

# NEWSLETTER

## McDonald Park School



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# End of Term 2

We are really proud of the learning that has occurred throughout the school this term. Reports and portfolios that went home this week reflect the effort and achievement. Please contact your child's class teacher if there are any questions regarding learning.

As a result of many of the classes Year 2+ trialling PhOrMeS, a literacy program with a focus on spelling and vocab, students understanding of the English language has grown significantly. We hope that your own knowledge has been extended due to your child talking about their learning.

The Art Show demonstrated the breadth of creativity and skill that is among our school community. It was certainly a highlight of the term's learning.

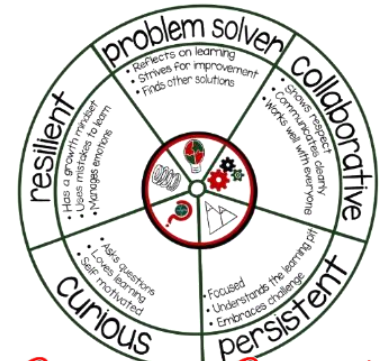
Reconciliation Week has provided purpose and context for looking at the world through an Aboriginal Perspective which has led to deeper reflection and thinking to value identity and culture for all.

Next term we welcome a new Foundation class, who have experienced what school will look like when visiting last week. We welcome Hannah Waters back from maternity leave as their main class teacher.

Early this week we informed the school community that Sharon Day had been appointed as the principal of MilLeI PS. We would like to acknowledge all of the work that she has done for McPark over her varied tenures as Literacy Coach, Senior Leader and Deputy. Her focus on student learning, community and improvement will be missed but we know that she will thrive in her new role and we wish her all the best.

Daniel Castle will continue in the Deputy Principal role for 6 months and we welcome Jess Hill to the Senior Leader role next term.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday break with your children and look forward to seeing you in Term 3 which begins on Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup>.



## Coming Events

### WEEK 10

**Friday, 5 July**  
Early Dismissal  
2:15pm

### Term 3

**Friday Week 3**  
**9 August**

**PUPIL FREE DAY**



# VISION AWARDS

## Term 2, Week 8

### RESPECT

Presented to	By	For
Lara F	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	demonstrating respect and consideration to teachers and classmates.
Evie K	Mrs Cooper & Miss Hutchinson	being a kind, caring and respectful class member who always willingly helps others.
Izzy Mc	Mrs McCracken & Miss Hutchinson	demonstrating respect and consideration towards classmates and teachers in our school.

### THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Raven T	Ms Huitema	working diligently in the classroom and her outstanding art for the Art Show.
Luna S	Ms Huitema	always showing a true commitment to her learning and her outstanding art for the Art Show.
Alex E	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Harding	being creative and imaginative in her learning. She has also made a strong effort with her daily organisation.
Alazae P	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Harding	growing in her resilience and being kind and friendly to others.
Dallas Mc	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	participating enthusiastically during Math lessons and displaying a love of working with numbers.
Abbi P	Miss Schulz & Miss Hutchinson	using different colours and textures to create her artwork for the Art Show.
Charlotte A	Miss Schulz & Miss Hutchinson	mixing colours to create a stunning sunset for the Art Show.
Jesse J	Mrs Cooper & Miss Hutchinson	displaying a growth mindset, in taking the time to complete your work to the best of your ability.
Blake P	Mrs Cooper & Miss Hutchinson	displaying an improved willingness to attempt all learning opportunities, with a positive mindset.
Sophie D	Mrs McCracken & Miss Hutchinson	consistent learning growth and a positive attitude towards learning.
Melissa N	Mrs Dew	her achievement in visual art tasks, especially her charcoal tree drawing for the Art Show.
Lincoln O	Mrs Dew	his achievement in the one minute basic math tests for subtraction.

### PROBLEM SOLVING

Presented to	By	For
Alice F	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Deppeler	using her initiative to improve and solve problems for others.
Beau R	Miss Eldridge	improving his maths fluency and using these skills to solve multiplication problems.
Jameson D	Miss Eldridge	using efficient strategies to solve multiplication problems.
Arabella A	Mrs Cooper & Miss Hutchinson	showing curiosity and interest in her learning by solving problems and questioning processes.

### ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Chase M	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Deppeler	outstanding progress in reading and for reaching his goal.
Lyla T	Miss Eldridge	leading the class during our dance rehearsals and performance.
Ella M	Miss Eldridge	using effective skills and techniques when creating her piece for the art show.
Oliver E	Mrs McCracken & Miss Hutchinson	his positive attitude and effort towards all learning opportunities.
Mai C-T	Mrs Dew	her engagement and achievement in visual art tasks, especially her charcoal tree drawing for the Art Show.

### COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Annie L	Mrs McCracken & Miss Hutchinson	consistently working well with peers and contributing to group success with enthusiasm and cooperation.



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Congratulations to Sharon Day on her principal appointment to Mil Lel Primary School.

I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the best in her new position.



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## ART SHOW RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st - Joel M
- 2nd - Noela B
- 3rd - Bradley H
- 4th - Shaye C
- 5th - Hayden C
- 6th - Alex R
- 7th - Scarlet W



*Congratulations*



# ART SHOW Elements

## Best in Class

- A1 - Tiggy L
- A2 - Charlie Mc
- A3 - Spencer H
- A4 - Jack L
- Rm 1 - Mia G
- Rm 2 - Emilia B
- Rm 3 - Hunter L
- Rm 5 - Oliver E
- Rm 6 - Caylin JvV
- N2 - Violet G
- N3 - Alanna L
- N4 - Ember B
- N5 - Elsie A
- N6 - Anna L



## Best in Show

Rec/Year 1- *Luna S* ~ Year 2/3 - *William B* ~ Year 3/4/5 - *Charlotte G / Jonti P* ~ Year 5/6 - *Aisling D*



# SAPSASA NETBALL



On the 23 of June I played SAPSASA boys netball. The competition went for three days. Each day we played three games. The first game was at 10:00am. I was the captain. We lost all three games on day one. On the second day we won two games and drew one. The third day we won all three games. Personally I had a really good time because my team was a lot of fun. I look forward to next year.

**Benji R N6**

My name is Judd and I went to Adelaide to represent our school in the SAPSASA boys netball competition. Benji and I were on the same team so we were happy. Our first three games on the Monday, we lost, but we wanted to improve. We did. We ended up winning five games, lost three and drew one. We played nine games in total at the netball stadium where the Thunderbirds train. We got to see them training at one point. My Mum said let's stay and watch but they were just doing drills so we went to our next game. My brother came up to Adelaide with us and we stayed at one of my Mum's friends' houses. She had two sons called Paddy and Tom. We played board games every night and morning and I loved it. It was

great fun playing with some of my friends from Naracoorte and Millicent. **Judd C N6**

I was lucky to be a part of the Lower South East SAPSASA netball team because I've always wanted to be a part of it. My favourite game was probably when it was sunny. I made lots of new friends. I was excited when I started to get lots of goals when playing goal shooter. We only won two out of nine games but as a team we played well.

**Izabella N N4**



## Lions Mad Minute



Hi, I'm going to tell you about my experience at the Lion's Mad Minute. I was the first performer for McPark and first to speak for the entire competition.

With a nerve wrecking speech under my belt (not literally), I got to sit and watch everyone else's speeches after me. Some people had hard topics but they gave it a go. My topic was 'People should learn other languages', which was a little hard. With a mix of humour and gestures, it was interesting to see how others were taught to do impromptu speaking.

It was a great learning experience for year 5 McPark students and others. In the end Mulga Street won. McPark may not have won but we had a lot of fun. Sadly no McPark students won individual awards either. That was my experience at the Lions Mad Minute. **Paiton P**

My name is Charlotte and I was part of the Lions Mad Minute this term. I got 14 votes to participate in it and I made it through to the finals at Mount Gambier High School. McDonald Park did not win the final schools competition. We did our best though.

My speech was "Bananas are better than strawberries". We were up against North Gambier, Mulga Street, Reidy Park, St Martins, Tenison, Allendale East, Compton, Glenburnie, Kalangadoo, Kongorong, Melaleuca Park, Milel, Moorak, Nangwarry, Suttontown and Yahl primary schools.

