Generosity - Respect - Honesty - Learning and Growing Together

COMING EVENTS

WEEK 9
18/09 Governing Council meeting
23/09 SAKG working bee

WEEK 10
Bike education – rooms 7, 8 & 10
28/09 Block football tournament
28/09 LAST DAY OF TERM 3
Early dismissal, 2.15pm

TERM 4 - WEEK 1
15/10 FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
19/10 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Mount Gambier Show Day

MCPARK’S GOT TALENT

On Friday 24 August, our most talented students performed to the whole school community in 2018’s McPark’s Got Talent. We had over 100 students audition in the weeks leading up to McPark’s Got Talent, which made for some difficult decisions! All the students who performed on the day were entertaining and were great examples of emerging talent in our school.

We had a range of talent on the day and throughout the auditioning process. Some of the talent shown were dancing, singing, instrumental, comedy, dog training, acrobatics and our very own rock band - Without A Trace.

We were fortunate to have Maria Slape from MJ’s Dance Studio and Mitchell and Michael from Hit96.1 as judges. We would also like to thank them for generously donating their time to support our students. We would also like to thank the parents and the wider school community for supporting our students on the day.

We can’t wait to see what our students can present next year at McPark’s Got Talent 2019!

Foundation / Years 1 & 2 winners
First: Reimund C, Kai M & Genevieve A

Year 3 & 4 winners
First: Joe B
Second: Maya H

Years 5, 6 & 7 winners
First: Yenna J
Second: Amber B, Indi N & Zahli B

Kirsty Trahar, Sharon Day, Daniel Castle, Lia Jordan

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ATTENDANCE

Below is a graph showing the attendance percentage for each year level so far. I have also added data outlining what days off of school mean for your child/s learning every year. McDonald Park School’s attendance target is 95% for everyone.

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If a child misses that equals... which is... and over 13 years of school that’s...

| 1 day per fortnight (90% attendance) | 19 days per year | ≈ 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1½ years |
| 1 day per week (80% attendance)    | 38 days per year | ≈ 8 weeks per year | Over 2½ years   |
| 2 days per week (60% attendance)   | 76 days per year | ≈ 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years    |
| 3 days per week (40% attendance)   | days per year    | ≈ 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years  |

OPEN DAY / GARDEN MARKET

Wednesday, 19 September, 2.00pm to 3.30pm

We are showcasing our gardens and the work our garden classes have been involved in. Produce and seedlings will be on sale.

Our garden will be open for everyone to come along and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of our gardens.

50th CELEBRATIONS

Friday, 31 May 2019
2.00pm to 7.00pm

From 2.00pm onwards current students will provide tours of the school in small groups.

At 5.30pm – cake cutting and speech. Student led tours will continue until approximately 7.00pm and the gym will remain open with photo display, memorabilia and contents of the time capsule from 27 May 1994 will be on display.

For those wishing to continue with the celebrations, informal drinks/dinner (venue yet to be determined).

Photos & Memorabilia

We are asking our McPark community, past and present, for photos and memorabilia to display at our 50th celebrations. If you have something you would be willing to loan us, please contact us for more information.

Where Are They Now?

Do you know of, or are you a McPark student who has been successful in your chosen field?

We’d like to have you be a part of our 50th celebrations and include you in our photo display.

Please contact us for more information, 8724 9811 or samantha.clarke379@schools.sa.edu.au.
GUIDELINES FOR CLASS PLACEMENT

- Class composition is based on expected numbers for each year level and where possible to provide flexibility to allow for the placement of new enrolments.
- This school appreciates that sometimes, because of special circumstances, parents should have input into the class selection for their child.
- Whether a student remains with a teacher for more than one year is at the discretion of the school.
- Students need to be distributed evenly across classes within the school in accordance with Department for Education guidelines.
- At the end of third term, a note will be placed in the newsletter advising parents that the process is about to begin and requesting that parents put information in writing regarding their child’s needs. All requests to be submitted by the end of week one, term four. This information needs to be completed annually, requests will not be carried over for future years.
- Requests must be child focused and on the basis of a welfare issue - medical or social / emotional need.
- Recommendations from pre-school teachers will be taken into consideration when allocating foundation students.
- Late submissions will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- Prior to class selection, students will be given the opportunity to list the names of up to three preferred classmates, to be acknowledged by parents.
- While all requests will be considered, allocation of students to classes will ultimately be at the discretion of staff.
- The process takes six to seven weeks to complete and is completed as part of the staff meeting schedule.

Next term we will begin organizing classes for 2019. If parents believe they have information, which will help with their child’s placement, please put this information in a letter addressed to the principal, marked ‘confidential’ by the end of week one of next term. We cannot promise that we will be able to meet every request; however, the information will be taken into consideration.

