

# NEWSLETTER

## McDonald Park School



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## End of Term 1

What a jam packed term full of learning and fun!

The term began with the rollout of 'The Zones of Regulation' being introduced to our whole school community as part of setting up for success.

All our 2024 student leaders participated in team building and leadership challenges at Noorla-Yo-Long. Many students enjoyed the challenges, which enabled them to develop and enhance their leadership skills.

The senior students are now wearing year 6 polo t-shirts for the first time in McPark history. The year 6 students are very excited to wear a great addition to our uniform and these will be able to be passed down to younger siblings.



Acquaintance night was well attended throughout all year levels, with the bbq facilitating as a great meeting point for families.

Casual day for 'Spare Ya Change for Kids', a fabulous organisation who support our students and families, was a huge success, raising \$387.70

Fun, skills and a great introduction to the local hockey competition was provided through hockey clinics.

Swimming in week 9 for our year 4, 5 and 6 students was another great success and many skills were improved over the week.



The AFL Premiership cup visited our school in week 10 as a regional promotion. Students and staff were able to get up close to see this iconic trophy.

We had many students participate in this years' District Athletics Day, some achieved personal bests and some participated for the first time and had a wonderful experience.

Choir has once again started for our year 5/6's, with 21 students making up our choir. They will spend the rest of the year learning the 15 songs and join other regional schools at the Sir Robert Helpmann theatre in October to perform.



Story dogs made a return with Janine and Peppa coming on Thursdays to listen to fabulous reading from our students. We are lucky enough to have a new dog called Jesse James and her owner Karen joining us on Tuesdays, as of this week.

Kristen, our kitchen garden specialist, is working with classes and their teacher to learn how to cook fresh produce and taste new and delicious foods. This program is unique to McPark and we acknowledge how privileged we are.

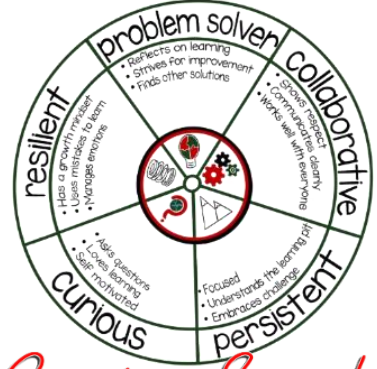
Camps in week 10 and 11 have provided our year 3,4,5 and 6 students with valuable camp opportunities. Supported by teachers, SSO's and parents. Our students travelled to Robe, Ballarat and Warrnambool. Camps are an important part of student learning. They take considerable hours of teacher time to prepare for, ensuring all activities and challenges are safe, engaging and fun. We thank all adults for taking the time to offer this opportunity.



We look forward to the Art show in term 2. Students will create their art pieces reflecting the elements. We look forward to displaying these for the community next term.

We hope that all staff, students and their families have a relaxing holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone back on deck in term 2, **Tuesday 30 April.**

Kirsty Hill, Daniel Castle & Lia Jordan



## Coming Events

### WEEK 11

Friday 12 April

Last day term 1

Early Dismissal

2:15pm

### TERM 2

### WEEK 1

Monday 29 April

PUPIL FREE DAY

Thursday 2 May

Rugby clinics

### WEEK 2

Friday 10 May

Walk to school day

Cross Country



# SAPSASA SOFTBALL

My name is Ty and I was lucky enough to represent the Lower South East in SAPSASA Softball. We competed in Adelaide in April. We played nine games over three days. We lost six and won three. My team finished fifth overall in our division. It was a lot of fun.

The place where we stayed had a swimming pool, eight ball table and a campfire. Once we got unpacked the first thing that I did was go into the pool.

Ty K



# STORY DOGS NEWS



McDonald Park School is very excited to have Karen Kennedy and Jesse James as regular visitors to our school to help our students with their reading and they

will be visiting every Tuesday morning to help our year 2 classes with their reading. The Story Dogs program partners with the classroom teachers to help students with their reading. They will help the same 4 students each week. The students will come out of their classroom and sit one-on-one with Karen and read to Jesse because she loves to listen and will not mind if the student makes a few mistakes, she just wants to have a fun time so that books and reading become a joyful experience.



