

# McDonald Park School

## NEWSLETTER

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GENEROSITY - RESPECT - HONESTY - LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

### COMING EVENTS

#### WEEK 7

Mon 13/3 - ADELAIDE CUP Public Holiday  
Wed 15/3 – Fri 17/3 - NAPLAN  
Fri 17/3 – Assembly / **CASUAL DAY**

#### WEEK 8

All Week – NAPLAN  
Tues 21/3 – **Harmony Day**  
Fri 24/3 – Wellbeing Parent  
Connection 9-10 am

#### WEEK 9

All Week – 3 Way Conferences  
Mon 27/3 – Governing Council  
Fri 31/3 - Assembly



Throughout the curriculum there are many opportunities for students to develop an understanding of, and engage with, First Nations seasonal calendars from around Australia. Seasonal calendars are based on changes in the natural world, such as the movement of stars, the migration of animals and the flowering of plants. Each season is associated with different events and activities. By incorporating and understanding First Nations Seasonal calendars into our curriculum we can foster respect for the knowledge and cultures of First Nations people.

At McDonald Park School, many classes have engaged in learning about the regional seasonal calendar developed by the South East Aboriginal Focus Group with support from the Limestone Coast Landscape Board. Last year students also used this as a tool to observe and collect information about the changes in the environment around our school. Through this, students learn about the Boandik perspective of seasons and build scientific skills such as observation and data collection.



## Revegetation Projects

Throughout the last few years classes have been involved in revegetating the soccer field slope and the main oval slope. The initial focus was the main oval and after a few years, the results are evident. The planting process was just the beginning, and the vegetation has been regularly monitored and maintained to ensure the plants have thrived.

Many students have been involved in the process from planning, to planting and maintenance. The plants used are mostly endemic species, with the aim to create a healthy habitat for the insects and birds that are native to the area.

While it was necessary to close the path on the slope as plants were getting established, students now have access to the path on the main oval slope and can often be seen strolling along chatting with peers. There is more revegetation and work planned for later in the year.

**Katherine Bundy**  
ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TEACHER

**Kirsty Hill, Sharon Day, Daniel Castle, Lia Jordan**  
SENIOR STAFF

## Vision Awards presented Term 1, Week 5

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

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

### PROBLEM SOLVING

Presented to	By	For
Seth A	Miss Eldridge	using fantastic problem solving skills to find over 80 solutions to a number boggle.
Ava E	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	working with excellent independence and being an effective problem solver.
Chaise D	Mrs McLean	displaying resilience within his learning after bouncing back when things got tough.

### COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Ember B	Miss Eldridge	taking the time to help her peers when she can see they need assistance.
Alex L	Mrs Hentschke	working well in collaborative maths groups when learning new games.

### ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Ivy L	Mrs Hentschke	engaging in all learning activities with enthusiasm.
Elsie A	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	putting effort into all areas of her learning.
Beau M	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	engaging quickly in all learning tasks.

### THRIVING

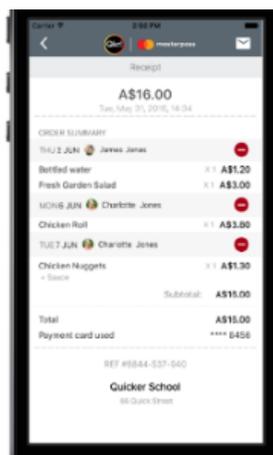
Presented to	By	For
Will A	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	being a motivated and enthusiastic participator.
Ruby C	Mrs McLean	an outstanding start to 2023, displaying all the McPark learner assets.
Ariana E	Ms Mitchell	diligently focusing on her learning, using her initiative to help others and being a positive role model to others.
Cameryn B	Ms Mitchell	diligently focusing on her learning, using her initiative to help others and being a positive role model to others.

## SAPSASA Swimming



Congratulations to Ariana E and Benji R who have been selected to represent the lower south east in SAPSASA swimming. We wish them all the best for the competition, which will be held in Adelaide on Friday 5 May (Week 1 of term 2).