SCHOOL SOCCER

The soccer game scheduled for 22 September will be played at MULGA STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL not McDonald Park School.

“SHAKESPEARE IS DEAD” PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday 4 September, the year 6/7 students were lucky enough to go watch the Shakespeare plays from the Bell Shakespeare Company. The performance was very interesting and we learnt a little bit about Shakespeare’s years and what life was like. We were intrigued by their performance and hopeful we can see them perform next year in high school.

Laura D and Charlotte C, room N6

On 4th September, the year 6/7 students went to watch the Bell Shakespeare Company perform a very hilarious and informative play. Three very talented actors, Mary, Will and Alex, acted out the play. Their performance had five segments; some of the very imaginative segments included how to die in Shakespeare, how to love in Shakespeare, how to speak in Shakespeare and how to survive in Shakespeare! This play was very fun and interactive and made everyone from the teachers to the students giggle. I would definitely recommend people to go and watch them perform when they get the chance.

Lily D, room N6

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Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge ended last Friday, 7 September. Congratulations to all who completed the challenge for 2018. Certificates and medals will be presented at a whole school assembly in November. More details to come later.

Outstanding Library Books
The end of term is approaching. Please return any library books you find at home, however long they may have been there! Your child can simply pop them into our return box. If your child cannot locate a book he/she has borrowed, please send us a quick note or make a phone call so that your child can continue borrowing. We appreciate you communicating with us. Happy reading over the holidays!

SPONSORSHIP 2018
At the end of each year we recognise a girl and boy from each year level for their academic achievement. Last year we asked for sponsorship from the community for these awards and had an overwhelming response. We have 16 awards valued at $30.00 and are looking for sponsors. The recipient receives a $30.00 voucher and certificate indicating who sponsored the award (organised by the school).

If your family or business would like to become a sponsor of these awards you will be acknowledged at the end of year participation. Please indicate below if you would like to participate. Any further queries please contact the front office.

McDonald Park School 2018 Academic Sponsorship

Name: 
Telephone:

Growing up Online:
An informative & entertaining session for Parents and carers is delivered with Baron’s famous ‘no-nonsense’ approach & will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as alert parents need to be aware of:

- What are Kids doing online – The popular social networking sites and apps such as Kik, Musical.ly, Instagram & Yubo as well as live streaming sites.
- Online grooming – What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
- Cyberbullying – What is it, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- Sharing habits – the taking and sending of explicit images. The social and emotional consequences as well as the Law.
- Potential dangers and safety tips – how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online via parental controls and restriction passwords.
- Problems of Internet use and gaming losses

The session will conclude with time for Questions.

GROWING UP ONLINE
See advertisement to the above.

Monday, 24 September 2018 at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. Commencing at 7.00pm, session will run for approximately 90 minutes.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Children’s Road Safety Centre
Re-development Grand opening
SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2018
12 noon to 2.00 pm
Corner of Fifth Street & Ridge Terrace, Millicent

Bikes donuts fireking face painting
sausages drinks balloons giveaways

This project is proudly supported by
OneFortyOne

Waratah Range Community

Junior Golfing Programme
Coaching every Thursday
4PM TILL 5PM
DURING SCHOOL TERM FROM
OCTOBER TILL DECEMBER
MAKE NEW FRIENDS / FUN / EXERCISE
ALL AGES WELCOME

$75.00 includes
• Full school term of coaching each Thursday night
• 6 month membership Blue Lake Public Golf Links
• Srixon accessories starter pack
• Club Bag Tag
• Your very own Blue Lake Golf Club shirt with your name
  and favourite number on the back

Registrations called for by Tuesday 2nd October
Call the club on 8725 6198 or call in and see Bill Bunley
at the Lakes Caddy Shack Golf Shop to register your child.
Or register online via www.mygolf.org.au

Mount Gambier Marketplace
School Holiday Fun
Build-a-Bear Workshop
Tuesday 9th Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th October
10AM 11:30AM & 1PM

Phone 8724 8798 for more information, or book online at

BLUE LIGHT MT GAMBIER IS HOSTING A
TREEHOUSE PLAY CAFÉ DISCO
Friday 21st September 6pm - 8pm
Tickets $8.00 and can only be purchased from
the Mount Gambier Police Station.
Price includes 2 hours of fun at the treehouse with disco lights, music and
a pizza dinner.
Drinks, snacks and glow sticks will be available for purchase on the night.
BYO Socks !!
Parents / Caregivers to collect their children at 8pm.
A fully Supervised event – no pass outs.
A smoke-drug-alcohol free event.
Recommended for Ages 6-11 year olds

Proudly sponsored by
The Border Watch

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