

# McDonald Park School

## NEWSLETTER

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GENEROSITY - RESPECT - HONESTY - LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

### COMING EVENTS

#### Week 8

07/12 Kindy transition to school  
Year 6 transition to high school  
08/12 Kindy transition to school  
Year 6 transition to high school  
School transition to 2023 classes

**09/12 PUPIL FREE DAY**

#### Week 9

12/12 to 14/12 Year 6 Creswick camp  
Year 5 Cape Bridgewater camp  
15/12 Annexe Treehouse excursion  
Year 6 graduation  
16/12 Early dismissal 2.15pm, last day of term four

### Transition

As the 2022 school year rapidly comes to a close, we come to that time of the year when we celebrate what has been achieved this year and begin to make plans so that the beginning of next year is a smooth one.

Throughout the journey of life, we experience many periods of transition, moving through one phase into another. Starting school, including high school, is very prominent, but starting in a new class with a new teacher, in a new year level is also a significant transition.

Most students are able to make these transitions quite easily, and the processes that we as a school put in place are enough for them to be successful. Other students may require a little more support from family or school personnel. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you believe your child will require additional support.

Next week is transition week with a few changes happening within the school. An outline is provided below.

#### Monday, 5 December

- Information about 2023 classes will be distributed to families (kindy students will have received information via their kindy this week).

#### Wednesday, 7 December

- Year 6 students visiting their respective high schools.
- Kindergarten students will be visiting their 2023 classes.
- Existing annexe classes will be relocated to the block class area.
- Front of school is reserved for 2023 foundation students to enable them to become familiar with peers and surroundings.

#### Thursday, 8 December

- Year 6 students visiting their respective high schools.
- All students will spend the morning in their 2023 class, becoming familiar with their new teacher, the environment and their peers.
- Students who will not be at McDonald Park School in 2023 (ie year 6 students) will be allocated a space and teacher.

#### Friday, 9 December

- Pupil free day.
- Staff will be analysing 2022 data and preparing for 2023 classes.

Please be mindful that these changes are happening next week and take the time to talk through what this will mean for your child. We believe in the importance of preparing students for what next year will look like. Thank you to everyone who makes this successful - parents, staff, leaders and students.

Kirsty Hill, Sharon Day, Daniel Castle, Lia Jordan

#### SENIOR STAFF



## YELP

On Wednesday of week five, the student leadership environment group travelled to Robe with Mrs Harding to present their environmental project. We were met by Uncle Doug who held a welcoming smoking ceremony, then shared insights into how the landscape has changed over time and the importance of water in our area.

We presented our school project to the other YELP students. This year we focused on continuing our soft plastics project, set up a regular yard clean up and planted an Indigenous garden.

We spent time learning to throw a boomerang and discovered how we can protect shorebirds which migrate from Russia and China to our local beaches. A guest speaker enthralled us with information about bats and the benefits they have on our environment.

It was a wind-up of another successful year creating an awareness of our environment.

**Adelle, Adeline, Mitchell, Reimund  
Mrs Harding and Ms Bundy  
Student Leadership Environment Group**



## 2022 School Magazine



Once again we are offering a school magazine for the 2022 year. This is a fantastic opportunity to capture your child's primary years in a magazine format.

Orders with money need to be returned to the front office by Friday, 2 December. Please return order form if payment made via Qkr!.

Order forms are available from the front office.



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## SAPSASA



### Cricket

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of week four I competed in SAPSASA girls cricket. I played for Southern Country. In my team I had girls from Naracoorte, Bordertown, Mundulla, Kingston and Parilla. Our team won the last game on the second to last ball which resulted in us being joint winners. I am very grateful to have had this experience, and it was lots of fun. **Carey G, N4**

### Tennis



On 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of November I represented the Lower South East for SAPSASA tennis. We were in division two, we came second and received silver medals. It was a great few days and I learnt a lot. It was a great experience and I enjoyed it.

