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

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Date: Wednesday 19 June
Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Governing Council BBQ available
SAUSAGES IN BREAD \$3.00
Gold coin donation at the door.

Raffle tickets available on the night with some fantastic prizes.

Whilst time does fly quickly, you are not going crazy if you are thinking the biannual art show has come around quickly, as we are holding this community event 2 years running to alternate musical and Art Show years. The Art Show will be held on Wednesday, June 19th, with 'Elements' being this years' theme.

This is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the wonderful learning that happens within the visual arts curriculum area and to celebrate creativity, expression and imagination.

The art show allows students to showcase their artistic talents and this year's theme will create some amazing pieces. We have asked our students to create artwork that focuses on the '4 elements'. Through this process, classes have explored artistic elements like colour, line, shading and nature to express themselves in unique and thought-provoking ways. We believe that this theme will provide a captivating experience for all who view the exhibition.

Our students have been hard at work for weeks, carefully crafting their masterpieces with the guidance of our talented teachers. We are confident that you will be amazed by the wide range of art pieces that will be on display.

We encourage all families to attend and show their support for their children's artistic abilities. This is an excellent opportunity to show appreciation of the hard work and dedication that has gone into each piece of artwork.

The McPark Art Show is a valued community event. We look forward to seeing you there.

Raffle donations needed for ART SHOW

We are looking for donations from locally owned businesses for our 2024 Art Show raffle. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and your donations will help fund school projects. If you own a business or have any kind of donations, please contact the front office before Monday 17 June. Thank you in advance for your support.



WEEK 7

Monday, 10 June

Public holiday

- King's birthday

Friday, 14 June Casual day

WEEK 8

Wednesday, 19 June ART SHOW

Friday, 21 June Assembly

WEEK 9

SWIMMING ALL WEEK

Rooms 1,2 year 3's Rooms 5 & 6

Wednesday 26 June

Transition term 3 enrolment

Thursday, 27 June

Transition term 3 enrolment

VISION 2, Week 4

RESPECT		
Presented to	Ву	For
Tiggy L	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Deppeler	the respectful way she communicates with others, treating everyone with kindness and respect.
Willow O	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	always displaying amazing manners and being a kind and caring member of our class.
Romeo L	Miss Schulz & Miss Hutchinson	being a kind, responsible and respectful member of our class, who is willing to help others.
Alissa B	Mrs Cooper & Miss Hutchinson	being a kind, caring and Respectful class member who willingly helps others.
Dhriya P	Mrs McCracken & Miss Hutchinson	consistently demonstrating respect and consideration towards classmates and teachers in our school.
THRIVING		
Presented to	Ву	For
Mario M	Ms Huitema	his outstanding commitment to all learning tasks and completing 60 addition sums in one lesson.
Oscar S	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	taking more risks with his learning and facing challenges with more confidence.
Hunter L	Mrs Cooper & Miss Hutchinson	growing a love of learning and attempting all learning with a positive attitude.
Angus H-S	Mrs Dew	improvement in handwriting
Zeppelin F	Mrs Dew	focus and improvement in spelling words in PhOrMes lessons.

PROBLE	M SOLVIN	G
Presented to	Ву	For
Ella P		using a variety of strategies to effectively and efficiently solve addition problems.
Tj B		showing curiosity and interest in his learning by solving problems and questioning processes.
Kustom K-S		thinking deeply to solve mathematical problems and explain his thinking to others.
ENGAG	EMENT	
Presented to	Ву	For
Donovan P	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Deppeler	showing dedication and concentration during speech lessons to articulate sounds correctly.
Sommer B	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Deppeler	working and playing safely while following class expectations and directions.
Vincent A	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Harding	excellent interest and participation in Read Write Inc. lessons; learning sounds and blending these to spell words.
William B	Miss Schulz	participating enthusiastically in fluency and maths lessons and always eager to stretch his learning.
Jack H	Miss Eldridge	being more engaged in his learning and willing to have a go.
Abi G	Mrs Cooper & Miss Hutchinson	engaging enthusiastically in all learning tasks and always being a supportive peer to others.
Ameilie D	Mrs McCracken & Miss Hutchinson	consistent learning growth and a positive attitude that contributes to a thriving classroom environment
Jonti P	Mrs McCracken & Miss Hutchinson	having a positive attitude towards all learning opportunities.
Matilda L	Mrs Dew	asking relevant questions in news groups.
COLLAE	ORATION	
Presented to	Ву	For
Estelle J	Ms Huitema	always working well with her peers and being a considerate friend to others.
Isla W	Miss Eldridge	being kind and considerate when helping a new student settle into our class



SAPSASA FOOTBALL





I thought it was pretty cool when my Mum said that I was going to Adelaide to play some footy for the Lower South East SAPSASA football team. We played nine games over three days. We won two games and lost seven. They were pretty close games though. The last game was the hardest because we lost by one point... that's right...one point! My excuse was that the umpires were pretty average.

National Simultaneous Story time

Bowerbird Blues &



On May 22nd we celebrated National Simultaneous Story time! The book this year was 'Bowerbird blues' by Aura Parker. Students wore blue accessories and made bowerbirds and beautiful collages in class. 2,359,147 participants at 21,969 locations around Australia and New Zealand joined this event. This is our school's 14th year being part of this momentous occasion.



YELP CAMP

one another. The last thing we did for the day was to find some time capsules in the bush using a map. We looked at the artefacts inside the time capsules and then sorted them on a timeline. The following day we went for some walks and did lots of fun things like finding unique leaves and naming them and going into small caves. We were lucky that it stopped raining. We had a great time learning in and about nature and why it is important to look after the environment. **Chelcy, Abbey, Halle**

On the 30th-31st of May, the Environmental Leadership Group went to the Youth Environmental Leaders Program forum. This was an overnight camp held in Naracoorte, run by the Limestone Coast Landscape Board. We arrived at the YELP camp, and it was raining but nothing stopped us from doing the fun activities. First, we learnt about different specks which are air, water, soil, and energy. Next, we learnt about 'munchers'- like sun munchers (plants that munch on the energy from the sun), plant munchers (animals that eat plants) and animal munchers (animals that eats plants and/or animals). This was followed by an activity that showed how everything is connected and we had to wear belts which had long strings on them. All the students ended up in a big web and were connected to



reception in 2025! Register now for



5 years old: reception. Children who turn year of primary school is called In South Australia, the first

- school in term 1 before 1 May can start
- between 1 May and 31 in term 3 (mid-year intake) October can start school
- after 31 October can start the next year.

complete 4 terms of reception the beginning of the year will Children who start school at

terms of reception. mid-year intake will complete 6 Children who start school in a



Register your interest for 2025

by the end of term 2, 2024. submit your registration of interest or term 3, you are encouraged to child is starting school in term 1 open to start school in 2025. If your Registrations of interest are now



When can my child start school?



Department for Education



My child turns 5

birthday

Before 1 May

Between 1 May and 31 October

After 31 October

Starting school

Starts school in term 1 (that year)

Starts school in term 3

Starts school (next year) in term 1

(that year)

Completes 4 terms of reception

(terms 1-4 the year they start)

reception

Time in

Completes 6 terms of reception

(terms 3 and 4 the year terms the next year, they start, then all 4

they start)

Completes 4 terms of reception (terms 1-4 the year

Starts year 1 (and each year after) in term 1