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



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Government of South Australia

Department for Education

End of Term 1

This term has been a vibrant and engaging start to 2025. There has been so much learning sparking curiosity. Walking with the seasons is this terms Indigenous focus. Students have been building eel traps, identifying significant places and stories in and around Mount Gambier, foods, dreaming stories, language and changes to our environment.

PhOrMeS is well underway and students are reaching goals and learning new spelling rules and sounds. Maths fluency is across the school and students are improving their instant recall and accuracy.

Bird art has also be reproduced by our senior students using different textures and colours. Our Kitchen Garden program has also been a success, Apple and Rosemary Muffins has been an interesting taste explosion with some loving it and some not so sure.

Neurodiversity day

Was a sparkling success and the students learnt about the brain forest and the different ways our brains think. This links with Zones of regulation and understanding our bodies and thinking.

Year 5/6 Activities

Our students recently participated in the Noorla Yo-Long activities, where they engaged in various team-building exercises and outdoor challenges. These activities are designed to enhance leadership skills and foster a sense of community among students.

Harmony Day Celebrations

Harmony Day was a vibrant celebration of our diverse school community. Students and staff wore orange to symbolise harmony and participated in cultural performances and activities that highlighted the importance of inclusivity and respect.

Gold Coin Fundraiser for School Playground

We are continuing to raise funds to support the development of our school playgrounds. Your gold coin contributions will help create a fun and safe environment for our children to play and learn. Every coin counts!

Choir Rehearsals Have Started

Our school choir has begun rehearsals for the upcoming season. Students are practising diligently, and we look forward to their performances at Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre in term 3. Their dedication and talent are truly inspiring.

Year 5 and 6 Camps to Ballarat and Warrnambool

Year 5 and 6 students were eagerly anticipating their camps to Ballarat and Warrnambool which occurred this week. These camps offer a fantastic opportunity for students to explore new places, learn outside the classroom, and build lasting friendships.

Camp Quality Puppet Show

The Camp Quality Puppet Show visited our school, bringing joy and laughter to our students. The show uses puppetry to educate children about resilience and understanding, making it both entertaining and educational.

Mr Snotbottom Performance

Students were thrilled by the hilarious performance of Mr Snotbottom. His comedic antics and engaging show were a hit, providing a delightful break from the usual school routine.

South East Athletics Carnival

Our athletes represented McDonald Park School with pride at the South East Athletics Carnival. Their hard work and sportsmanship were evident as they competed in various events. Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding efforts!

We look forward to more exciting events and activities in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Kirsty Hill, Daniel Castle & Lia Jordan



WEEK 11 Friday 11 April Assembly 9:15am EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15pm TERM 2 - WEEK 1 Monday 28 April PUPIL FREE DAY

TERM 2 - WEEK 2

Tues 6 May & Wed 7 May Rms 1 & 2 – Wannon Camp Wed 7 May & Thurs 8 May Rms 5 & 6 – Wannon Camp Friday 9 May Cross Country - Naracoorte





McDonald Park School CANTEEN PRICES – 2025

The canteen menu aims to provide healthy and nutritious food and drinks consistent with the DFE 'Right Bite' Healthy Eating Guide for schools and preschools and 'The Australian Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents'. Please write your **CHILD'S NAME** and **ROOM NUMBER** on a large paper lunch bag. Lunch bags are available from the canteen, 10 for 50 cents or alternatively from Coles or Woolworths. Forks required for foods brought from home will be 10 cents each. Foods brought from home will **NOT** be reheated in the canteen due to health regulations. Any price changes or new heaptified in the forthighthy pays latter to the lunch orders will be accepted heaven the available from what is available.