## Qkr! Hints & Tips



**“Did you know you are able to cancel your student’s lunch order before our 8:30am cut off on the day the lunch has been placed for?”**

**Q. How do I cancel food orders that have already been paid for?**

**A. To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:**

1. Open Qkr! and tap Activity.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and sign in with your password.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
4. If your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

**OR**

**To cancel a food order from the calendar view:**

1. Open Qkr! and select the relevant menu.
2. Tap on the tick icon on the date for which you want to cancel the order.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Please contact your school office to cancel any other (non-food) school payments according to school policy.



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY

## NOORLA YO LONG Wednesday 1/3/23



On Wednesday the student leadership groups went to Noorla Yo-Long to complete a life skills challenge. It was tough but lots of fun.

We did a blind folded maze challenge, blind folded obstacle course and high rope. The higher ropes were around 14 metres high. We all had to conquer our fears. The blind folded maze was good fun. We could not use left and right to direct ourselves, so we had to use

### NOORLA YO-LONG OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

different words like dominant and non-dominant, blue and yellow and so on.

The obstacle course was challenging but good fun. One partner had to wear a blind fold and the other had to direct them through the course. We did this so that our confidence would boost as a leader.

The activities throughout the day were designed to help us develop mental skills like empathy and strength, which will help us in our leadership roles.



# FOOTSTEPS

We were once again fortunate enough to have the Footsteps program return to McPark last week. Footsteps specialises in age-based movement programs and delivers engaging and relevant dances which have been developed around the Australian Curriculum.

I liked Footsteps because of the songs, like the 'business'. I liked the dance moves. My favourite dance was 'Slam Dunk'. I really liked it on Friday when we got to do all of the dances.

**By Benji C, N1**

I liked Footsteps because after a long day, Footsteps is just the way to "shake it all off" and have fun! My favourite dance was 'business' because I liked the moves. My favourite dance move was party hops because it made me feel energetic and it made me feel relaxed. I was able to learn some new words like 'locomotive'. All in all it was nice doing Footsteps.

**By Queen, N6**

Last week we did Footsteps. Our instructor's name was Bec. She taught us four dances. The song that I liked was 'business'. My favourite dance out of all of them was 'Slam Dunk'. My favourite dance move was pizza pose.

**By Mike T, N1**

Footsteps was fun because we did 5 very fun dances. From Monday to Friday we were working hard to get all 5 dances right. In my opinion N5 and N6 did very well and they all tried their best. **By Oliver D, N6**

Footsteps was really fun. There were different genres of dance such as: Hip Hop and Disco. I think it was a great experience for people. Some people liked it and some didn't but they were persistent and joined in.

**By Madelyn, N6**



# OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

IN-HOUSE	FULL FEE	CCS REDUCED FEE
OUTSCHOOL (TRAVEL)	FULL FEE	CCS REDUCED FEE
	\$76.00	\$117.74-32.03
		REGULATED FEE
		\$13.67-37.28

## Vacation Care | 17 - 28 April



### WEEK 1

Monday 17 April	Tuesday 18 April	Wednesday 19 April	Thursday 20 April	Friday 21 April
<b>In-House</b> <b>Pour and play</b>  <p>Come in your old clothes for a day of mixing, pouring, bubbling, experimenting, and getting messy!</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5</p>	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Valley Lakes</b>  <p>Pick your water bottles and hats, wave off to the Valley Lakes to play on the playground and explore the trails.</p> <p>Depart: 10:00am Return: 12:00pm Transport: Private bus</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b> 2, 3, 4, 5</p>	<b>In-House</b> <b>You're Kidding and Water play</b>  <p>Come in to OSHC for a day of laughter. Can you handle the 'Tyr Nod To Laugh Water Challenge'?</p> <p>Weather dependent. Children may bring their bottles for a water play day.</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5</p>	<b>In-House</b> <b>Deconstruction day</b>  <p>Children will explore the safe use of tools while pulling apart old electronic devices. We welcome any donations of old small electronic devices to be recycled.</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b> 2, 3, 4, 5</p>	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Magic show and balloon games</b>  <p>Come and see the mysterious magician and the incredible tricks and illusions depicted followed by some delicious balloon washed drinks.</p> <p>Start: 10:00am Finish: 12:00pm</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b> 2, 4, 5</p>