Jesse James was born in February 2022 and became a family member of Karen's in May 2022. She is a very active border collie. Jesse regularly attends the ATR Dog Obedience and also the Blue Lake Dog Obedience. Jesse hopes that one day she can compete in agility and other competitions.

She is always learning and trying to improve her agility skills with K9s and Kaz. Jesse loves playing Frisbee, ball and running and walking in the lakes area with me, her mum. She also has a large group of doggy friends who she loves to socialize with. Any of these activities are part of her daily routine and being a border collie, routine is the most important thing to her. She has a love/hate relationship with the family cat who thinks he owns all her sleeping areas. Jesse looks forward to attending McDonald Park School and listening to many books being read to her. If you are interested in volunteering in this rewarding program, please contact the Coordinator:

Helen Williams [helenw@storydogs.org.au](mailto:helenw@storydogs.org.au)

Welcome Karen and Jesse!

# MATERIAL & SERVICES CHARGE

**A reminder that any outstanding Materials and Services Charge (school fees) are now overdue.**

If you have not applied for School Card and believe you may be eligible, please apply online via [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au). School Card must be applied for every year.

Thank you to those families who have paid fees or made arrangements with the school to do so by instalment. If you wish to pay by instalment please speak to Julie (Finance Officer) ASAP.

**The following payment options are available to assist you with payments:**

**Qkr!** by mastercard is a free mobile app available from google play or iTunes. If you are interested and need further information please contact the front office.

### **Direct Deposit**

Account name: McDonald Park Primary School

Bank: Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633-000

Account number: 147553226

Reference: please quote your family code or invoice number.

**EFTPOS** facilities are available for payment including over the phone and by mail.

Cash payments may be made in person at the front office.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Come along to Active8 Fitness for 30 minutes of bouncing fun with great music in the school holidays with Lauren

\$5 per child, minimum age 5 years

flexibility precision control Pilates alignment

**ABF ACTIVE FITNESS**

To book your spot, please contact Active8 Fitness on 87230288, [info@active8fitness.com.au](mailto:info@active8fitness.com.au) or our social media @active8fit



# YEAR 3/4 ROBE CAMP



## Combined extracts from camp recounts

by Mai, Isabelle, Eli and Jax from room 6

On Wednesday our class and rooms one and two went to Robe for school camp. We first went to the bus early in the morning. Ms Hill told me to put my things on the other side of the fence. Then my mum gave me a kiss and we hopped on the bus. I sat next to Kace.

After a while we arrived at Beachport. We ate our recess and then we played and there was a flying fox near the playground. Then we hopped back on the bus.

After a little bit we played music, and we could ask for songs. I tried to sleep but everyone was singing.

Then we arrived at the campsite, and we went to the place to eat our lunch. Then we got sorted into our dorms. Then we had free time, and I was playing with a skipping rope. After that we played outside. Van, Ryder, Lucas, and I kicked the football.

Later we took a walk to Long Beach for beach games. We had free time, and everyone went in the water but me. I started to build a sandcastle and Ella and Scarlett started to help me.

We went back to camp, more free time. My friends and I played Paddle Pong, and we played it like Four Square for some reason.

At tea we had pasta and we got to choose if we wanted red (meat) sauce. Dessert was ice cream. After Van and I went to Tilly's and Jesse's Museum of Rare Things.

At seven we watched a movie, Oddball. At nine we had to put our lights off.

The next day we had breakfast and then I had free time until we had to go surfing. My group went to Long Beach for surfing. At surfing I had trouble getting the wet suit on. Charlie told us how to stand on our boards. Then we went in the ocean. I nearly stood up on my board, but I fell.

Then we had to go back. I ate my lunch on the bus. We came back to school and then I went home.



