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UPCOMING KEY DATES

SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER

YEARS R-3 6.00 to 7.00pm

YEARS 3-7 7.15 to 8.30pm

JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY

FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER

COLOUR RUN

FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER

TWILIGHT CONCERT

THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER

SCHOOL CLOSURE (NO OSHC)

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

BELINDA SCHMITT (AKA SCHMITT SENSEI)

MVPS has some very exciting news...

We have just signed documents sent from Japan to become official 'friendship schools' with Toyonaka Municipal Shinden Elementary School, in Osaka.

After multiple phone calls and video calls to the Principal, Noriko Ake, it was clear that we were both equally excited about the learning opportunities for our students and Noriko asked if we would become official 'friendship schools'.

We look forward to seeing where our new friendship will take us and the learning opportunities for Japanese language development and cultural understanding that will come from our new relationship.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Japanese Cultural Day

BELINDA SCHMITT (AKA SCHMITT SENSEI)

2019 McLaren Vale PS

JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY

On Friday 8th November (week 4), we will be holding a Japanese Cultural Day, to celebrate and experience different aspects of Japanese culture and traditions.

Our special day will begin with a whole-school Japanese assembly, then all classes will participate in a Japanese workshop, to experience first-hand a traditional Japanese art form. We are lucky enough to have some exciting workshops lined up, with some special visitors running Japanese calligraphy and cloth wrapping, Manga drawing and traditional *Kamishibai* storytelling.

All classes will then come together for a whole-school picnic on the oval, where Jae's Kitchen will be providing sushi to all students who pre-order prior to the day (a separate sushi order form will be sent home shortly).

After lunch, rooms 20 & 21 will be running a Japanese-style market, where each student will be given two notes of pretend Japanese Yen, to 'purchase' two items from the market. This year, our market will include a mix of traditional market items and other fun Japanese goods to be 'purchased' from the market stalls.

Our Japanese Cultural Day is also a **dress-up day**, where students are encouraged to wear either something 'Japanese', or **red and white** like the Japanese flag.

To participate in our Japanese Cultural Day, students are asked to bring \$2 before the day, to help cover the cost of the Japanese cultural workshops and to receive their Yen to spend at the market.

COST: \$2 per student

Please provide payment to your child's **class teacher** by **Friday 1st November**.

I look forward to a fun day of Japanese culture and traditions.

Mata ne (See you soon), Schmitt Sensei



School Disco

MATT MILLAR —SENIOR LEADER

Friday 1st November

R-3	6.00pm - 7.00pm	\$5 entry includes a fruit box and pack of chips
3-7	7.15pm - 8.30pm	\$3 entry. Chips & drinks available at canteen (50c and \$1)

Tickets can be purchased from Student Services before the disco or on the night.

Students must be picked up by an adult/caregiver before leaving the disco.

SUSHI ORDER FORMS WERE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS LAST WEEK..

AS PART OF MCLAREN VALE PRIMARY SCHOOLS JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY, JAE'S KITCHEN IN MCLAREN VALE IS TAKING SUSHI ORDERS FOR THOSE CHILDREN WHO WOULD LIKE TO ENJOY A JAPANESE LUNCH ON THE DAY.

SUSHI ROLLS ARE \$2 EACH AND INCLUDE SOY SAUCE.

PLEASE NOTE, THE SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL ALSO BE OPEN AND LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE, AS PER USUAL.



PLEASE KEEP ANY UNWELL CHILDREN AT HOME TO AVOID SPREADING GERMS.



2020 Material and Services Charges

AMANDA MARCEL-BUSINESS MANAGER

As the school year comes to an end it is time to formalise the Material & Services Charges (school fees) for 2020.

In line with the Material & Services Charges Administrative Guidelines we invite all parents to attend the next Governing Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 29 October 2019 at 6.30pm in the Resource Centre where the charges will be approved.

A breakdown of the Material & Services charges for the 2020 school year has been sent home with every student.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to express your views please send a letter to the school addressed to the Governing Council Chairperson, Kent Brown, or contact any other Governing Council Member, before the Governing Council meeting.

Please Check...

UNIDENTIFIED PARENT PAYMENT

A payment of \$50 was made to the school bank account in October with no reference to which family it belongs to.

Please contact Amanda urgently in finance if this payment was yours so it can be allocated it to your account.

Ekiden Relay

TIM WALKER

The Ekiden Relay is a distance relay race, which is unique to Japan. This format has a historical background dating back to ancient times. For this event, it involves a team of six running a distance of 11.1km, with not all members running the same "leg" distance. The course starts and finishes in Bonython Park and extends onto sections of Linear Park as it follows the River Torrens into the city.

Twelve teams competed in the Primary event.

McLaren Vale Primary School was well represented in the placings with:

Girls team (1) finishing 1st

Girls team (2) finishing 3rd

Mixed team finishing 1st in their division

Boys team finishing 4th



GIRLS TEAM (1)



GIRLS TEAM (2)



MIXED TEAM



BOYS TEAM

Congratulations to everyone involved!

