

# NEWSLETTER

## McDonald Park School



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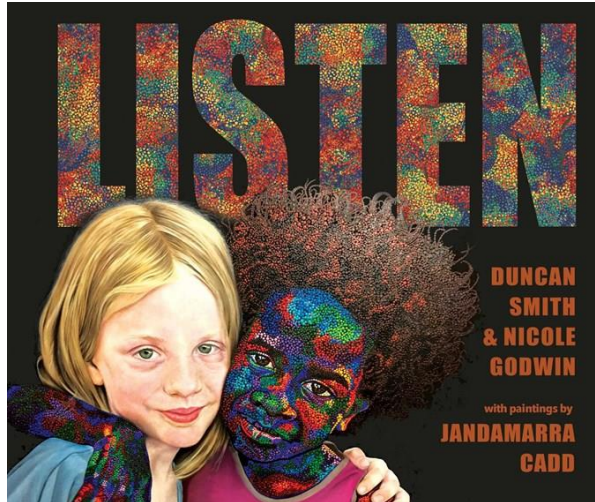
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# RECONCILIATION WEEK

Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May to 3 June 2024. These dates are significant in Australia's history and mark the 1967 referendum and Mabo Day. Reconciliation Week is an important week in Australia's calendar and has been running since 1993. This year the theme of Reconciliation Week is 'Now More Than Ever'.

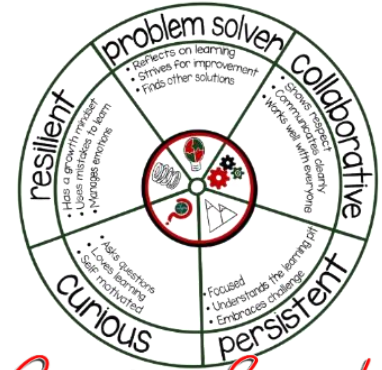
At McDonald Park School, numerous classes have already engaged in extensive learning about First Nations perspectives and cultures. While some have written their own Acknowledgement of Country, others have explored topics such as the 1967 referendum and land management practices.

In preparation for Reconciliation Week, classes will learn about the meaning of reconciliation. Through reading, 'Listen' by Duncan Smith and Nicole Goodwin, students will reflect on the impact of actively listening to the histories, stories, experiences, and viewpoints of others. Additionally, they will consider the words they can say and the actions they can take to foster reconciliation and cultivate respectful relationships.



We look forward to sharing students' learning and ideas about reconciliation in the weeks ahead.

**Katherine Bundy**  
**Aboriginal Education Teacher**



## Coming Events

### WEEK 5

Reconciliation Week  
**Monday, 27 May**  
Governing Council meeting

### WEEK 6

**Sunday, 2 June**  
Come & See McPark, 2.00pm  
**Monday, 3 June**  
Come & See McPark, 10.00am

### WEEK 7

**Monday, 10 June**  
Public holiday  
- King's birthday  
**Friday, 14 June**  
Casual day



# WARRNAMBOOL

## Year 5 Camp

At the end of term one, the year 5 students travelled to Warrnambool for their 2024 camp.



Arriving at the camp site, *Warra Gnan Coastal Camp*, campers quickly unloaded their luggage, had a quick lunch and headed off to investigate *Flagstaff Hill*. At the historic village students were able to get a glimpse of life during the era of whale hunting in colonial Australia.

Dressing up and playing the part, the year 5s all had the chance to experience a school lesson based on life in 1800s. They learnt about the strict rules of the classroom, using a slate and soap stones, how to write with a quill and reading poetry. The educational sessions also gave students insight into the

everyday life of people living in the area of Warrnambool as the town was emerging as a major whaling village. In the evening we returned to *Flagstaff Hill*, where personal narratives and historical recounts were presented through a lightshow.

On the Tuesday the students rotated through surfing, canoeing, fishing and capture the flag. Students showed resilience and collaboration throughout the day. While not many fish were caught, and none served for supper, a few were lucky and managed to lure (and release) a fish from the jetty. Despite the chilly water, students took to the waves with confidence and had an amazing time trying to stand on their boards and master surfing. Canoeing was a new challenge for many, with lots of laughter as they worked out how to direct their canoes and work together to stay on course. Dodging the rabbit holes on the capture the flag field provided as much challenge as avoiding the opposition.

Before returning on the Wednesday, campers walked down to the Lake Pertrope Adventure Park. Here they spent time playing and moving between all of the equipment with highlights being the giant slide, the flying fox and the maze. It was a jam packed time away!



# VISION AWARDS

## Term 2, Week 2

### PROBLEM SOLVING

Presented to	By	For
Lukas V	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	using a range of strategies to solve maths problems effectively.

### ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Hunter P	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	including engaging hooks and interesting detail to your stories to engage the listener.
Denver T	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	a detailed drawing of a fish using the Aboriginal X-ray art technique.
Hayley M	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	making big improvements in listening and being involved in her learning.
Scarlett Mc	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	being an involved and valuable contributor in class discussions.
Lara B	Ms Munday & Mrs Bundy	engaging fully in all areas of her learning.
Declean M	Mrs McLean	for settling into McDonald Park so quickly and working to achieve his learning goals.
Clifton J	Ms Mitchell	consistently selecting a variety of reading material including non-fiction.
Ahna H	Ms Mitchell	being actively involved in History lessons to produce a detailed report on Pemalway with a wonderful sketch of him.

### COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Layla T	Mrs Bisnov & Mr Bigg	her high level of interest and participation in all class activities. Well done!
Campbell B	Ms Munday & Mrs Bundy	supporting others and working well in teams.

### RESPECT

Presented to	By	For
Zach P	Mrs McLean	always displaying respect towards learning and putting in his best efforts.

### THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Alexis B	Ms Munday & Mrs Bundy	growing confidence and resilience in mathematics.
Scarlet W	Mrs McLean	for thriving within her learning, as she works hard, and uses feedback to improve her work.
Susan S	Mrs McLean	excellent improvements in 2024, and using feedback to drive her learning.



### SAPSASA SWIMMING

On 8<sup>th</sup> April I swam in Adelaide for SAPSASA. I swam in the freestyle, breaststroke and two relays. When I got there I was feeling fine but when I was on the diving blocks I was feeling really nervous. There were some really fast swimmers there. I'm proud that I was brave enough to give it a go. The good thing was I saw my family friends there and I knew lots of people. I'm happy I gave it a go and I hope to make it next year.

**Benji R**



### SAPSASA SELECTIONS



**Lower South East  
SAPSASA DISTRICT**

Congratulations to the following talented McPark stars, who have been selected to represent our school as part of the Lower South East SAPSASA teams in the following sports:

**SAPSASA FOOTBALL (May 27 to May 29)**

Tyler C

**SAPSASA NETBALL Girls & Boys (June 24 to June 26)**

Izzy N, Judd C, Benji R

**SAPSASA TRACK AND FIELD (Monday September 16)**

Chloe B, Charlotte B, Benji R,  
Nathaniel T and Cruz C

## CALLS TO FRONT OFFICE



In a school the front office is a very busy place. We are happy to pass on messages to students about urgent matters, but we do ask that all non-urgent messages be kept to a minimum.

In addition to the front office being busy, please be mindful that teachers are not able to check Seesaw messages while teaching during the day and may not see a message until after the school day.

Please arrange with your children what is going to happen at home time before they go to school in the morning.

## CROSS COUNTRY



On Friday, May 10th McDonald Park was represented by 33 students at the South East Cross Country Championships in Naracoorte. Students competed in their age groups along with 858 students from the whole South East region from 37 schools. Each race started within the grounds of Naracoorte Primary School before making their way into the adjoining scrub lands to run on a sandy and hilly course. All of our students competed to the best of their ability over their distance which ranged from 1400m to 2500m. On the day we had some standout performances including a 1st place for Benji R who had an outstanding run, finishing in 10 minutes and 35 seconds. We also had other students who finished in the top six for our region who will go on to represent the Lower South East in Adelaide in June.



# Special Guest Artist Inspires Year 4/5 Class N2!

N2 were incredibly fortunate to have the talented professional artist, Cassie Zaccardo, join us from Adelaide via Zoom in class on the Thursday of week 3.

Cassie captivated students with her insights into finding inspiration for their art pieces and emphasised that inspiration can be found everywhere, if we look closely enough. Cassie shared her experiences of being a professional artist and her artistic journey, which began as a young girl living in Mt Gambier.

With the school art show just around the corner, her guidance has undoubtedly set students on the path to creating masterpieces that will dazzle audiences far and wide. We can't wait to see the incredible works of art that Class N2 will showcase, thanks to Cassie's inspiration and expertise!

N2 are truly grateful for the invaluable experience Cassie shared. Here's to a spectacular art show ahead!



## COMMUNITY NEWS

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4 KIDS  
and win!

Every ticket sold helps feed our young people.

**FIREWOOD WITH TRAILER**

\$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20

Prize donated by Plunkett Trailers valued at \$2000 + redgum load

Reidy Park Primary School Presents

**THE GREATEST SHOW**

Pickle's travelling circus gets their show on the road for the new season, but there is trouble ahead! Sabotage, theft and new inventions are all part of this crazy adventure. The show must go on!

Other travelling shows are going out of business and Herbert Pickle is pushing to come up with a new act. Then disaster strikes and Herbert's reputation is ruined! Could it all have something to do with two disreputable doctors seen selling their remedies in every town? Who is the fanatical Colonel Obadiah Blastpipe? The Pickle family must bring the saboteurs to justice to keep the circus open.

**Performances**

<u>School Matinees</u>	<u>Public Performance</u>
Wednesday June 26 <sup>th</sup> - 1pm	Thursday June 27 <sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm
Thursday June 27 <sup>th</sup> - 10am	

**Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre**

**Tickets on sale - June 3<sup>rd</sup> from the theatre**

Adults \$20	Students \$10
<small>(Teachers accompanying school groups free)</small>	