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SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS White / Wholemeal	Sandwich	Roll
Vegemite OR cheese	\$3.00	\$3.50
Egg OR ham	\$4.50	\$5.00
Tuna OR chicken	\$4.50	\$5.00
Salad only (lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber) Ham salad	\$5.00 \$6.00	\$5.50 \$6.50
Tuna OR chicken salad	\$6.00	\$6.50
Extra fillings: cheese, carrot, cucumb beetroot add \$0.50	er, lettuce, tom	nato,

Mayo, tomato, sweet chilli - add \$0.30

SALADS		
Munch &	crackers, cheese, French	
crunch box	onion dip, carrot, cucumber	\$6.00
Wiggly worm	cheese sandwich, mini muffin,	
box	seasonal fruit, carrot,	
	cucumber	\$6.00
Noodle salad	small tub	\$4.00
	large tub	\$5.00
Super salad	lettuce, carrot, cheese,	
bowl:	tomato, cucumber, ½ boiled	
	egg, noodle salad, beetroot	\$8.50
	- add ham, tuna - add sweet chilli chicken	\$1.00
	tender - add crumbed chicken	\$2.00
	tender	\$2.00

THIRST BUSTERS	
Bottle of water	\$2.50
Pure fruit juice	
250ml apple, orange, apple/blackcurrant	\$3.50
Pop Top flavoured milks	
chocolate, strawberry	\$3.70
NIPPYS Milk - Honeycomb	\$3.70
Sanitarium Up and Go –	
chocolate/strawberry/banana	\$3.50

NICE & ICY – counter sales only	
Paddle Pops	\$2.50
Vanilla ice cream dandy cup	\$2.50
Icy Twist	\$2.50
Mini Callipo	\$2.50
Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt	\$2.50
HOT SUB BAR	
Garlic bread plain - add cheese 50c, add Ham 50c	\$3.50
Crumbed chicken with lettuce and mayo	\$6.00
Sweet chilli chicken with lettuce and mayo	\$6.00

HOME MADE PIZZA BAR	
Hawaiian - ham, cheese, pineapple	\$5.00
BBQ chicken – bbq sauce, chicken, cheese	\$5.00
BURGERS all served in a white buttered roll	
Add salad	\$1.00
Cheese burger - beef, cheese, sauce	\$6.75
Chicken burger - crumbed chicken, lettuce, mayo	
	\$6.75

HOT PACKS	
Macaroni cheese	\$5.75
Lasagne	\$5.75
Spaghetti bolognaise	\$5.75
Wedges with sweet chilli and sour cream	\$5.75
Nachos with salsa, cheese and sour cream	\$5.75
Steamed dim sim	\$2.00
- soy sauce	\$0.30

LUNCH PACKS

Jurassic, veggie slice packs include noodle salad, carrot sticks, cucumber

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t	\$7.00	
Pirate and gluten free nugget packs contain the salad but		

Pirate:	1 piece of fish and wedges	\$6.50
	2 pieces of fish and wedges	\$7.50
BENTO BOX	4 Potato gems, 2 mini spring	\$6.50
(Small)	rolls, 2 dim sims, 1 corn cob	
BENTO BOX	6 Potato gems, 3 mini spring	\$7.50
(Large)	rolls, 3 dim sims, 2 corn cobs	
Gluten free	3 nuggets	\$6.50
nuggets:	6 nuggets	\$7.50

DAILY SPECIALS

\$3.70 \$4.70 \$0.50 \$0.30 \$9.50
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SNACK TIME -May be ordered for lunch/afternoon recess Seasonal fruit \$1.50 Red Rock Honey Soy Chicken Chips \$2.00 \$2.00 Popcom \$1.50 Assorted fruit muffins \$1.50 Chocolate chip cookie Bag rice crackers \$0.50 Mixed cereal, Honey Chex cereal, Milo cereal \$0.50



RESPECT	•	
Presented to	Ву	For
Sadie T	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	always engaging with learning activities enthusiastically and being a good role model to all.
Zack R	Mrs Waters & Miss Day	being a respectful member of A4, always using his manners and including others.
Amelia G	Miss Schulz & Mrs Deppeler	being a respectful member of the class, always using her manners and showing kindness towards her peers.
Willow O	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	constantly displaying beautiful manners and always treating others with kindness.
THRIVIN	G	
Presented to	Ву	For
Leo C	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	engaging enthusiastically in maths and demonstrating a great understanding of all topics covered.
Eli J	Miss Schulz & Mrs Deppeler	confidently progressing in his fluency of number facts recall.
Ava D	Miss Hutchinson & Mrs Deppeler	taking on feedback and extending herself in literacy and math.
Mateo S	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	growing a love of learning and attempting all learning with a positive attitude.
Spencer H	Ms Huitema	continually challenging his learning with all literacy and numeracy tasks.

