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NEWSLETTER TERM 2, WEEK 9, 2020



UPCOMING KEY DATES

LAST DAY OF TERM

THURSDAY 2/7 Reports go home

FRIDAY 3rd JULY

2:05pm DISMISSAL

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY GOLD COIN DONATION

STUDENT FREE DAY

MONDAY 20th JULY

YEAR 3 SWIMMING (RMS 1, 2, 18)

MON 27th-FRI 31st JULY

SCHOOL DENTIST VISITS

29th & 30th JULY

YEAR 3/4 SWIMMING (RMS 14,15,19)

MON 10th-FRI 14th AUGUST

STUDENT FREE DAYS

MON 14th & TUES 15th SEPTEMBER

SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER



Year 7 Jumpers 2020

SIMON LOVETT - YEAR 7 TEACHER

The Year 7's finally got their jumpers after a long wait through the COVID-19 period. The jumpers took on a new look this year with the kids deciding they wanted the focus to be on them 'standing out' as school leaders while respecting the colours and emblems associated with MVPS. Feedback has been all positive for both the look and the comfort of the jumpers as they settle in to the winter months. The kids get a real sense of pride as they walk around the school and community in their new tops and celebrate their final year at a school they love and respect.



MVPS

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TWENTY



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

COVID Restrictions-Term 3

LEANNE LOVETT - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As you may know, restrictions will ease in schools next term. This is what it will look like at MVPS in Term 3:

PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS, DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT AND OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS MAY AGAIN ENTER SCHOOL GROUNDS.

- Students still need to be dropped off OUTSIDE classrooms.
- We do not want to lose the maximisation of learning time that we now have – students are in seats working before the bell goes at 8.50, we do not want to lose this!
- No parents/caregivers inside classrooms unless it is organised volunteering (your child's teacher will communicate this to you as appropriate).
- Teachers will find meaningful ways to ensure families feel connected to their teacher and the learning in the classroom – daily seesaw posts, regular conversations, etc.
- Volunteering in classrooms and within school needs to ensure physical distancing, and a *Gov. SA Covid-19 site entry form* needs to be completed at the office EVERY time, before volunteers enter classrooms and learning spaces.
- Parents/caregivers still have to physical distance at pick up and drop off - thank you to those families doing this well.
- R-2 students will have their bags packed up before parents/caregivers come into the grounds to support a quick move out of the school grounds.
- Volunteering as normal returns for SAKG – in garden AND kitchen lessons (volunteers must complete a *Gov. SA Covid-19 site entry form* at office before they participate).

ALL EXTERNAL SERVICE PROVIDERS AND VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE THE *GOV. SA COVID-19 SITE ENTRY FORM* ON ENTRY.

- NDIS external providers will be communicated with to let them know if they can come back in Term 3 or not. The amount of providers allowed in will unfortunately be limited by external spaces that are available due to physical distancing and in school intervention programs.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES CAN RECOMMENCE WITH RESTRICTIONS

- Assemblies will recommence in Term 3 with a modified schedule (this will be communicated with you).
- 2 year level group assemblies per term.
- Only adults of class hosting assembly invited.
- Only one adult per family.
- Seating laid out to ensure adult physical distancing.
- All adults attending will need to complete a *Gov. SA Covid-19 site entry form* before entry to assembly.
- Maximum amount of adults will be communicated to class teacher.

ALL INTRASTATE CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS ARE NOW ALLOWED TO GO AHEAD

- Camps and excursions recommence as of Term 3 (classroom teachers will communicate this to families as applicable).
- Remember financial assistance and arrangements for camps and excursions is available.
- Staff are reviewing the planned events in T3 and T4 and confirming calendars and will communicate this to families.

ALL SCHOOL SPORT COMPETITIONS, SPORTS DAYS AND CARNIVALS, INCLUDING INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS (USE OF CHANGE ROOMS AND SHOWER FACILITIES IS NOT PERMITTED) CAN GO AHEAD.

- Sports Day go ahead with families as per usual (more information will be distributed to families shortly).
- Any other relevant competitions etc. will be communicated to families as needed.

INTER-SCHOOL CHOIRS, BANDS AND OTHER PERFORMING ART ACTIVITIES

- Choir and Wakikirri still only going ahead as per original covid-19 restricted plans.

SCHOOL FORMALS, SOCIALS AND DISCOS

- No school discos for 2020.
- Lyn Langeluddecke running "MVPS got talent" next semester during school hours.

