

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

NEWSLETTER

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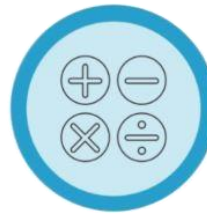


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NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy



NAPLAN online testing will be carried out in week seven and week eight of term one. This is a nationally developed program that provides schools, the Department for Education and the federal government with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

Now that we are in our fifth year of NAPLAN online testing, our staff, ICT and also students are well prepared. The only test that continues to be completed as a hardcopy is the year three writing test. Students in year three and five will complete one test each day. The sequence of testing is writing, reading, conventions of language and numeracy.

Teachers use a wide range of assessments to create a balanced and comprehensive picture of your child's learning needs. NAPLAN adds to this information by giving a snapshot of progress in literacy and numeracy for students in years three and five.

NAPLAN tests are administered during the same time period in all schools across Australia. The content of the test is aligned to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics. Students do not have to learn specific skills for NAPLAN; in fact, the best preparation is a good all-round education and a growth mindset.

NAPLAN individual student results are posted to schools later in the year – we do not have a timeframe for this at this stage.

Some parents may wish to withdraw their child on religious grounds or due to philosophical objections to testing. Parents may also wish to exempt their child if they are a new arrival in Australia or have a significant intellectual disability. A form needs to be completed and signed by the parent for a withdrawal or exemption to occur; please contact your child's teacher if you wish to exempt or withdraw your child.

Kirsty Hill, Daniel Castle & Lia Jordan



Coming Events

WEEK 7

Monday 11 March

**ADELAIDE CUP
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Wed. 13 Mar. to Friday 15 Mar.

NAPLAN testing

WEEK 8

Mon. 18 Mar. to Friday 22 Mar.

NAPLAN testing

Thursday 21 March

HARMONY DAY

WEEK 9

Mon. 25 March - Thurs. 28 March

**3 Way Conferences
Swimming Years 4/5/6**

Mon. 25 March

Governing Council Meeting

Friday 29 March

GOOD FRIDAY

VISION AWARDS

Term 1, Week 3

RESPECT

Presented to	By	For
Ava D	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Deppeler	respectfully including others in work and play.
Charlotte S	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	offering help to her class mates when she finishes her work.
Nash M	Miss Schulz & Miss Hutchinson	being a kind and respectful member of our class.
Gabby A	Miss Schulz & Miss Hutchinson	being a kind and respectful member of our class.
Luke D	Mrs Cooper & Miss Hutchinson	being a respectful member of the class, always using his manners and being inclusive of others.
Harriet K	Mrs Cooper & Miss Hutchinson	being a respectful, responsible and kind class member who always helps those who need it.

THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Ava C	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Harding	settling into all aspects of school life beautifully; Ava is curious, caring and excited to be learning.
Spencer H	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Harding	settling into all aspects of his school routine; Spencer is organised, friendly and ready for learning.
Jamison L	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	demonstrating increased resilience when saying goodbye to Mum each morning.
Amelia J	Mrs McCracken & Miss Hutchinson	accepting challenges in her math learning.
Eli H	Mrs Dew	his achievements in one minute math tests - addition, subtraction and multiplication.
Zane C	Mrs Dew	his achievement in the one minute math test - division.
Lucas M	Mrs Dew	his achievement in the Words Their Way primary, elementary and upper spelling tests.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Presented to	By	For
Sam P	Mrs McCracken & Miss Hutchinson	understanding when to use the learning pit.

ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Ella G	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Deppeler	engaging in setting up for success activities with a positive and enthusiastic attitude.
Marty S	Ms Huitema	engaging with his learning and always doing his best.
Amity W	Miss Schulz & Miss Hutchinson	engaging in all learning areas with enthusiasm and effort.
Lety S	Miss Eldridge	approaching all tasks with focus and striving to do her best.
Connor C	Miss Eldridge	consistently and confidently contributing to class discussions.
Meaghan H	Mrs Cooper & Miss Hutchinson	displaying a willingness to attempt all learning opportunities with a positive mindset.
Lachie K	Mrs McCracken & Miss Hutchinson	actively listening and trying to set out his book work in the correct way.

COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Jamie F	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Deppeler	collaboratively working with others to finish a task.
Yasmin C	Ms Huitema	getting along well with others and caring for her friends.
Addilyn D	Miss Eldridge	taking the time to help classmates who need assistance.
Mikayla T	Mrs Cooper & Miss Hutchinson	being a collaborative worker and engaged in all learning activities.
Caleb P	Mrs McCracken & Miss Hutchinson	working effectively with others in a range of tasks.



SAPSASA SWIMMING



Congratulations to Benji R who has been selected to represent the Lower South East in SAPSASA Swimming. He will be competing on Monday 8 April in the State Championships. Best of luck Benji.

Student Leadership Fundraisers

The final figures for our recent student leadership fundraisers were:

Aquaintance night BBQ
raised **\$199.41**

The leadership stall/s at lunch time Friday 23 February
raised **\$273.35**

Student Leadership NOORLA YO LONG 2024

On Monday 26 February, the student leadership group went to Noorla Yo-Long. Their communication and leadership skills were needed throughout the day. It started out with a trust run, navigating a maze blind folded, an obstacle course with a partner and lastly the high rope course. Our student leadership group embraced the challenges of the day and showed, resilience persistence and team work. They represented themselves and our school to a high standard. A fun day had by all.



Story Dogs @ McPark



Welcome Janine & Peppa

McDonald Park School is very excited to have Janine and Peppa returning as regular visitors to our school to help our students with their reading. Janine and Peppa will be visiting every Thursday to help our year two/three classes with their reading. The story dogs program partners with the classroom teachers to help students with their reading. They will help four students each week. The students will come out of their classroom and sit one-on-one with Janine and Peppa and read to Peppa 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.

Peppa is an Australian Shepherd. She attended all the usual training schools as she grew up, starting with puppy school and then into obedience and agility classes. If you are interested in volunteering in this rewarding program, please contact the co-ordinator – Helen Williams at helenw@storydogs.org.au

Community News

My Families

Written by Tina Schoenau
Illustrated by Cat Dean

MY FAMILIES
A rhyming children's book about two children that have a blended family who live between two homes. One with mum, another with dad and the roles of their step siblings and stepparents.

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To the stage

2024 FRINGE MOUNT GAMBIER

INDUSTRY INTENSIVE
GEM & MEG

DANCE | SING | ACT

AN UNMISSABLE WORKSHOP PROGRAM AND LIVE SHOW WITH INTERSTATE PROFESSIONALS IN THE PERFORMING ARTS INDUSTRY!

Adrian Ricks | Hara Papoulias | Callum Marshall
Joella Jackson | Callum Smith | Meagan Andrews | Gemma Kelly

MARCH 23RD & 24TH | APRIL 6TH & 7TH

REGISTER & BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

FRINGE MOUNT GAMBIER
22 MAR - 7 APR, 2024 | GROW & GLOW

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A Night of Comedy and Curiosity

Sharing is caring, right? So why is it so hard to do? Especially when it comes to how we think about managing land sustainably. Join us for a night of comedy and curiosity with our host comedian Jason Chong and guest scientists tackling the big question: how do we share this land?

Friday 22 March
5:30pm pre performance drinks
Performance commences at 6:00pm

Bookings for this event are essential
Book your free ticket via the QR code

U8'S HOCKEY 2024

TERM 2
Starting 10th of May
Fridays
4:30-5:15

Blue Lake Sports Park
Jubilee Highway East
Mount Gambier

\$41 rego
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