The Sound of Australia, written by our very own Naomi Aston, Lia Jordan and Kate Eldridge, is our school musical production this year, performed by our whole school over two nights. Each class will perform a song as part of the story.

Students with main character roles are meeting twice a week for rehearsals every week until the event, and are volunteering some break times as well. All of our staff and students are working very hard to make this performance the best one yet!

The story begins at school and follows a team of primary school students who are given a group assignment over a weekend. They are asked the question, “What is the sound of Australia?”

Katie, played by Sophie, is a motivated, switched-on leader who likes to get the task done quickly. Chad and Brad, played by Travis and Shaun, are the goofy, lovable best friends, who are more interested in skateboarding than school work. They spend time with Jazzy, another cool skateboarding girl played by Lily, Zemah plays Eugenie who is the ‘nerd’ of the group, with amazing general knowledge which she will share at random moments. Kade plays Ralph, a vague and friendly character who turns out to be smarter than he looks and Kayla plays Beatrice, the selfie-loving, confident girl. Their teacher, Mrs Schnitzelhauser is portrayed by Maelee and Gage is Byron, a year nine whom everyone thinks has a home at the skate park and who imparts his wisdom to students for the price of a piece of chewing gum.

A performance such as this has strong curriculum links to the performing arts curriculum (ACARA) adding to the learning that many classes do when they learn performing arts as a specialist subject, and there are natural links to literacy as students learn their parts and/or songs. It gives our students the opportunity to be a part of a major production, with all the lighting and sound effects that a professional theatre affords. There are opportunities for learning choreography, drama, visual arts, dance, music, singing and voice projection, as well as helping with making props or stage managing on the night.

Ticket sales opened strongly on the 16th of this month and are almost sold out. DVD orders have also been consistent, make sure you order and pay at the front office.

Consent forms have been given out last week; please make sure you have returned the consent form to your child’s class teacher. Without the consent form, they will not be able to go to the theatre rehearsal.

Kirsty Trahar, Sharon Day & Lia Jordan
SENIOR STAFF
BOOK WEEK

Australian Children’s Book Week is celebrated each year with a specific theme and books are judged in various costumes and characters doing exactly that!

RESOURCE BASED LEARNING DURING BOOK WEEK

Room 7 were read ‘The Patchwork Bike’ which won an award for the best new comer. The students yarn bombed an old bike on loan from Mrs Schleuniger. They have been busy knitting, crocheting or weaving.

Mrs Plunkett helping Bowen R with some crocheting
Mrs Dent helping students with knitting
Tex T and Jordy D practise their weaving skills
RESOURCE CENTRE - BOOK WEEK

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Thank you!
A very big thank you to the South Eastern and the community for supporting the Peter Combe concert last week.

The South Eastern’s kind donation will help us purchase and install basketball goals.

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DRESS CODE
At our last Governing Council meeting the dress code policy was reviewed. Essentially there are no changes to the policy but as leggings being worn as pants has crept in over the years we will be looking to enforce our code and insist that black pants are worn rather than leggings or active wear (leggings may be worn as stockings). Discussion included the fact that this keeps it consistent with high school policy and maintains a smarter uniform style encouraging pride in self and the school. A reminder that logos are not part of our dress code.

Please note that short length should be mid thigh. Undershirts should be one of the school colours.

A reminder that when enrolling at McDonald Park School families have agreed to comply with school dress code. Thank you to all who do. It is expected that all students will be compliant with dress code beginning term four.

RESOURCE CENTRE

STORY DOG UPDATE
We have a new, temporary story dog coming to our school. Chris, one of the Mount Gambier Story Dog co-ordinators, has offered to come each Wednesday to continue the program until the end of the year. Four students will be involved. Chris’ dog is a golden labrador named Ben.