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK – STUDENTS AND STAFF (AND FAMILIES)

- Please continue to keep your child home if he/she is sick (including the use of paracetamol to keep temperatures down – keep child home).
- Students who show symptoms of being sick will be sent home.
- Staff will continue to stay away from school if they are sick

Staffing news

LEANNE LOVETT - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



We would like to thank Miru Agil for the wonderful job she has done in Room 6 with the Receptions. Miru is about to embark on an exciting new adventure with her family and is moving to the NT! We will miss her positivity and kindness, she has been a huge asset to MVPS in her short time with us.

We welcome back Alex Gabb to Room 6 in her place, who is returning from maternity leave after having two beautiful twin girls. Sophie Hunt and Alex have worked together previously in Reception and are looking forward to being a team again. Alex has been visiting Room 6 children over the last couple of weeks to ensure a smooth transition for all.



Parking Reminders

LEANNE LOVETT - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Please remember to park only in designated car park spaces when using the school carpark located at the rear of school. Last week we had an accident due to someone parking in an illegal, undesignated car parking space.

Please remember that the 'kiss and drop' zone is not a parking space – **do not leave your car.**

Please remember not to park over residents driveways on Caffrey Street. One of our lovely neighbours was unable to leave his driveway last week because someone had blocked him in.



Years 5/6 School Preferences 2021

MARY-ANNE SHERRIFF - ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL

We are currently looking into our enrolments for 2021 for staffing purposes.

Forms were sent home with year 5 and year 6 students last term seeking information on current year 5 and 6 2021 enrolment choices.

If you haven't already returned the form can you please do so to assist planning for next year. We have spare forms in Student Services or we can email one to you.



Screen Time

MATT MILLAR - SENIOR LEADER

Screen time is the amount of time spent watching a screen or electronic media for entertainment. It includes:

- Watching TV, DVDs and other online shows
- Using computers or other devices to access online entertainment
- Playing games on consoles, computers and mobile phones
- Texting and social media use

The human brain is constantly building connections and growing, and digital media is quickly playing an active role in that process. Children need a diverse menu of online and offline experiences, including the chance to be creative.

Social media and video games work on what is called a variable reward system, similar to pokies. A young brain lacks a fully developed self-control system to stop obsessive behaviour that can occur when engaging in social media and video game experiences.

Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines suggest the following screen time limits:

Ages 0-2: No screen time

Ages 2-5: Less than 1 hour per day

Ages 5-17: Less than 2 hours per day

• WHAT DOESN'T CONSTITUTE AS SCREEN TIME?

Screen time does not include time spent on educational activities, such as for school work and enhancing learning experiences. *Harvard Medical School* research states "It's not how long we're using screens that matters, it's how we're using them that's critical."

• SCREEN TIME AT MCLAREN VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

With greater use of devices such as Chromebooks and iPads at McLaren Vale Primary School we are well aware that the level of screen time is increasing in the daily lives of students and the research behind its use. We have started looking at a model for using digital technology for learning and how we can enhance learning experiences through the use of digital resources.

This involves moving away from children as consumers of technology, and towards being creators (making presentations, movies, websites, etc.).

We are currently exploring the G Suite (Google's digital resources for publishing) with Google Classroom as the platform for learning.

Current use and trialling in our classrooms has shown that extended periods of use are no greater than 60-90 minutes per day and the resources being used are increasing student engagement and developing creativity, critical thinking and collaboration. These are all much needed skills for life and work in the 21st Century.

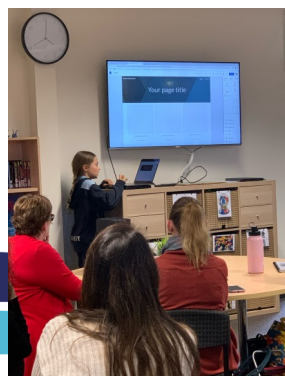
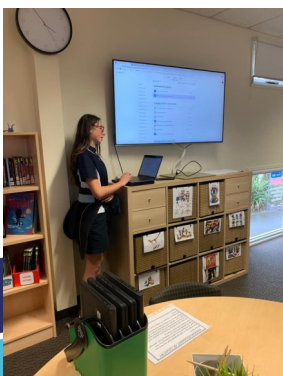
Our staff are committed to providing rich learning experiences with technology and ensuring its use in the classroom is not only effective, but safe for all students.