**Carey G, N4**

It was a fantastic experience, I had lots of fun and am so happy with my performance. I am happy that our region came second and I played well. It was fun and I met a lot of other people and made a lot of friends. I would like to be going to SAPSASA tennis next year too. **Beau M, 7**

In term 4 I was given the chance to represent the Lower South East for SAPSASA Tennis. It was a good experience for me because I was able to see how everyone played from different places. In the end I felt like I had made a good contribution to our team's success. The reason I think that is because my team ended up coming 2nd overall. One thing I learnt is that winning does not always matter. It is how you play and how good your sportsmanship is.

**Henry M, N5**

## SAPSASA

### Tennis

I went to SAPSASA tennis in Adelaide. I represented Northern/Lower South East districts as Northern districts had no girl players, so they asked six Lower South East kids to represent them. I was lucky enough to be chosen. All the girls representing Northern districts were all from Mount Gambier. So I already had load of friends there. We ended up coming fourth out of six. I had a great time and hopefully I can do it again next year. A big thanks to Hannah for hanging out with me. **Ariana E, N4**



I went to Adelaide for Northern/Lower South East SAPSASA tennis. I had a great time, I even made friends with some people in my team. My experience at the tennis makes me want to try out for it again next year. My match scores were good but some match scores didn't reflect the game I actually played and sometimes it did. My coach was Hayley and she was very encouraging from the start to the end. Overall I had a great time being a part of a team and making friends whilst playing tennis. **Hannah B, N4**



### Golf

I left for Canberra on November 13<sup>th</sup> to play golf and represent our state. Playing with children my age and meeting new people was enjoyable. While I enjoyed the event, which lasted until November 17<sup>th</sup>, I also appreciated the chance to play on a variety of golf courses, such as Royal Canberra and Federal. Additionally, you get to visit Questacon and discover new things about the globe.

**Blake S, N6**



## Ambassadors Leadership Group



Last Friday I was invited to the Public Education Student Forum for Mount Gambier along with Lucy, to represent McDonald Park School. I really enjoyed the experience of being there with other students from different schools and hearing their ideas and opinions. Getting to look at the data about how students view their own learning, was really interesting and made me see things from a different perspective. I am very happy I got the chance to go because I got to meet lots of people and learn a lot. **Phoebe B**



## CHICKEN HOLIDAY CARE

We are looking for families who would like to look after our chickens during the summer school holidays. This would involve coming in each day of your allocated time and checking on them, feeding and watering them and collecting the eggs. It will also involve letting the chickens out into their run in the morning a few days a week and putting them back in at night. You will be able to keep any eggs that you collect. Never looked after the chickens before, don't worry, Miss Eldridge will meet with you or your children to explain what to do.

If you are interested, please fill in the slip below making sure to select the times you are available, and return to school by Monday, 5 December.

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Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

You can select more than one block of time if you wish.

We would like to look after the chickens during:

- First week (17 Dec to 23 Dec)
- Second week (24 Dec to 30 Dec)
- Third week (31 Dec to 6 Jan)
- Fourth week (7 Jan to 13 Jan)
- Fifth week (14 Jan to 20 Jan)
- Sixth week (21 Jan to 27 Jan)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sports Day New Record Holders

Many records were broken on sports day, congratulations to our new record holders!

### Marathon

Age	Name	Team	Distance
8	Logan M	Watson	5.53 mins
9	Charlotte G	Cunningham	6.10 mins
9	Benji R	McDonald	5.12 mins
10	Kaden T	Watson	6.57 mins

### Long Jump

Age	Name	Team	Distance
8	Kierah N	Lindner	3.0m
	Cruz C	Lindner	3.0m
11	Chloe M	McDonald	3.52m

### High Jump

Age	Name	Team	Distance
11	Annabelle M	Watson	125cm

### Discus

Age	Name	Team	Time
8	Skyla L-R	Cunningham	12.28m
11	Cadence F	Watson	16.0m
12	Dakota H	Lindner	19.79m

