides a safe, fun, and stimulating place for children before / after school hours as well as Vacation Care during school holidays.

For more information regarding, hours available, fees and registration please click on the following link:

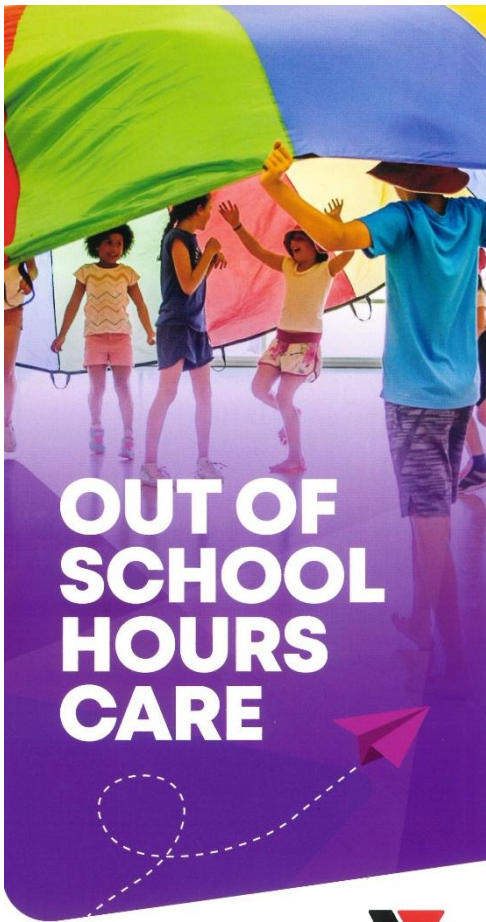
[McDonald Park School | YMCA SA](https://www.mcdonaldparkschool.sa.gov.au/y-m-c-a-s-a)

Or contact the OSHC Support Team

9:00am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday

08 8200 2516

Email : [oshc@ymcasa.org.au](mailto:oshc@ymcasa.org.au)



## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**BLUE LAKE BMX CLUB**

Do you or your kids love riding... then come and try BMX racing

**Training and Gates, Tuesday nights from 5:15pm**

**Racing, Friday nights, Racing starts at 6:30pm**

Hastings Cunningham Reserve, Millard St, Mount Gambier.

4 week FREE trial, through AusCycling

- Suitable for all ages.
- Learn new skills.
- Form new friendships.

[bluelakebmx@gmail.com](mailto:bluelakebmx@gmail.com)

Blue Lake BMX Club

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### WHAT'S AT YOUR LIBRARY FOR FAMILIES?

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**STEAM CLUB 8 - 13 YEAR OLDS**  
Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics through a series of programs designed to foster a love of learning. Bookings essential.

**TABLE TOP GAMES CLUB 8+ YEAR OLDS**  
Wednesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Enjoy all the classics and more! With a selection of games and brainteasers each week - you'll never be bored! Bookings not required.

**LEGO FAN CLUBS: CLASSICS AND TECHNICS**  
Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
**CLASSICS - ALL AGES**  
Weekly challenges and fun for the whole family.  
**TECHNICS - 8+ YEAR OLDS**  
Weekly challenges, using machines and mechanics. Bookings essential for both clubs.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON POOL 12+ YEAR OLDS**  
Fridays 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Join in with a game of Kelly Pool or maybe Reverse Eightball with our weekly tournaments. Bookings not required.

**CAVE CLUB - UNDER 5'S**

Fostering a strong connection to community and a sense of belonging for our little visitors our Cave Club runs simultaneously with our Storytime and Move & Groove programs held weekly. Join the Cave Club and start collecting stamps in your Cave Club passport today.

**Baby Bounce:** Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:00am  
**Storytime:** Tuesday at 10:30am  
**Move & Groove:** Thursday at 10:30am

### FREE ONLINE RESOURCES USING YOUR LIBRARY CARD

**Libby**  
Thousands of titles for South Australian borrowers with up to 10 loans at a time.

**Borrow Box**  
Library members can borrow up to 10 eBooks and 10 Audiobooks.

**StoryBox Library**  
Australian stories for primary school aged children read by some of Australia's finest storytellers with additional learning resources.

**hoopla**  
Enjoy Audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV episodes, music and magazines

**LOTE4kids**  
Learn a language through the magic of storytelling. Thousands of audio-picture books in 50+ languages.

**Encyclopedia Britannica**  
Research and complete homework assignments with age appropriate material on a child-friendly site with credible and accurate information.

**Studydrive**  
Study help, online, anywhere! Connect in real time with live experts or get feedback in less than 24 hours.

Scan the QR code to go to our eResources online:

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### TABLE TOP GAMES CLUB

Wednesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

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Bookings not required.

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### FRIDAY AFTERNOON POOL

Fridays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Join in with a game of 'Kelly Pool' or maybe 'Reverse Eightball' with our weekly tournaments.

Suitable for ages 12+  
Bookings not required.

Mount Gambier Library  
6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier  
Phone 08 8721 2540  
[mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library](http://mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library)

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### LEGO Fan Clubs

Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Bookings essential for both clubs.

**TECHNICS**  
Weekly builds, using machines and mechanics.  
Suitable for ages 8+.

**CLASSICS**  
Weekly challenges and fun for the whole family.  
Suitable for all ages.

**HIDDEN LEGO MAN**  
Hidden in a new spot every Thursday 4:00pm - 5:00pm - find me and receive a treat!

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### STEAM CLUB

Let's explore:  
**The Rube Goldberg Machine with One Thing Leads to Another**

Term 1: Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
6 February to 9 April

Unleash your inner engineer and enjoy learning about simple machines, chain reactions, stored energy, and much more as we take engineering to a new level.

Suitable for ages 8+  
Bookings essential.

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# MCDONALD PARK SCHOOL - TERM 1 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	29/01 PUPIL FREE DAY	30/01	31/01	01/02 Newsletter	02/02
WEEK 2	05/02	06/02	07/02	08/02 Seven Little Wonders performance. Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre R-3 students 12.00pm	09/02
WEEK 3	12/02	13/02	14/02	15/02 Newsletter	16/02 9.15am Assembly
WEEK 4	19/02	20/02	21/02 Acquaintance night Governing Council AGM	22/02	23/02
WEEK 5	26/02	27/02	28/02	29/02 Newsletter	01/03 9.15am Assembly
WEEK 6	04/03	05/03	06/03	07/03	08/03
WEEK 7	11/03 Public holiday Adelaide Cup	12/03	13/03 NAPLAN	14/03 Newsletter	15/03 9.15am Assembly Casual day
WEEK 8	18/03 NAPLAN	19/03	20/03	21/03 Harmony Day	22/03
WEEK 9	25/03 Three way conferences Governing Council Swimming years 4/5/6	26/03	27/03	28/03 Newsletter	29/03 Public holiday Good Friday
WEEK 10	01/04 Public holiday Easter Monday	02/04	03/04 Yr 3/4 camp Robe	04/04	05/04
WEEK 11	08/04 Yr 6 camp Creswick Yr 5 camp Warrnambool	09/04	10/04	11/04 Newsletter	12/04 9.15am Assembly 2.15pm early dismissal