Below are some links to the eSafety Commissioner's resources and the Harvard Medical School, screen time article if you would like to do some further reading.

https://www.esafety.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/EC-ESP-screen-time-tips-flyer_0.pdf

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues>

<https://hms.harvard.edu/news/screen-time-brain>



SOME YEAR 5 AND YEAR 7 STUDENTS
SHARED THEIR EXPERTISE IN DIGITAL
TECHNOLOGY AT A RECENT STAFF MEETING,
TEACHING STAFF ABOUT FEATURES OF THE
"G SUITE" IN GOOGLE CLASSROOM.



Canteen Update

MEAGAN WALSH - CANTEEN

Many thanks for your continued support, especially last term with the lunch order process changes due to COVID restrictions. With the restrictions easing next term parents are still welcome to text me orders directly.

As of Term 3 the Canteen will again be open during second break.

An updated Canteen Pricelist is now on the website – we are now offering hot chocolate!



Eco Warriors

PAULA HODGENS



PRACTISE YOUR NUDE FOOD LUNCHBOXES NOW, READY FOR FULL-THROTTLE NUDE FOOD CAMPAIGN NEXT TERM!

There is a new Pandemic sweeping across McLaren Vale Primary School!

Litter is being found at alarming numbers and at increasing speed.

DON'T BE A LITTER BUG!

Some classes report going out for brain breaks and collecting up to 30 bits of litter!

Teachers on duty report more litter even after the area has been cleaned that morning!

Come on, McLaren Vale kids! Our school looks unloved and neglected.

We have started a whole school clean up every Friday morning to try to get our school looking fabulous and loved again.

Wouldn't it be awesome if everyone just managed to put their litter in the bin. NOT THAT HARD, is it?

The Eco Warrior group (formerly known as the Sustainability Action Squad) has not been very active this year due to circumstances beyond our control but next term will be back better than ever. We are ready to bring back pride into our school and connection with our earth. Why not start being more mindful of what is packed in lunchboxes and swapping packaging with reusable containers.

What's Happening?

LOCAL COMMUNITY

Fun Kids Golf Day

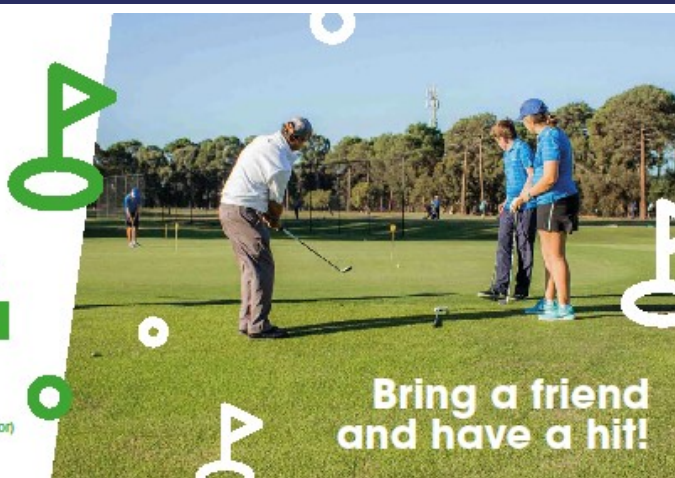
Saturday 27th June

2pm onwards

Willunga Golf Course

\$10 (snacks provided)

All kids and parents are welcome
Register by Thursday the 25th of June
Call Gavin Fontaine on 0415 823 322
(Working with Children Certified Golf Instructor)
We look forward to seeing you!



WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY
BOYS & GIRLS YEARS 4-7
BRIGHTON SECONDARY
REGISTER ONLINE \$55
BE QUICK! SPOTS FILL FAST
volleyballs.com.au/holidayclinics

NEED HELP? | PROGRAMS@VOLLEYBALLSA.COM.AU | (08) 8363 1265

NATALIE WELLS - OSHC DIRECTOR

Wow, what a busy few weeks we have had in OSHC! The staff and children have been busy moving all of our OSHC things out of the OSHC room ready for our building extension to start. It has been a mammoth team effort but we have done it! We are all very excited for what is ahead, and look forward to having an amazing new space for our children and families.

We will be operating from the kitchen and gym areas of the school from now until the new building is complete. This will also include during vacation care.

Our vacation care program came out last week and we have lots of exciting activities and excursions planned. We are looking forward to creating some special memories for the children.