### Shot Put

Age	Name	Team	Time
8	Akeai L	McDonald	6.28m
	Anna L	Cunningham	5.45m
10	Cameryn B	Cunningham	6.24m
11	Ronnie C	McDonald	10.14m

**FREE** Some events have limited places so be quick!

# 4 Fantastic EVENTS FOR YOUNG CARERS

in Mt Gambier

**1 Friday 16 December 2022**  
6pm - 8pm  
**Dessert Night**  
Copenhagen (Ages 18-25)

**2 Monday 19 December 2022**  
time to be confirmed  
**Movie and lunch**  
Oatmill Cinema (Ages 9-12)

**3 Wednesday 21 December 2022**  
12pm - 5pm  
**Extreme Marine Fishing Charter**  
Off Port Macdonnell (Ages 13-17)

**4 Friday 6 January 2023**  
10.30am - 1pm  
**Lunch and play**  
Valley Lake Playground (Ages 5-8)

To RSVP or if you have any questions  
call Sam on 0491 066 939 or Email  
[samantha.benton@carerssa.com.au](mailto:samantha.benton@carerssa.com.au)

## Vision Awards Term 4, Week 5

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

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### COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Alexis B	Miss Schulz	Using her initiative and helping others with tasks when they need help.

### RESPECT

Presented to	By	For
Zane C	Ms Huitema	Respectfully listening to the ideas and opinions of others when working in a group.
Aiden C	Ms Mitchell	Participating in fitness activities with better self-regulation and sportsmanship.

### THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Abbigale P	Mrs Spencer	Outstanding reading progress. Confidently transferring her abilities to other areas of learning.
Rydah P	Miss Schulz	Showing growth within her writing and making logical attempts to sound out words when spelling.
Theo W	Miss Squire	Showing excellent growth and improvement in all areas.
Harriet K	Miss Squire	Always approaching things with enthusiasm, determination and positivity.
Emlyn M	Mrs McLean	Excellent dedication to her learning which has led to growth in all areas.
Alex W	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	Making new connections and engaging in learning.
Jasmin A	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	An outstanding dramatic performance in Macbeth.
Jaymon R	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	An engaging and humorous performance in Macbeth.

### ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Max B	Mrs Spencer	Showing enthusiasm when participating during lessons and completing his work to a high standard.
Mikayla T	Ms Huitema	Always putting in 100% effort with her learning.
Tegan S-U	Ms Mitchell	Organising and managing a whole school drawing competition.
Jimmy S	Mrs McLean	Always having a positive mindset and engaging in his learning.
Indi N	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	Engaging thoroughly in all learning.

## Community News

**MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY**  
**Summer READING Club**  
**YOUR ADVENTURE AWAITS!**  
 Club opens 5 December 2022 – closes 22 January 2023

This summer you are invited into the Mount Gambier Library to grab your **TREASURE MAP** and begin searching.

**BE IN IT TO WIN!**  
 Four club levels 0-5, 6-11, 12-14, 15-18 – something for all ages!  
 By joining the club you have a chance to:

- **FIND** the daily hidden treasure in the Library
- **WIN** the weekly treasure
- **CLAIM** a major prize
- **SPLASH** into the **FREE POOL PARTY**  
 24 January 2023 at Wulandla Recreation & Convention Centre

*\*Please note, you can only win a major prize if you are present at the party on the day.*

For more information check out the Mount Gambier Library Facebook page or pop into the Library to register!

Mount Gambier Library  
 6 Wilson Terrace  
 Mount Gambier SA 5290  
 Phone (08) 8721 2540

City of Mount Gambier

**THE RIDDODCH**  
 ARTS • CULTURAL CENTRE

**the WONDER ROOM**  
 COMING SOON

Opening in December  
 The Riddoch invites you to 'The Wonder Room', a children's gallery on the upper level of the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre. The space engages young artists in our community and invites families to enjoy creative activities by celebrating all the things that are special about Summer in beautiful Mount Gambier. The Wonder Room is open from 10 December through to the end of February 2023.