### WEEK 2

Monday 24 April	Tuesday 25 April	Wednesday 26 April	Thursday 27 April	Friday 28 April
<b>In-House</b> <b>Minions day</b>  <p>Come dressed in blue and let Minion's transform you into Minion!</p> <p>The day will be full of Minion inspired activities and a Minion movie marathon.</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5</p>	<b>CLOSED</b>  <p><b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b></p>	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Mario movie and Mario cart course</b>  <p>We're off to the movies to see Mario. Please bring your own Mario Kart children on sale by 9:00 am</p> <p>Depart: 9:30am Return: 12:00pm Transport: Private bus</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b> 2, 4, 5</p>	<b>In-House</b> <b>Colour run and colour shoes</b>  <p>Two very popular activities combined. Bring along some white shoes to decorate in the run. Children participating in another colour run.</p> <p>Bring your white shirts along.</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5</p>	<b>In-House</b> <b>Dress-ups and electronics</b>  <p>Dress in your favourite costume and bring your technology. There will be no Wi-Fi. All children's name items to be kept in the office when not in use. Books and board games are encouraged.</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5</p>

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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 10th April 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 Short 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-aware centre.
- Breakfast and afternoon tea will be provided.
- Hazardous 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 offer 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:

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

 **Book your session via the Xplor Home App**  
 Visit [saymca.org.au/OSHC](http://saymca.org.au/OSHC) for more information



# ABOVE AND BEYOND WOMEN'S SOCCER ACADEMY



PLAYERS OF ANY AGE AND EXPERIENCE WELCOME

MONDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHTS - 6:30 TO 8

CONTACT LEIGH ON 0412 591 478 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

## GRANT HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT INFORMATION  
EVENING FOR YEAR 6  
PARENT/CAREGIVERS

TUESDAY 28TH OF  
MARCH

4PM - 6PM ON THE GHS  
JUNIOR FLOOR

A casual evening, drop in between 4pm and 6pm to meet the leaders and gain information about the curriculum, daily schedules, tour information, enrolment and transition to high school

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL

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FIRST SESSION IS FREE! ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED.

LOWER SOUTH EAST HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

VENUE: BLUE LAKE SPORTS PARK, JUBILEE HIGHWAY EAST  
TIME: FRIDAY EVENINGS - 4:45-5:45

PROGRAM RUNS FROM 24/02/2023 FOR 6 WEEKS  
It's not too late to start now!

Any inquiries please contact Alison Shephard on 0408 899 719 or [leshajuniors@gmail.com](mailto:leshajuniors@gmail.com)

A great opportunity for kids to have a try of hockey and meet new friends.

To Register go to [www.revolutionise.com.au/lowerseha/events/174384/](http://www.revolutionise.com.au/lowerseha/events/174384/) or arrive on the night and someone can assist you.



## GRANT HIGH SCHOOL

# YEAR 6 TOURS

WEDNESDAY 5TH OF APRIL

WEDNESDAY 3RD OF MAY

4PM - 6PM

*TOURS TO BEGIN EVERY HALF HOUR. 1 HOUR DURATION STARTING AT 4PM. DEPARTING FROM THE FRONT OFFICE.*

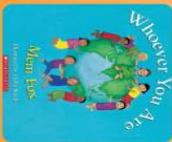
LAST TOUR COMMENCING AT 6PM. NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED!

MORNING TOUR

7:30AM TO 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY 5TH OF APRIL

Government of South Australia  
Department for Education



Join us as we celebrate Australia's cultural diversity, promoting inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for the whole family!

# MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY HARMONY WEEK

20 - 26 MARCH 2023

*Everyone Belongs*

All week

**Everyone Belongs Tree - Craft Activity**

Children can draw a family picture or write their name on a handprint template and add to the 'Everyone Belongs Tree'.  
All welcome.

All week

**Children of the World - Community Puzzle**

This giant puzzle when pieced together will allow children to enjoy learning about different cultures. With beautiful pictures of traditional clothing and countries of the world.  
All welcome.

Tuesday 21 March at 10:30am

**Storytime 'Whoever You Are'**

Join us as we read this classic by Mem Fox. A celebration of diverse childhoods and the essential things that make us all the same!  
Children will then use orange paint to stamp their handprint onto paper and add to the 'Everyone Belongs' Tree.  
All welcome.

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