

McDonald Park School

NEWSLETTER

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GENEROSITY - RESPECT - HONESTY - LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

COMING EVENTS

Week 5 BOOK WEEK – All Week	Week 6	Week 7 Casual Day, SCHOOL DISCO Friday 9 th Sept.
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GARDEN UPDATE



The tranquillity of a garden and observing the changes as we go through the seasons is a unique school opportunity at McDonald Park School. The garden space is used by classes and students in a variety of ways, including relaxation, observation and play.

The kitchen garden program is a structured program that all primary classes are involved in for 2 terms. The knowledge and skills that students learn as a result of the program are life skills that students often pass on to family members. It is very rewarding to hear students talk about what they have learnt at school regarding growing vegies, composting and propagating being transferred to home. Thank you Mrs Arbery for being our school’s garden specialist.

The ducks, chooks and guinea pigs are a valued part of our garden and we are grateful for the people who look after them.

Please remember that the garden is a school’s learning program. It is a wonderful place to share with the community, however it is devastating for students and staff when produce is stolen from us or the garden is vandalised. Please help us care for this unique place.

Kirsty Hill, Sharon Day, Daniel Castle & Lia Jordan

SENIOR STAFF



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SAPSASA BASKETBALL



On Friday, 5th August three boys teams and one girls' team competed at the Ice House in the SAPSASA Basketball competition. All teams improved so much during the day, playing five games each. Students showed great sportsmanship throughout the day.

Our first boys' team went through the day playing some really great basketball, finishing second and playing off in the final, where they were convincing winners. They went on to compete against the other regional winners the following Friday.

Our second boys' team showed some real determination throughout the day, winning and losing some games. Our third boys' team had 2 Compton students join them for the day, which was a great inclusion into the team and also included a coach. Thank you Matt.

Our girls' team unfortunately didn't win any games but improved and had a lot more confidence as the day went on. A big thank you to Michael for taking all the trainings leading up to the competition and for coaching on the day. Thank you to the parents for scoring, your help is greatly appreciated. **Sallyanne Morgan**

CALLS TO THE 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.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK

School Service Officers & Support Staff

Week five is AEU SA Support Staff Week for School Services Officers. The AEU is the union representing school services. At McDonald Park School we are very fortunate to have a terrific team of support staff helping to care for and educate your children and run our school. We'd be lost without them. Most parents will have met some of the support staff including:

Samantha Clarke, Julie McKinnon, Ev Stratman, Sue Moelder, Nicole Thompson, Jan Boyanton, Anna Doll, Shane Lewis, Connie Nieto, Linda Ward, Jill Lewis, Shiloh Fennell, Leigh Symons, Clinton Meyer, Sonya Shepherd, Courtney de Vos, Michael Stojanovich, Samantha Blackall, Kristy Drage, Jamison Klingberg, Kristen Arbery, Phil Von Duve, Georgie Hatch, Robyn Howard and Michelle Clark.





VISION AWARDS

Presented at Term 3, Week 2 Assembly

Our awards are centred on our school vision. Students are recognised for their collaboration, respect, engagement, problem solving or progress (thriving).

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COLLABORATION		
Presented to	By	For
Addilyn D	Ms Huitema	working collaboratively in a group and considering the needs of others.
ENGAGEMENT		
Presented to	By	For
Johniezel C	Miss Schulz	always ready to participate during whole class learning and share her ideas and opinions with her peers.
Jacob C	Miss Squire	improving his writing by transferring his Read Write Inc. knowledge to spell words and increasing the level of detail in his texts.
Imogen Mc	Ms Mitchell	the conscientious way she responded in her own words to the question she posed in her Eureka Stockade inquiry.
Paige M	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	giving all learning tasks 100% and asking questions when needed.
Addison M	Mrs McLean	engaging in all learning tasks in term 3, by putting in her best effort and demonstrating resilience.
Harry L	Mrs McLean	engaging in all learning experiences and beginning to move into a learning coach role.
Logan S-W	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	being involved in class discussions with well thought out questions and comments.

RESPECT		
Presented to	By	For
Piper K	Miss Schulz	showing kindness towards her peers by always supporting and caring for her classmates when they are feeling emotional.
THRIVING		
Presented to	By	For
Amelia T	Mrs Spencer	showing dedication to her reading and making gains towards her end of year reading goal.
Emmi S	Mrs Spencer	showing persistence in learning her Read Write Inc. letter set 1 sounds and being able to decode words.
Riley B	Ms Huitema	reading regularly at home and moving up reading levels.
Zariah W	Miss Squire	showing increased confidence in all that she does.
Sjdrick V	Ms Mitchell	the excellent effort he applies to all aspects of his schooling to be a successful learner.
Genevieve A	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	continuing to excel in all learning areas.
Phoebe B	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	maintaining focus on improvement in all areas.