An activity to enjoy is: colour shadow installation (pictured) where your little ones can dance and move in front of lights, using their movements to create new colour combinations. There will be making tables and an interactive fish pattern wall, as well as extra-large building blocks and more! The Merri Shed Mount Gambier have built a beautiful tree for you to hang your unique bird on us, we build a family of colourful birdie!

This space provides families a free, fun and creative space to enjoy this Summer. For more information follow us on socials @TheRiddoch or www.theRiddoch.com.au

So many special events happen at The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre. Are you receiving our e-news? If not, please visit [www.theRiddoch.com.au](http://www.theRiddoch.com.au) to be added to our e-news list. We will send you our e-news once a month or more often if you opt in. You can also visit our website at [www.theRiddoch.com.au](http://www.theRiddoch.com.au)

# City of Mount Gambier Christmas Parade



Well done to our McPark staff, students and parents who braved the elements on Saturday to participate in this year's City of Mount Gambier Christmas Parade. The weather certainly didn't dampen your Christmas spirit!! Senior students carried signs throughout the parade and foundation/year one students were lucky enough to be on the 'Enchanted Castle' float sponsored by the Treehouse Adventure Café.



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# OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care | 19 Dec - 27 Jan

WEEK 1

IN-HOUSE	FULL FEE	CCS REDUCED FEE*
EXCURSION/INCURSION	FULL FEE	CCS REDUCED FEE*
	\$61.00	\$11.74-32.03
	\$76.00	\$13.67-37.28



<b>Monday</b> 19 December In-House	<b>Sensory and Science Play</b>	Get your hands dirty with some cool sensory play activities, and then watch on video educational and science experiments. You'll see you some fun experiments.	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
<b>Tuesday</b> 20 December Excursion	<b>Valley Lakes Playground</b>	Let's hope for some good weather and escape the school solving puzzles to find the hidden candy cane. Play at the playground and see the valley.	Outcomes: 3, 4, 5
<b>Wednesday</b> 21 December In-House	<b>Candy Cane Treasure Hunt</b>	Navigate your way around the school solving puzzles to find the hidden candy cane.	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
<b>Thursday</b> 22 December Excursion	<b>Wheels and Christmas Lunch</b>	Ride to the Railway lands from OSHC for a Christmas party, eat some pizza, dance and sing to some Christmas music.	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
<b>Friday</b> 23 December In-House	<b>Mystery Box - Christmas Gift</b>	Back by popular demand! We kindly ask for donations of new or old toys that can be put into our mystery box game for the children. Children can then choose to keep or gift the item.	Outcomes: 3, 4, 5

# OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care | 19 Dec - 27 Jan

WEEK 2 - 3

IN-HOUSE	FULL FEE	CCS REDUCED FEE*
EXCURSION/INCURSION	FULL FEE	CCS REDUCED FEE*
	\$61.00	\$11.74-32.03
	\$76.00	\$13.67-37.28



<b>Monday</b> 2 January In-House	<b>Old School Games</b>	Let's go back in time and discover some old games that Mum, Dad, Nan or Pa may have played at school.	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
<b>Tuesday</b> 3 January In-House	<b>Movies and Patch Work Crafts</b>	We are off to the movies for the morning.	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
<b>Wednesday</b> 4 January In-House	<b>STEM Day</b>	Can you be an engineer and problem solve tasks? Work together as a team to work out the solutions to some interactive STEM activities.	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
<b>Thursday</b> 5 January In-House	<b>Dinosaurs and Special guest</b>	Let's go back in time to discover the world of dinosaurs. Finish the day with a visit from a special guest.	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
<b>Friday</b> 6 January Excursion	<b>Echo Farm</b>	Let's meet, feed and pet some furry friends while at the Echo Farm.	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