## Recounts from Room 5

Last week I went camping at Robe with my friends. **Riley**

Firstly, we went on the bus and stopped at Beachport for a play on the playground. It was a long way to Robe. when we got to camp we had our lunch, then we looked around the campsite. After this, we did a scavenger hunt. One of the activities was taking pictures and videos of our team doing challenges. You can only have 4 people in your team. One of the games included dancing. We worked respectfully. **Ameilie & Digby**

Next, we walked to the beach and we played three beach games. We worked in teams of 4 people. The first game was to build a sandcastle and decorate it with items collected on the beach. My team's sandcastle had a moat and had interesting decorations. Then we did races to catch the flag and at the end there was only 1 flag, so we had to run really fast. The last game was called Holey Moley because the bucket had holes in it. We had to fill it with water and run it back to our big bucket. The first to fill the big bucket was the winner. **Logan & Amelia J**

Finally, we went into the water and started surfing for a bit. Then we got told to go out a bit deeper to get better at surfing. We had to catch a wave, so we can then stand on the surfboard but if we fall we have to fall off backwards or forwards. You can't dive off the board or you will knock your teeth out! **Brax & Sophie**

I felt resilient because I kept trying to catch waves. I had a very good time because I got to play with my friends for a whole entire day. **Lylah & Dominic**



## Recount from Room 2

Last week we went to Robe for camp. Our favourite parts of the camp were making our beds and having free time. It was fun because we got to talk in the cabin and all of our friends were in there. We also like surfing because we could catch waves. The hardest part of surfing was trying to put our wetsuits on! Camp was heaps of fun, but very tiring.

**Ella M, Lyla T, Emilia B**







**MONDAY 15 APRIL TO SUNDAY 28 APRIL: STRAIGHT TO THE POOL ROOM**

**During opening hours @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre** 🎮

**FREE ALL AGES**

Explore how regional families celebrated their footy fandom by checking out 'Straight to the Pool Room'. A local guernsey collection to inspire your own creation (which you can win!), a trophy mantle and wall of scrapbooks featuring local stories. Plus, you can put yourself onto a collectable card, or try your hand at commentating before competing in the card game Footy Feud.

**MONDAY 15 APRIL TO SUNDAY 21 APRIL: PAPER LANTERNS**

**FREE ALL AGES**

**During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library** 📖

Enjoy a 'do it yourself' activity creating colourful paper lanterns. Bookings not required.

**MONDAY 15 APRIL: PINE CONE CREATURES**

**FREE UNDER 8'S**

**10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library** 📖

Join us to celebrate autumn by creating some cute pine cone pals – an echidna, bird, dinosaur or even your own special creation. Bookings essential.

**MONDAY 15 APRIL: MOVIE AND POPCORN (RATED PG)**

**FREE ALL AGES**

**2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library** 📖

Get cosy as we watch a family movie on the big screen with popcorn provided. \*Due to licensing, the movie cannot be named in the program. Please call the library to find out more.

Bookings essential.

## TUESDAY 16 APRIL: UNDER 5'S

### BABY BOUNCE

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

From birth, babies love to interact with their parents and others around them. In this session we encourage lots of face to face play between parents and babies, lots of laughs, giggling and singing. Bookings not required.

### SCIENCE STORYTIME

10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

Join us for a science themed storytime where we will read 'Do not Lick this Book' by Idan Ben-Barak and explore microbes through a magnifying lens. Bookings essential.

FREE UNDER 5'S

## TUESDAY 16 APRIL: FOOTY FEEDZ – POLYMER CLAY MAGNETS

2:00pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre 🎨

We're taking you back to the footy canteen with good old fashioned pies and hot dogs. Create your own 'Footy Feedz' using polymer clay to sculpt out your favourite canteen staple, then add a magnet to turn it into something useful. Straight to the pool room fridge door! All materials supplied. Bookings essential.

\$5 AGES 5+

## WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL: CORAL MAKING WITH PAINT

10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre 🎨

Create an underwater scene of coral using paint, straws and blowing bubbles!  
Please dress for a mess. Bookings essential.

FREE UNDER 5'S

## WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL: MACRAME

2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

Bring your best knot tying skills as we use coloured rope and beads to create a mini wall hanging using macrame techniques. Bookings essential.