YELP FORUM – ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP GROUP

On Wednesday 10th August the Environmental Leadership Group went to the third YELP forum run by the Limestone Coast Landscape Board. They learnt about the importance of healthy soil, types of weeds in our local area and worked with other school groups to fill over a truck load of weeds from the Valley Lakes area. Once again our students represented our school very well.



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FEEDBACK CHATS

N6 have been learning about feedback. Here are some of our ideas...

What is feedback?

Feedback is when you get someone else to give you information about your work so that what you can improve on and what you've done really well. **Cameryn**

It's to improve something. You can get feedback from an adult or a peer. **Jessie**

How does feedback help you in your learning?

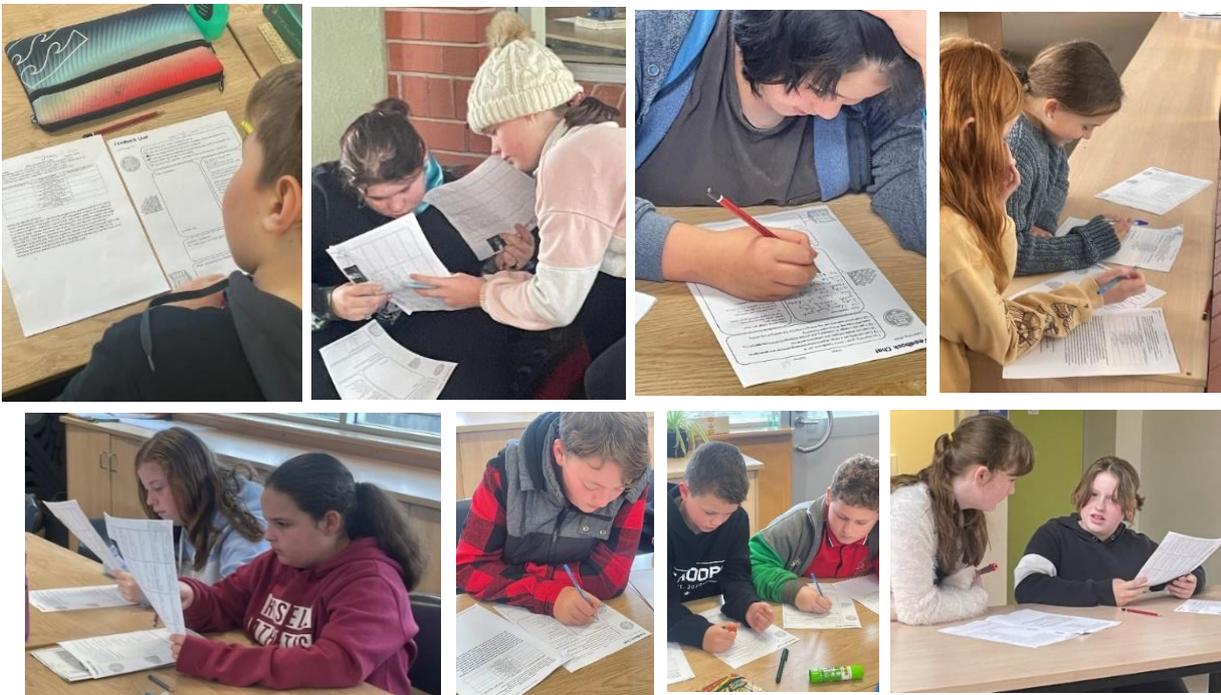
Feedback helps me in my learning to improve my work and getting feedback from others what mistakes you have made. **Alix**

It helps because then you know what you need to work on and you know what you've done right so you know what not to change. **Connor**

What are some things you think about when you give feedback?

Some key things that the person did right and also some things that you can improve on that you can actually improve. Also it's not just something you don't like but suggestions for the other person to improve. **Lucy**

To give feedback to other people you need to say things they need to think about or do next time. You need to be precise about the feedback. **Logan**



N6 have been practising feedback chats. This was an opportunity for students to give each other specific feedback about their summaries of Shakespeare. Students had to decide on which success criteria they needed feedback on and then their peer read their text and used the TAG strategy to give them feedback to help them improve their work. This included T- Told them something they did well, A-asked them a question G- gave them a suggestion how they could improve.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Any juniors interested in playing tennis this coming season? Mount Gambier Tennis Club is holding their registration sessions on
- Tuesday 30th Aug from 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Wednesday 31st Aug from 4.30 - 5.30pm
at the Mount Gambier Tennis Club, Heriot Street.

Please contact Heidi on 0403 172 123 for further information