Presented to	M SOLVI	For
Joey D	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	showing a curiosity and interest in his learning by solving problems.
ENGAG	EMENT	
Presented to	Ву	For
Jasmine G	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Harding	her enthusiastic and positive attitude towards all learning opportunities.
John R	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Harding	always having a "ready to learn" attitude and showing enthusiasm towards learning opportunities.
Lacey C	Mrs Waters & Miss Day	always engaging in all learning areas and being an excellent role model to others.
Michelle N	Miss Hutchinson & Mrs Deppeler	seeking support to improve learning in all areas.
Hunter R	Miss Hutchinson & Mrs Deppeler	trying new strategies to support his learning.
Will P	Miss Hutchinson & Mrs Deppeler	engaging in learning by listening attentively, participating and asking questions.
Sommer B	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	displaying a willingness to attempt all learning opportunities with a positive mindset.
Ava C	Ms Huitema	engaging with her learning, in particular with addition sums in Maths.





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. 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:

<u>Qkr!</u> 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. <u>EFTPOS</u> facilities are available for payment including over the phone and by mail. Cash payments may be made in person at the front office.



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS Learning Assistance Program IAP

The Learning Assistance Programme is a programme involving interested community volunteers working at schools, with specific children, on a one to one basis.

We believe that every child has the right to reach his/her full potential socially, emotionally, physically and educationally.

We believe that it is not only the parent / caregiver or teacher that can assist children to reach their potential, but a confidante is also an asset.

The role of the volunteer is first and foremost to establish a caring relationship with the child. We believe that the LAP role is most beneficial in providing children with a significant other for emotional support.

LAP IS BASED ON SIX "C'S"

CARE - Positive relationship is vital **COMMITMENT** - Time and motivation **COMMUNICATION** - Sharing with another **CONFIDENTIALITY** - Of their work **CONTENT** - Work with teachers **CO-OPERATION** - Of all parties

ROLE OF LAP VOLUNTEER

- 1. Acts as a supporter, friend, someone to be safe with, is non-judgemental, a confidante and is sensitive to change and needs.
- 2. Gives time to listen, share, play games, read stories, write stories.
- 3. Spends time involved in activities within the school.
- 4. Confidentially must be observed at all times.

RESOURCES

LAP volunteers may borrow any resource material from the School Resource Centre. A budget allocation will cover the cost of printing, pencils, paper etc.

If you have a spare 45 min or one hour per week, or you know someone that you think would be interested in being involved in the program or would like more information, please give Linda Ward or Daniel Castle a call at school on 8724 9811 or return the slip below.

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LAP VOLUNTEERS FOR 2025

I am interested in working as a LAP volunteer.

Name:
Phone number:
Eldest child's Name (IF APPLICABLE)
Room no
Room no

SAPSASA FOOTBALL

Congratulations Van A, Judd C and Oliver C. The boys have gained selection to represent the Lower South East at the SAPSASA Football State carnival in Adelaide. They will be competing from Monday 26 May to Wednesday 28 May. Well done and good luck boys.





OUT OF SCHOOL \$9.75 - \$35.75 **HOURS CARE** 2.75 - \$46.75 Vacation Care | 14 – 25 April

6 Apr

WEEK 1



plant even Start: 1:00

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Thursday 17 April

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Thursday 24 April

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Friday

WEEK 2 Monday 21 April PUBLIC







Book your session via the Xplor Home App Visit sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC for more information