Sadly, Mulga Street won and not us but it was really fun. It would have been amazing to bring back home a trophy. **Charlotte G**



Hi, I am Baden and last week I went to compete in the Lions Mad Minute competition at Mount Gambier High School. We were the first school to have their speech. My topic was "Should you eat desert before dinner?"

Overall I think that McPark did well and we all had a good time.

**Baden D**

## Resource Centre News

### BOOK WEEK 2024 – Reading is Magic!

Book Week is fast approaching and we will celebrate during week 5 in term 3.

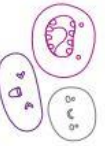
The parade will be held on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 9.15 am in the gym. The theme this year is 'Reading is magic'. Your child can dress up as a book character or anything to suit the 'reading is magic' theme. Think outside the square! Perhaps a magic wand, a magic carpet, a magical book character or creature, a magic trick or hat. Try and be creative and dress in something original!!! We ask that costumes are primary school age appropriate and that there are no masks or unseemly face paintings. Costumes can be handmade, using materials from home. We look forward to this long anticipated event!



# OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care | 8 - 19 July

4 HOURS	REGISTRATION FEE	REGISTRATION FEE	REGISTRATION FEE
\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
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\$9.75-32.50	\$9.75-32.50	\$9.75-32.50	\$9.75-32.50
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\$12.75-72.50	\$12.75-72.50	\$12.75-72.50	\$12.75-72.50



## WEEK 1

<b>Monday</b> 8 July	<b>Tuesday</b> 9 July	<b>Wednesday</b> 10 July	<b>Thursday</b> 11 July	<b>Friday</b> 12 July
<b>In-House</b> <b>Science Experiment Day</b>	<b>In-House</b> <b>Minute to Win It</b>	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Ten Pin Bowling</b>	<b>In-House</b> <b>Making Day</b>	<b>In-House</b> <b>Dress Up Day and Face</b>
Get ready for a day of discovery and excitement where we experiment and immerse ourselves into the magical world of science.	Come join our minute to win it challenges. Test your skills and see if you have what it takes to beat the clock.	We are off to Kaboom for a fun and exciting game of bowling. Can you get a spare or even a strike? Depart: 9:00am Return: 1:00pm Transport: Private Bus	A day of construction and building activities. Bring your imagination and problem-solving skills.	Come in your favourite dress up or costume. We will have a special guest coming to paint our faces to complete your look. Start: 10:00am Finish: 1:00pm
Outcomes: 2, 4, 5	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Outcomes: 1, 4, 5	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

## WEEK 2

<b>Monday</b> 15 July	<b>Tuesday</b> 16 July	<b>Wednesday</b> 17 July	<b>Thursday</b> 18 July	<b>Friday</b> 19 July
<b>In-House</b> <b>Old School Games</b>	<b>In-House</b> <b>Multicultural Taste Testing</b>	<b>In-House</b> <b>Decorate a Plate</b>	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Movies</b>	<b>In-House</b> <b>Disco Day</b>
Step back in time and discover the joy of old school games, like hopscotch, skipping and board games.	Come celebrate different cultures through taste-testing different foods.	Design and decorate your very own plate to take home. You could make it for yourself or give it to some one special as a gift!	We are off to the Oatmill Cinema. Depart: 9:30am Return: 1:00pm Transport: Private Bus	Wear your most colourful and funkiest, disco outfit and get ready to bring your best dance moves!
Outcomes: 2, 3, 4	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Outcomes: 1, 4, 5	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Outcomes: 3, 4, 5

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**KIDS' DENTAL CARE!**  
COVERED BY MEDICARE!

## Over \$1,000 Worth of Dental Treatment for Your Kids

By having regular dental visits from a young age, kids can set up good oral health habits for a lifetime – now that's something to smile about! Children may be able to access a range of basic dental services\* at no cost, using the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). The Child Dental Benefits Schedule covers over \$1,000 worth of dental treatment every 2 years, for eligible children\*\* 17 years and under.

**Child Dental Benefits Schedule – it's easy and may be gap-free!**

Find out how to use the scheme!