OSHC News

NATALIE WELLS-OSHC DIRECTOR

Hi everyone, and welcome back for our last term for the year. The year seems to have flown by! We have just finished another fantastic vacation care program with lots of great activities and excursions. We went to Urimbirra Wildlife Park, Goolwa Barrages and Nature Playground, a trip to the movies and we were lucky enough to see a performance of Hairspray Jr, put on by the Adelaide Youth Theatre. The children also enjoyed a campfire cookout day where we toasted marshmallows, cooked hot potatoes and also made garlic and rosemary pita bread, cooked over the fire. A lot of great memories made!



CAMPFIRE COOKOUT



GOOLWA BARRAGES



URIMBIRRA WILDLIFE PARK

AS ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR HEADS RAPIDLY TOWARDS ITS CLOSE, WE ARE ASKING **ALL FAMILIES** TO FILL OUT A NEW ENROLMENT FORM AND BOOKING SHEET FOR 2020. ENROLMENTS WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY CONTINUE OVER INTO THE NEW YEAR. WE ARE ALSO NEEDING TO UPDATE EVERY CHILD'S MEDICAL RECORDS, INCLUDING ACTION PLANS AND MEDICATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES, DON'T HESITATE TO POP INTO OSHC AND TALK TO ONE OF THE OSHC STAFF.

REMINDER— THERE IS A SCHOOL CLOSURE COMING UP THIS TERM ON NOVEMBER 29TH AND OSHC WILL NOT BE OPENING ON THIS DAY.

"Children are naturally creative. It is our job to give them the freedom, materials and space to let their creativity blossom to its full potential." JEAN VAN'T HUL

Can you Help?

SCHOOL BANKING

Please note the last day for school banking this year is in **Week 7, Tuesday 26th November**.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We need some new people to help us run this program in 2020. This only takes a small amount of your time one day each week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Please register your interest at the front office if you can help us – without your help we cannot offer this program!

Volunteer Morning Tea

LYN LANGELUDDECKE-PRINCIPAL

Our staff and students want to show our appreciation in thanking our volunteers who play an important part in our school community by attending a morning tea.

We hope you are able to join this celebration on **Monday 19th November** in the Library from **11.00am – 12.00pm**.

THANK YOU

Children's Week Award

CONGRATULATIONS JADE WORSLEY

On Monday 21st October Jade Worsley attended a Reception at Government House to receive a Children's Week Award.

Jade was nominated for and received this award for being an outstanding role model and for her commitment to and participation in all aspects of the curriculum and school life.



Family Twilight Concert 2019

LYN LANGELOUDECKE- PRINCIPAL



Our annual Twilight Concert is on Thursday, 28th November.

We will be providing a sausage sizzle once again and delivering to classrooms (further details and order forms in the Week 4 newsletter).

We are seeking donations of raffle prizes. If you are able to contribute please leave prizes at the front office.

Snake Safety

LEANNE LOVETT-DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Last week we were fortunate to have Troy and Courtney from Snake Catchers of Adelaide come out with some of their friends to educate our children and staff about what to do if they see a snake to keep themselves safe.

The talk included information about snake conservation, different types of snakes, appreciating and caring for our wildlife and a demonstration of the ways snakes commonly react when they are confronted with a human. Each class had many comments and questions which we had encouraged them to write down and give to their teacher to continue their learning, and Snake Catchers were keen to answer them, acknowledging that our children are the ones who will understand and continue to look after our wildlife. Troy kindly allowed us to video him doing a short education talk so that we can use this as a resource in the classroom with children, and also to share with our community on our Facebook page. Please be assured that all visitors to our school hold current DCSI clearances or Working With Children Checks as a requirement to work in our schools. Unfortunately due to a social media incident on the weekend we had to remove the post that shared this video, but it will be back up again shortly.



Colour Run

MATT MILLAR—SENIOR LEADER

On Friday the 15th of November, students will be involved in a Colour Run event to raise money for the extension of our Nature Play facilities.

After consultation with Governing Council, staff members and Vale Reps we have decided to not use the company previously used and run the event on our own.

A sponsorship form will go home in the coming week for students to begin collecting donations. We ask that students either raise a minimum of or donate \$5 to help cover costs of running the event.

Cash donations will be collected by students and brought in an envelope with other donations by Friday the 15th of November.

Alternatively, online donations can be made by downloading the 'QKR App' or through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

Details for making these donations will be sent out in the coming week with a program for the day.

Parent Survey (Communication)

MATT MILLAR—SENIOR LEADER

The Education Committee are seeking parent feedback on the use of communication methods such as Seesaw and school diaries. We would really appreciate if you could take 5 minutes to complete the following survey for us.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JZBYPPB>

World Teachers Day

KENT BROWN—GOVERNING COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

On behalf of the parents of McLaren Vale Primary School as well as the Governing Council Committee we would like to wish the teachers at McLaren Vale Primary School a happy World Teachers Day. Not just for the work done between 8.45 and 3.05 but the extra bits that we don't see. The late nights getting ready for the next day, the days spent making your classroom a home away from home for our students during your 'holidays'. The passion you bring to our children's learning and the commitment to creating a nurturing and fun learning environment to allow our kids to be the best that they can be. Know that the hard work and the extra yards you go to are valued and recognised. So thank you and keep up the great work. Many thanks also to our regular relief teachers who are equally committed to the ongoing education of our students.