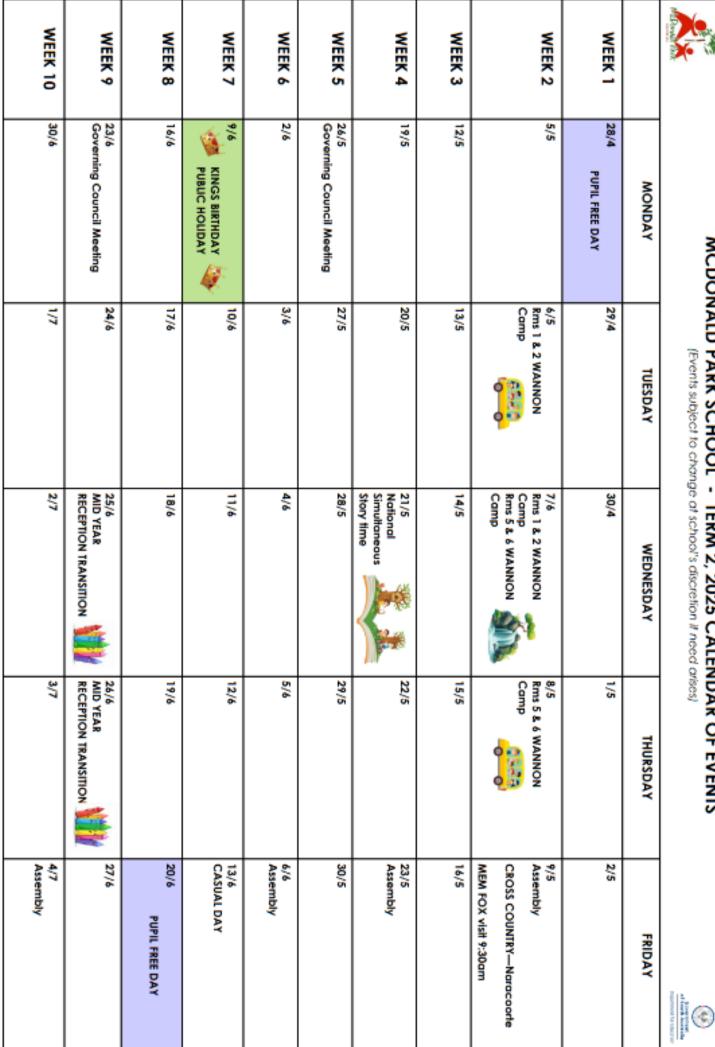






MCDONALD PARK SCHOOL - TERM 2, 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Events subject to change at school's discretion if need arises)



COMMUNITY NEWS



6:00pm - 8:00pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

Stop at the front of the store to pick up your passport. Then make your way around to see all the community groups and activities. Have a free sausage, drink and popcorn, get a glitter tattoo. Vote in the Community Art Show. And of course, meet the Easter Bunny!



SUNNINGS



SUNDAY 13 APRIL: SA YOUTH FORUM - ALL VOICES TOUR	FREE – AGES 14–24
1:00pm - 4:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library	
Workshop delivered by SA Youth Forum. An opportunity for youth to	gather and share their
thoughts on key issues that matter most to them. Bookings essenti	al.

MONDAY 14 APRIL — MONDAY 21 APRIL: EASTER BASKET CRAFT FREE - ALL AGES During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library

Families are invited to create their own Easter basket with the characters from 'Easter Bilby's Friends – Honey Possum's Bush Café'. DIY activity for all ages. Bookings not required.

MONDAY 14 APRIL - SUNDAY 27 APRIL: PAPER TRAIL: DIY PAPER DOLLS FREE - AGES 5* During opening hours @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre

Outfit your paperdolls by creating crazy paper fashion using our templates. Coordinate ensembles and take photos of your successful creations, or fashion disasters

MONDAY 14 APRIL: CRAFT WORKSHOP - ANIMAL BUTTON KEYRINGS FREE - AGES 5⁺

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library Create cute animal keyrings using buttons and pipe cleaners. Bookings essential.

MONDAY 14 APRIL AND TUESDAY 15 APRIL: PAPER MACHE FREE – AGES 8* 2:00pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre

A two-part workshop based on inspiration found in the exhibitions, children will use paper and glue to create their own sculptures which will remain 'on show' in the King's Floor for the duration of Paper Trail. Attendees required to attend both sessions. Bookings essential.



BASKETBALL MOUNT GAMBIER

FREE ALL GIRLS CLINIC The Power of Her Basketball Mount Gambier and the Pioneers are excited to welcome all junior girls to the Ice House

for a Free All Girls Clinic this April School Holidays. Facilitated by our @mountgambierpioneers women's and men's player's these clinics will provide the perfect environment to meet some of our local NBL1 stars and hone your skills as you learn from our region's best this school holidays!

Wednesday 16th of April The Ice House, 451 Commercial St W,

Mount Gambier SA 5290 Your choice of Two Sessions Morning 9AM - 12PM Afternoon 1PM - 4PM Canteen Facilities Available Register today or contact the association for more details by emailing

admin@basketballmtgambier.com.au.