FREE AGES 8+

## THURSDAY 18 APRIL: UNDER 5'S

### BABY BOUNCE

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

From birth, babies love to interact with their parents and others around them, in this session we encourage lots of face to face play between parents and babies, lots of laughs, giggling and singing. Bookings not required.

### MOVE AND GROOVE

10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

Boost your toddler's physical and emotional wellbeing! Move and Groove is the perfect opportunity for young children and caregivers to participate in energetic sensory, motor and cognitive play. Bookings not required.

FREE UNDER 5'S

## THURSDAY 18 APRIL: PAPER PLANE LAUNCHER

2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

Launch your paper planes into the sky with the power of science and creativity. Bookings essential.

FREE AGES 8+

## SATURDAY 20 APRIL: UNDERWATER GREEN SCREEN

12:00pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre 🎨

Based on the 'Secrets of Seaweed' exhibition in the gallery, be immersed in your own underwater scene with the magic of green screen! See how this popular media method works. Bookings not required

FREE AGES 8+

## MONDAY 22 APRIL TO SUNDAY 28 APRIL: ANZAC DAY POPPY WALL

During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

As we remember the ANZACs – create a poppy to add to our memorial wall or take home with you. A self-sufficient activity for children to complete with their caregivers. Bookings not required.

FREE ALL AGES

## MONDAY 22 APRIL: FIRE BREATHING DRAGONS

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

Unleash your creativity and bring mythical creatures to life. With cardboard rolls and a dash of imagination, create your very own fire breathing dragon. Drop-in session, bookings not required.

FREE UNDER 8'S

## MONDAY 22 APRIL: FLIP BOOK ANIMATION

2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

Using traditional animation (drawing) join local audio-visual artist Fermin from Fermin RT who will guide you in creating your very own flip book animation! Bookings essential.

FREE AGES 10+

## TUESDAY 23 APRIL: UNDER 5'S – SENSORY PLAY

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

Bring along your under 5s and stimulate their senses in our sensory play session. Please dress your child in appropriate clothing - messy play may be included. Bookings essential.

FREE UNDER 5'S

## TUESDAY 23 APRIL: BADGEMAKING

2:00pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre 🎨

Footy fever is high with the Gather Round on the horizon. Create your own badges in team colours to show your support. All materials supplied. Bookings not required.

FREE AGES 5+



## WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL: FAMILY LEGO COMPETITION

10:00am - 3:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

FREE ALL AGES

Bring the whole family and unleash your creativity and building skills. We challenge you to make your best LEGO build for your chance to win a LEGO set for the whole family to enjoy. Drop-in session, bookings not required.

## WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL: FILM SCREENING – PONYO (G)

10:00am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre 🎬

GOLD COIN ALL AGES

One morning near his seaside home, five year old Sosuke discovers a goldfish he names Ponyo. Her head stuck in a jam jar, he rescues her, and fascinated with each other, they promise to stay firm friends. When Ponyo's father, a powerful underwater sorcerer, forces her to return to the ocean depths, Ponyo is determined to join Sosuke on the surface and become human. What follows is an amazing underwater adventure for all ages.

Runtime: 1 hour 40 mins. Bookings essential.

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## WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL: D&D AFTERNOON

2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

FREE AGES 12+

Calling all future dungeon masters, immerse yourself in the world of D&D. Snacks provided. Bookings essential.

## FRIDAY 26 APRIL: GALLERY TOUR AND MAKER ACTIVITY

10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre 🎨

FREE AGES 5+

Get inspired by the 'Secrets of Seaweed' exhibition with an interactive tour, followed by an art making activity. Bookings essential.

## FRIDAY 26 APRIL: POOL COMPETITION

2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

FREE AGES 12+

Chalk your cue and compete against other players to see who can pocket the balls in the shortest amount of time. \$50 Ultimate Teens Gift Card up for grabs. Bookings not required.

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

- Bookings essential for all sessions (unless stated otherwise).
- Bookings can be made by contacting the individual venue as below or scan the QR code. Please note Library bookings open 8 April.
- Our school holiday sessions are very popular and usually book out. If you have booked in and can no longer attend please call to cancel so another child can enjoy.
- Parents and guardians must remain with children under the age of 12 during sessions.



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