Sean Beath

Anna Bellomarino

Victoria Brown

Shae Chandler

Nicky Clark

David Cleggett

Lauren Cole

Emily Downing

Alison Ellis

Beck Frears

Alex Gabb

Sue Higgins

Paula Hodgens

Sophie Hunt

Jenny Jones

Kym Kleinig

Lyn Langeluddecke

Wendy Lithgow

Leanne Lovett

Simon Lovett

John Lysikatos

Brianna Maddock

Kristy-Anne Mangnoson

Matt Millar

Michelle Moore

Gabby Morgan

Sally Murray

Angela Pedisic

Karen Plisko

Rebecca Price

Shane Rayner

Burda Sanders

Belinda Schmitt

Cate Schueller

Lyn Scott

Emma Sheridan

Bernice Sternberg

Petra Turner

Rosy Ulcoq

Kylie Van Laarhoven

Susie Walker

Tim Walker

Kate Wyatt



Nude Food Day

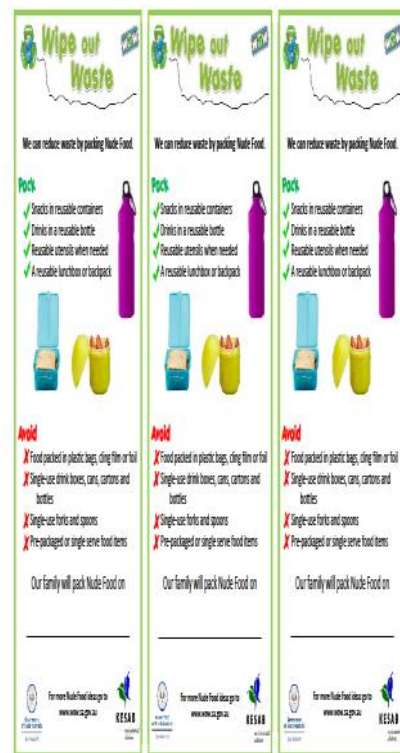
PAULA HODGENS

As part of McLaren Vale's commitment to become a more sustainable school, we are introducing a whole school 'nude food day'. This term, every Tuesday, class teachers will tally how many students in their class have nude food lunchboxes. 'Nude food' is essentially lunch boxes that contain food with zero packaging. The S.A.S (Sustainability Action Squad) will collect the data from all classes and the most committed class to nude food will receive a prize. Winners will be awarded on a fortnightly basis so all classes have a chance to get on board, make positive changes and win a prize!

As parents, your help and support is crucial in making this a success and is only a small step in becoming a more sustainable school.

Tips for parents packing Nude Food lunches

- Let children make their own lunches. Consider packing lunches the night before and storing them in the fridge overnight to avoid the morning rush.
- Discuss with your child what they like to eat and how much. Bin audits in schools across SA show large quantities of unopened packaged foods (single-serve yogurts, cheese sticks, sandwiches, uneaten fruit and fruit boxes are being thrown away. This costs your family money as well as creating unnecessary waste.
- Cut up fruit and vegetables and pack them in reusable containers so that children can eat some and save the rest for later. (It's easier to eat a wedge or two of an apple and then reseal the container than to take a few bites out of a whole apple and save the rest). A rubber band around a sliced apple will prevent browning.
- Encourage your children to bring home uneaten food to eat later. Appreciate that play time is also important, so discuss with children how much they can reasonably eat in one day. Often children throw uneaten food away because they don't want to upset the person who packed the lunch. If you're not sure how much they can eat at school, start small, e.g. a piece of fruit and a sandwich, and build it up if they are asking for more.
- If your children have chips, savoury biscuits, or other snacks, try buying a larger bulk pack and have your children put the same quantity into a reusable labelled container that they bring home each day. It's also cheaper!
- Avoid buying drinks in packaging that cannot be resealed. Many children take just a few sips at snack time and discard the rest. Pack drinks in a reusable container.



2020 Class Placements

LYN LANGELOUDECKE-PRINCIPAL

Last Friday we sent out a parent slip for feedback for you to provide information that you think your child's teacher will need to consider in the placement process.



Just a reminder to return these to your child's teacher by this coming Friday 25th October.

We also hope that you had an opportunity to support your child in their selection of a friend/s for the class placement process on the sociogram. Children will be placed with at least one friend from their list so although it's numbered, they are not considered to be in priority order.

This joint discussion will overcome issues in the following year when parents have requested a class swap because their child wasn't with a friend.

AFL 9's

SEAN BEATH

Yet another exceptional sporting day for McLaren Vale Primary School! 4 teams (2 female and 2 male), the most teams and players at the carnival, made their way to Flinders University to play in a carnival against 4 other schools. One of our female teams took home the win, while the other three teams played hard and did the Vale proud!

All participants arrived with smiles on their faces and left with smiles on their faces, and a few with injuries. A big thank you to Wayne Cox, Guy Middlemiss and Jess Shaw (special mention to Jess for her magic hydration spray) for helping coach and look after our incredible students! **#McLarenOn3**.