<b>Monday</b> 9 January In-House	<b>Boogie Bounce</b>	Boogie Bounce Kidz is a unique trampolene fitness program to get kids of all ages moving in a fun way.	Outcomes: 3, 4, 5
<b>Tuesday</b> 10 January Excursion	<b>Water Play Day</b>	Slip, slop, slap and slide your way into a fun-filled day of water games and activities.	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
<b>Wednesday</b> 11 January In-House	<b>Mystery Box - Food Taste</b>	Let's put a spin on our mystery box gift game that the children enjoy and add mystery food to taste while blindfolded. Will it be sweet, salty, or sour?	Outcomes: 3, 4, 5
<b>Thursday</b> 12 January In-House	<b>Movie Day</b>	Let's go back to the movies for the morning.	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
<b>Friday</b> 13 January In-House	<b>Water Play Day</b>	Slip, slop, slap and slide your way into a fun-filled day of water games and activities.	Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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# OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Reidy Park OSHC

## Important information:

- OSHC will be open from 6:30am – 6:00pm, please sign in and out between these times.
- All bookings must be received by Monday 12th December to avoid a \$3 casual fee.
- Cancellations must be made two weeks prior to the date of requested care to avoid payment.
- Please send children in appropriate clothes for the activity they will be participating in.
- Sun Smart guidelines are followed so please ensure a hat is worn and no singlets.
- Sunscreen is provided. If your child is sensitive to sunscreen, please provide your own.
- Please review our terms and conditions online for our fee and policy information.
- Please provide morning tea, lunch and a drink bottle every day unless stated otherwise.
- Please note that we are a NUT-ware centre.
- Breakfast and afternoon tea will be provided.
- Handheld electronic devices are not permitted at the centre unless specified in the day's description, communication devices are allowed.
- We welcome feedback and suggestions at any time, please see your centre staff
- By making a booking you are agreeing to pay the fees through your direct debit account. In addition to normal OSHC bookings
- Please inform the service if your child suffers from travel sickness.
- Programmed activities are subject to change.
- \*Typical fee after subsidy is applied

While bus drivers (in SA) are exempt from ensuring passengers under 16Y are restrained, YMCA OSHC will make every effort to ensure the safety of all children by using seat belts that are supplied and be guided by our policies and transport risk assessment.

## Learning outcomes:

-  **OUTCOME 1** Children have a strong sense of identity
-  **OUTCOME 2** Children are connected & contribute to their world
-  **OUTCOME 3** Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
-  **OUTCOME 4** Children are confident and involved learners
-  **OUTCOME 5** Children are effective communicators

 Book your session via the Xplor Home App

Visit [sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC](http://sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC) for more information



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Vacation Care | 19 Dec- 27 Jan

## WEEK 4 - 5

Day	Date	Activity	Outcomes
Monday	16 January	<b>Create and cook</b> Decorate your own apron to wear before you enjoy a cooking session with educators. Take home some yummy treats.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Tuesday	17 January	<b>Woodwork and Craft Day</b> A little something for everyone today. Keep your hands and minds busy while creating something great.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Wednesday	18 January	<b>Millicent Playground</b> We are joining with St Anthony's OSHC to the playground for a play and a sausage sizzle for lunch. Depart: 9:30am Return: 1:30pm Transport: Private Bus	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Thursday	19 January	<b>Army Day</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Friday	20 January	<b>First Aid for Kids</b> A free short course for children to learn CPR and what they can do in an emergency situation. You don't want to miss this one, it could save a life!	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Monday	23 January	<b>Tree House Adventure Centre</b> Get excited we're off to the Tree House to climb, jump, crawl and slide our way into the morning. Depart: 9:30am Return: 11:30am Transport: Private Bus	2, 3, 4, 5
Tuesday	24 January	<b>Colour Run and Quiz</b> Please bring a white t-shirt. Colour, Outz and Colour run. Will you get your answers right or will you look like a rainbow?	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Wednesday	25 January	<b>Bingo and lunch at the RSL</b> Let's take a walk to the RSL to look at the war museum and play some bingo while eating some lunch. Depart: 10:45am Return: 12:30pm Transport: Walking	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Thursday	26 January	<b>HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	
Friday	27 January	<b>Technology and Game Day</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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