INVACUTATION DRILL
Your child may have come home recently and talked about an invacuation drill. As part of occupational health and safety fire and evacuation/invacuation drills are held regularly throughout the year. This is an opportunity to streamline our procedures and ensure that everyone is familiar with processes – adults and children alike.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS AWARDS
TERM 3, WEEK 4

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<td>Mrs Spencer &amp; Mrs Fox</td>
<td>her compassion and consideration towards her peers. She is respectful and treats everyone with kindness.</td>
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<td>Jack T</td>
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<td>displaying growing confidence, showing commitment and persistence when attempting learning tasks.</td>
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<td>Alex N</td>
<td>Miss Pratt</td>
<td>always thinking of others and being a good friend to everyone in our room.</td>
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<td>embracing all challenges in his learning, seeking help and taking on feedback.</td>
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<td>participating and contributing during class discussions.</td>
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<td>Noah M</td>
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<td>learning from mistakes and being persistent in all areas of learning.</td>
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<td>Kaitlyn S</td>
<td>Mrs Boylan &amp; Ms Bundy</td>
<td>settling in well to room nine and being a kind and helpful class member.</td>
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<td>Ella O</td>
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<td>showing focus and participation in class activities.</td>
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<td>Imogen M</td>
<td>Ms Mitchell &amp; Mrs Bronca</td>
<td>her brilliant smile and happy, easy going nature. Also, for the effort she puts into applying feedback given.</td>
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<td>Jamison B</td>
<td>Ms Mitchell &amp; Mrs Bronca</td>
<td>the leadership that he displays in and out of the classroom.</td>
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<td>Trae W</td>
<td>Mrs Arthurson &amp; Mrs Bronca</td>
<td>asking more questions to improve his learning.</td>
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<td>showing improved work effort.</td>
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<td>Jasmin A</td>
<td>Mrs Pitkin &amp; Mrs Jansons</td>
<td>demonstrating an enthusiastic commitment to keeping our school clean. Thank you Jasmin!</td>
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<td>Jayden B</td>
<td>Mrs Pitkin &amp; Mrs Jansons</td>
<td>displaying a maturity to school life and demonstrating greater confidence with his learning. Well done Jayden!</td>
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CANTEEN HELPERS
Phone Michelle 87254221

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Jett B  | Mrs McCracken & Mrs Jansons  | showing great commitment to learning. Jett is writing confidently during book making and continues to show progress in reading.
Connor L  | Miss Squire  | showing grit and working hard to improve his reading ability.
Ariana E  | Miss Squire  | continually showing great effort in her writing to produce high quality texts.
Kye W-M  | Mrs Wilson & Mrs Jansons  | listening to instructions, wanting to do his best and helping friends in class.
Jordy W  | Mrs Wilson & Mrs Jansons  | working on his confidence and consistently making strong choices. Jordy thinks of others and is gentle and kind.
Skye M  | Miss Hamilton  | Being an organised learner and showing persistence towards achieving her learning goals.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CALL FOR FOSTER CARERS
Foster carers help provide support and care to our regions’ most vulnerable children and young people. Foster carers play a significant role in providing placements for children and young people in their local area, to ensure they have access to familiar schools, sporting activities, friends and relatives.

There are four different types of care that foster carers can provide: respite care, emergency care, short term care and long term care. It takes many different types of people to provide the many types of placements needed for children aged birth to 18 years. Foster carers can be male or female, single or a couple, with or without children, from a diverse range of cultural and occupational backgrounds.

ac.care provides specific training and 24/7 on call support services to all foster carers.

If you would like to find out more information about how to become a foster carer, please feel free to contact our program support worker Katie on 8532 6303 or visit our website at www.accare.org.au.

If you would like the opportunity to ask questions in person, members of the Foster Care team will be available at the Mount Gambier public library from 10.00am to 2.00pm on Wednesday, 13 September, recognising and celebrating national Foster Carers and Kinship Carers week.

CENTRALS TENNIS CLUB
We are looking for new players, juniors and seniors welcome (must be eight years or older). Coaching available for juniors, great family club. Please contact Sonya on 0438 566 454 for more information.

MOUNT GAMBIER TENNIS CLUB
Mount Gambier Tennis Club is looking for junior players aged eight and up. The club is holding a registration day on Tuesday, 5 September from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at Heriot Street clubrooms. Anyone interested in playing tennis this upcoming season is urged to come along and register their interest. For more information contact Heidi Heemskerk on 0403 172 123 or email mtgambiertennisclub@gmail.com. There are also spots available for parents/adults that may be interested in playing Saturday afternoon tennis.

MOUNT GAMBIER BASEBALL
Come and try t-ball, ages 7 to 15 years 8th, 15th and 22nd September 6.00pm to 7.00pm, under lights Sausage sizzle Blue Lake Sports Park, diamond 1

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