\*Basic dental services may include: Check-ups, teeth cleaning, fillings, fissure sealants, x-rays, extractions, and root canal. Excludes orthodontics, treatment under general anaesthetic, cosmetic dental treatment, and moulding guards. \*\*Eligible children include: recipients of certain Medicare Benefits (Family Tax Benefit A) and Centrelink payments. Treatment is covered to the value of over \$1,000 every 2 years. Fees may apply after entitlements are reached.





**MONDAY 8 JULY TO SUNDAY 14 JULY: CARDBOARD CRITTERS** FREE — ALL AGES

**During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library**  
Using cardboard and a touch of imagination, enjoy a 'do-it-yourself' activity creating a colourful critter of your choice. A self-sufficient activity for children to complete with caregivers. Bookings not required.

**MONDAY 8 JULY TO SUNDAY 14 JULY: PROTRACTOR ABSTRACTION** FREE — AGES 3+

**During opening hours @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre**  
Using protractors and circular shaped recycled materials, drop in and create your own colourful abstract patterns in the Riddoch Foyer. Bookings not required.

**MONDAY 8 JULY: STORY DOGS AT THE LIBRARY** FREE — AGES 5+

**10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library**  
Join us with local Story Dogs volunteers and dogs, as we learn how best to greet a dog, and ways in which you can safely interact with them, as well as a showcase of some clever doggy tricks! Suitable for school aged children only. Bookings essential.

**MONDAY 8 JULY: KALEIDOSCOPES** FREE — ALL AGES

**2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library**  
Dive into the colourful world of kaleidoscopes in a 'do-it yourself' craft activity where you will assemble your own kaleidoscope using simple materials. Take your kaleidoscope across to the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre and enjoy all that the Viewfinder Room has to offer! Bookings not required.

**TUESDAY 9 JULY: UNDER 5'S** FREE — UNDER 5'S

**BABY BOUNCE**

**10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library**  
In this session we encourage lots of face-to-face play between parents and babies, lots of laughing, giggling and singing. Bookings not required.

**SCIENCE STORYTIME**

**10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library**  
Join us for a science themed storytime where we will read the book 'Different? Same!' by Heather Tekavec and explore similarities and differences. Bookings not required.

**SATURDAY 13 JULY: ABSTRACT CREATION WITH BETH KAY** \$10 — AGES 15+

**12:00pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre**  
Exhibiting artist Beth Kay will provide an insight to her processes as an abstract artist and share techniques leading participants through creating their own abstract work on paper. Bookings essential.

**MONDAY 15 JULY — SUNDAY 21 JULY: LEGO BUILDING** FREE — ALL AGES

**During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library**  
No matter your skill level, come in and construct your own unique LEGO creation. Self-sufficient activity. Children are to be supervised by adults. Bookings not required.

**MONDAY 15 JULY TO SUNDAY 21 JULY: FROSTED WINDOWS** FREE — AGES 3+

**During opening hours @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre**  
Take note of the natural scenery outdoors and draw what you can see into the window template. Use the multicoloured crayons and white oil pastels to build light and shade. Bookings not required.

**MONDAY 15 JULY: SENSORY PLAY** FREE — UNDER 5'S

**10:00am and 11:00am @ Mount Gambier Library**  
Stimulate your under 5's senses in our engaging and fun sensory play session. Please dress your child in appropriate clothing – messy play may be included. Bookings essential - please only book into one session.

**MONDAY 15 JULY: PAPER FOLDING CRAFT** FREE — AGES 8+

**2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library**  
Create stunning layered designs using strips of paper that can be turned into a card or colourful wall decoration. Bookings essential.

**TUESDAY 16 JULY: UNDER 5'S** FREE — UNDER 5'S

**BABY BOUNCE**

**10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library**  
In this session we encourage lots of face-to-face play between parents and babies, lots of laughing, giggling and singing. Bookings not required.

**STORYTIME**

**10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library**  
'Now That's a Hat' by Heath McKenzie. Join us as we nurture a love for reading, build language and comprehension skills and have fun! Craft activity to follow. Bookings not required.