This clinic is made possible by **SA Recreation and** Sport and The Power of Her Infrastructure and Participation Program.

MONDAY 14 APRIL: SA YOUTH WEEK - MOVIE AFTERNOON (PG) FREE - AGES 12-25 4:00pm @ Oatmill Cinema Complex

Join us for a free movie and popcorn at the Oatmill and enjoy the live-action reimagining of the Disney classic 'Snow White'. Bookings essential.

11:00am @ City Hall Join Elsa as we sing and dance to all your fayourite Disney songs! Bookings essential

TUESDAY 15 APRIL: SA YOUTH WEEK – ACTIVE8 GYM SESSIONS @ Active8 Fitness	FREE – YOUTH
BOXING 10:00am	
Let out your sweat and stress during this workout with a punch! Suitable for ages 12-16. Bookings essential. BODY BLAST 11:00am A strength and conditioning workout made up of functional movements. Suitable for ages 16+. Bookings essential.	
TUESDAY 15 APRIL: 3D PRINTING	FREE – AGES 7 ⁺)

TUESDAY 15 APRIL: 3D PRINTING

Drop in session between 2:00pm and 5:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library Using TinkerCad, choose from designs or build your own unique creation, which will be printed for you. Bookings not required.

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL: LEGO BRICQ CREATIONS FREE - AGES 6*

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library Dive into a world of creativity with LEGO BricQ Motion kits. Design and build exciting creations like a ball launcher or ski slope. Bookings essential,

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL: SA YOUTH WEEK - ZINE MAKING FREE - AGES 12⁺ 2:00pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre

Local artist Tessa Deak will deliver two levels of workshops on the creation of zines including the history and resurgence of this hand made publication. People will learn how to build their theme. layout a variety of collateral, and construct a single page into a foldable booklet. Bookings essential.

THURSDAY 17 APRIL: EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS	FREE - UNDER 5'S
CONNECT AND PLAY	

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library Connect with your child and other families through interactive play. Bookings not required.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS Term 2: 29 April - 3 July

STEAM CLUB FOOD SCIENCE Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Join us for food science fun! From DIY ice cream to creating food-powered batteries, explore the tasty science behind what we eat through hands-on experiments and exciting challenges.

Suitable for ages 8+. Bookings essential.

MINECRAFT CLUB

Wednesdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm Come and venture through exciting new lands, build incredible creations, and experience endless fun in the amazing world of Minecraft. Suitable for ages 7+. Bookings essential.

LEGO FAN CLUB BRICK MASTER CHALLENGES

Thursdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm Challenge yourself to build a marble maze, create a LEGO mansion, and make something you definitely don't want to step on! Are you up for the fun? Suitable for ages 6+. Bookings essential.

City of Mount Gambier

6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier Phone 08 8721 2540 mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library



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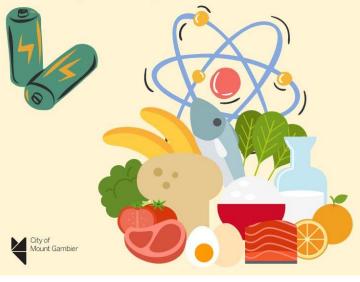
Mount Gambier Library 6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier Phone 08 8721 2540 mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library

NOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

Term 2: Tuesdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm 29 April – 1 July 2025

Join us for food science fun! From DIY ice cream to creating food-powered batteries, explore the tasty science behind what we eat through hands-on experiments and exciting challenges.

Suitable for ages 8+. Bookings essential.



MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

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COMMUNITY NEWS



APOLLO FOOTBALL CLUB Under 16 Girls team – Seeking Players

We're offering a "Come and Try" opportunity with the first 3 games free, and we can provide soccer boots and shin pads if needed, making it easy for new players to get involved. Thank you so much for any support you can provide in helping us keep this team alive.

The best point of contact for anyone interested is Hamish Calderwood, Ph. 0407 064 523.





All disciplines, skill levels and abilities welcome.







♦ DRONE

Registration essential.

Scan QR code to register or visit the YMCA website at skatepark.ymca.org.au/learn-to-skate