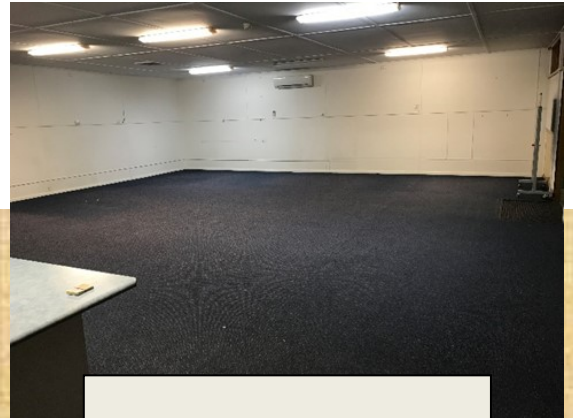
Have a great week!



HELPING TO DISMANTLE THE
OSHC TABLES



TAKING DOWN THE
BRACKETS FOR THE TV.



OUR VERY EMPTY OSHC ROOM

*'Play builds the kind of free and easy, try it out, do it yourself
character that our future needs' – James L. Hymes Jr*

Year 7 ATSI Action Group

LEANNE LOVETT - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

With Burda and Simon's support, five of Room 27's Year 7 students have formed a year 7 ATSI Action group.

They will work Burda to action some the recommendations from the RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) committee.

They will visit all classes every Monday morning and monitor the following:

- That every class is displaying the Kurna acknowledgement.
- That every class is saying the acknowledgement once a week on a Monday morning.
- That every class is aware of the "weekly video clip". (We are asking that every class watch 1 ATSI film clip a week to increase student knowledge of Aboriginal culture.)



OUR MVPS RAP IS ON DISPLAY IN
THE FRONT OFFICE IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO CHECK IT OUT.

Finance Update

AMANDA MARCEL - FINANCE MANAGER

Statements for outstanding school fees were sent out at the end of last term. 2020 M&S fees were due to be paid by Friday April 9 (end of term 1).

This was also the due date for the lodgement of school card and applications to pay by instalments.

We understand that the impact of COVID19 has been significant for many of our families and the last few months has brought much uncertainty.

We would like to reassure our families that if they are having difficulty in making payments we are here to work with you and support you during these times. Please contact the Finance Office as soon as possible if you would like to discuss what options are available to you.

The Governing Council believes that it is important for all families to actively contribute to the successful financial management of the school and have a debt recovery policy which includes referring outstanding accounts to a debt recovery service. We encourage you to contact the school as soon as possible to avoid this action.

HOW TO PAY:

Cash/EFTPOS: at Student Services in the admin building between 8:30am & 4:00pm, Monday to Friday or placed in the Express Payment box (outside Student Services).

Phone payment: by credit card by calling Student Services

Online Payments: Pay directly into the school's bank account.

Bank SA BSB 105-071 Account Number 280118540.

Please use your family code & invoice number as your reference

QKR: see enclosed flyer on how to pay using the new QKR app.

Centrepay: Families who receive regular Centrelink payments may use this system which allows payments to be sent automatically to the school on a fortnightly basis. This service is provided at no cost to you. Further information is available from the Finance Office

School Card: The School Card scheme offers financial assistance with school fees (materials and services charges) for students attending government schools. Applications need to be submitted each year with forms available online or in hard copy at Student Services. For more information about applying or eligibility visit www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY FOR A SCHOOL CARD VISIT:



sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

Facilities Update

LEANNE LOVETT - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

- We are working our way through a long list of facilities and grounds improvements for our school.
- We are very excited about the new flooring in the JP boys, JP girls and gym toilets, they look (and smell) great!
- Painting on all of the children's toilets starts next week which will leave a neat and tidy blank canvas for the Vale Reps to bring their vision to life in these spaces with murals, quotes and other design elements. We are hoping that by providing the students with beautiful spaces they will respect and care for them better.
- Stefan Glockner is back next week to begin works on the two adventure playgrounds. The students have been providing Stefan with feedback about what they would like to see in this space. We can't wait for it to start!



What's happening in class?

ROOM 2 — MRS CORBETT

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

This semester has been a busy and exciting one for the students in Room 2. It all started with designing and making a tool to hunt for living things in our school environment. We learnt that our school is home to many beautiful birds so we decided to create our ideal bird homes for them. This was lots of fun because we discovered the sky was the limit with what we could build. We could cut, bend, stick, join, paint, glue, fold, colour, weave etc. and our bird homes not only looked fabulous but actually attracted real birds. Testing our bird homes was so much fun!



Our discussions then focused on the purpose of homes/shelters and how they can differ around the world. There was lots of deep thinking and questions about what the essential items in a home are. From here we were ready to design their own 'dream bedroom' floor plans and get creative with using our digital technology skills.