**TUESDAY 16 JULY: 3D PRINTING** FREE — ALL AGES

**2:00pm - 5:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library**  
Using TinkerCad, you can either choose from designs or build your own and watch the image come to life in 3D. Bookings not required.

**TUESDAY 16 JULY: CLARICE BECKETT ART STEPS** GOLD COIN — AGES 8+

**2:00pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre**  
Experience the art steps of artist Clarice Beckett in this tour and painting session where participants will focus on light and shade in the studio. Bookings essential.

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**TUESDAY 9 JULY: TOUR AND VIEWFINDER SESSION** FREE — AGES 5+

**2:00pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre**  
Tour the exhibitions of Clarice Beckett, Natalya Hughes and Beth Kay then visit the Viewfinder Room for hands-on activities. Bookings essential.

**WEDNESDAY 10 JULY: ANNIE'S STORY WITH AUNTY MICHELLE** FREE — AGES 5-7

**10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library**  
Join local Elder Aunty Michelle for the telling of a story about Annie as a child, learning from Elders with other children in the mob. To be followed by a puzzle and craft activity. Bookings essential.

**THURSDAY 11 JULY: TEDDY'S FIRST SLEEPOVER** FREE — ALL AGES

**9:00am - 5:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library**  
Drop off your teddy and let them sleepover at the library! Collect them on Friday 12 July and have them show you all of their fun memories from the night. Bookings not required.

**THURSDAY 11 JULY: UNDER 5'S** FREE — UNDER 5'S

**BABY BOUNCE**

**10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library**  
In this session we encourage lots of face-to-face play between parents and babies, lots of laughing, giggling and singing. Bookings not required.

**MOVE AND GROOVE**

**10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library**  
Move and Groove is the perfect opportunity for young children and caregivers to participate in energetic sensory, motor and cognitive play. Bookings not required.

**THURSDAY 11 JULY: ART COLLAGE** GOLD COIN — AGES 5+

**2:00pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre**  
Tell your story in the form of a collage. Select images that show who you are and collage them together to form your unique artwork. Bookings essential.

**FRIDAY 12 JULY: OIL PASTEL PAINTING** GOLD COIN — AGES 5+

**10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre**  
Explore this beginners guide to oil painting with oil pastels and cotton tips. Create whimsical skies using this technique gliding colours together. Bookings essential.

**FRIDAY 12 JULY: MARIO KART COMPETITION** FREE — AGES 12+

**2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library**  
Rev up your engines and get ready for the ultimate Mario Kart Championship. Whether you're a seasoned pro or rookie racer, go head-to-head with fellow gamers for your chance to win an Ultimate Teen Giftcard valued at \$50. May the best racer win! Bookings not required.

**WEDNESDAY 17 JULY: ROBOT WARS** FREE — AGES 8+

**10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library**  
Design and build battle shells to go on top of a Sphero robot then enter the arena to find out who is the last standing in 'Battle of the Robots'. BYO device (smartphone/tablet) with SpheroEDU app installed. Bookings essential.

**WEDNESDAY 17 JULY: CREATIVE WITH CLAY** FREE — AGES 12+

**2:00pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre**  
Discover the art of polymer clay. Learn how to mould, shape, and bake polymer clay into unique creations of your choice. Bookings essential.

**THURSDAY 18 JULY: UNDER 5'S** FREE — UNDER 5'S

**BABY BOUNCE**

**10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library**  
In this session we encourage lots of face-to-face play between parents and babies, lots of laughing, giggling and singing. Bookings not required.

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**THURSDAY 18 JULY: DIGITAL ART CLUB** FREE — AGES 5+

**2:00pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre**  
Join the school holidays edition of the Riddoch's Digital Art Club where you can share your digital art projects with others, discuss and share techniques or learn more about digital artwork. BYO iPad or laptop. Bookings essential.

**FRIDAY 19 JULY: HOUR OF CODE** FREE — AGES 8+

**10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library**  
Get your code on as we use The Commissioners Digital Challenge to code our very own 3D T-Rex game! Bookings essential.

**IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE**

- Bookings essential for all sessions (unless stated otherwise) and open Monday 1 July.
- Bookings can be made by contacting the individual venue as below or scan the QR code.
- 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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