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NEWSLETTER TERM 3, WEEK 6, 2020



UPCOMING KEY DATES

HUTT STREET LONG WALK

FRIDAY 28th AUGUST

FATHER'S DAY STALL

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

ATSI CULTURAL EXCURSION

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

PRINCIPAL TOUR

9.30am THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

6.30pm TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

YR7 WILLUNGA HIGH SCHOOL

TRANSITION VISITS

TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

STUDENT FREE DAYS

MON 14th & TUES 15th SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL DENTIST

WED/THURS 16th & 17th SEPTEMBER

MON/TUES 21st & 22nd SEPTEMBER

SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

RECEPTION MORIALTA EXCURSION

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

YR 6/7 NUNYARA CAMP

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

Happy Father's Day!

Best wishes to our amazing dad's/grandpas and special people for a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday 6th September.



My Dad's the best!

"My dad's clever. He can build things". *Thea*

"Every single night my dad gives me short, medium and long cuddles". *Georgia*

"My dad thinks everything is funny". *Gene*

"My dad helps me when I'm hurt". *Jayden*

"My dad tells knock-knock jokes". *Ethan*

"My dad does the dishes". *Braxton*

"My dad watches me while I do wheelies on my motorbike". *Jordan*

"My dad gives me donkey rides to bed". *Eve*

"My dad can make elephant sounds out of his nose and mouth". *Zara*

"My dad gives me big tickles". *Harry*

"When I ask dad to play cards he always says yes if he's not in the middle of something". *Nate*

"My dad works away so he can earn money to do things for our family and make us happy". *Aiden*



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Term 3 Student Free Days

LYN LANGELOUDECKE-PRINCIPAL

Our 2 student free days will still go ahead this term. The dates for these are Monday 14th September and Tuesday 15th September. Both days will be dedicated to our Site Improvement priority of writing. On Monday we will be 'zooming' with our facilitator, Sheena Cameron, in New Zealand. Her work is very practical and hands on and will provide our educators with the essential elements of the writing process and text features as well as an overview of the writing toolkits.

The second day will allow us to review these components and to work in our teams on a balanced and engaging writing program.

OSHC will operate on both days and bookings are essential.

Safer Parking Zones

LYN LANGELOUDECKE-PRINCIPAL

To increase parking availability at drop off and pick up times, council will be making some signage changes on the eastern side of Caffrey Street at the beginning of term 4.

The existing kiss and drop zone will be increased by one car park. Half hour parking will be available between 8.00am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 4.00pm on school days in 15 car parks to be allocated adjacent to the cemetery.

The new half hour parking time limit will ensure that these 15 car parks are available for parents at drop off and pick up times.



Reminders

THANKS TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2020 M&S FEES. PLEASE SEE AMANDA IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS OPTIONS SUCH AS PAYMENT PLANS OR REQUIRE ASSISTANCE APPLYING FOR SCHOOL CARD.

~AMANDA MARCEL



DON'T FORGET!

Notes have already gone home for our Governing Council Fundraising Committees Father's Day Stall.

Students that have returned their note complete with payment will be able to select a \$5.00 gift for their dad/grandfather/special person on Wednesday 2nd September.

Last day for notes/payments is Friday 28th August.

School Banking recommenced Tuesday 11th August. If your child has previously participated in school banking, or has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away by bringing their Dollarmites deposit wallet to school on school banking day. If you would like further information, please contact me.

~Hayley Craven

WITH SEVERAL STUDENT FREE DAYS APPROACHING WE ASK THAT YOU ENSURE YOUR BOOKINGS AT OSHC ARE COMPLETED ASAP TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

TO MAKE A BOOKING, PLEASE CONTACT OSHC STAFF.



Treat Dad
THIS
FATHER'S DAY



Sports Day

LYN LANGELUDDECKE-PRINCIPAL

SPORTS DAY to go ahead but without parents/caregivers on site

It's been a difficult decision to make as we know how much our families love to be part of Sports Day but again, due to COVID restrictions and the complexity in meeting the requirements of social distancing, and in the best interests of our children and staff, we have made the difficult decision not to involve parents and caregivers on the day.

Children and staff will miss their family's cheers and encouragement, but our focus will be on ensuring an awesome, fun day of sport for our children.

We are still running with the same program and with our house captains leading the cheers and supporting their teams throughout the day. Staff will endeavour to capture as many moments in photographs as they can, and share with families as appropriate.

Barbeques and cake stalls are out as well, but food trucks and canteens are in, so the following food will be available for students and staff on the day:

- The canteen will provide a sports day meal deal (cheese burger, muffin and fruit box), along with the usual food lines (except pizza)
- Liquid Delights will be selling coffees, slushies and milk shakes
- Tamara's pizza trailer will provide wood fired pizzas

Pre-orders for food are preferred, so keep a look out for an order form that will be sent home next week (Week 7). The same routine will apply with orders sent to classrooms, where children return to for lunch eating.



Open Night

LYN LANGELUDDECKE-PRINCIPAL

OPEN NIGHT CANCELLED....and in it's place

Due to COVID restrictions we have had to rethink the structure to Open Night. Traditionally, Open Night has been an opportunity for children to share their learning with their parents through an early evening visit to classrooms. However, managing the social distancing is very problematic so teachers are organising alternative arrangements. *This is not a formal process as such, but essentially an opportunity for you to have a conversation with your child's teacher about his/her current progress and behaviour.*

A range of ways are being considered and each teacher will communicate with class parents as to the procedure they have in place: whether it be a face to face catch up, phone conversation or sending work books home with a feedback sheet for parent comment. Several teachers have already informed their class parents about this and those that haven't as yet, will be by week's end. If the option offered doesn't suit, we ask that you negotiate an alternative arrangement with the teacher.

We acknowledge that COVID times have really created a barrier between home and school and we are actively trying to bridge this gap. As communicated to families previously, we encourage parents to step up and ensure that you are getting the information that you need within the limitations of our current partnership. Teachers are very willing to go above and beyond but we do need to respect the business of their daily work. If you have a concern or want to follow up on any aspect of your child's schooling, you can do so via Seesaw, Google Classroom or via email to the class teacher.

Working together to get the best outcomes for every child is our main goal.



Support Staff Week

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT STAFF AT MCLAREN VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL



SALLY HARRIS



LEE HONAN-ANDERSON



JULIE KELLY



NATALIE BENTLEY



JESS SHAW



OLIVIA HOMANN



SHARON PROCTOR



BELINDA TURNER



KELLY PEACOCK



JO RUNDLE



MADDY MORGAN



JAMIE WELLS



NATHAN ADAMS



TYSON MADDERN



GEORGIA MORGAN



LISA SANDFORD



KALINDA GLATTER



REBECCA ROBERTS



THERESA LEHMANN



AMANDA MARCEL



MARY-ANNE SHERRIFF



CLAIR PAVEY



YVONNE OWEN



CHRIS EMERY



JULIE WALSH



NAT GIFFNEY



TAMARA PIEC



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STEVE TILLEY



This week (24th – 28th August) marks the AEU SA Support Staff Week, acknowledging all of the wonderful work our SSOs, ECWs and AEWs do in our DfE schools and preschools.

We would like to thank our SSOs for their invaluable contribution as part of our team in supporting our young people at McLaren Vale Primary School.

If you see any of these wonderful people, please stop and say “hi” and acknowledge their work with our students.

This week the teaching staff are supplying a morning tea to say thank you, and students are making cards.

Swimming

ROOM 15

'This week my class went swimming, we had to come to our class with our bathers under our school clothes. After lunch, we got on the bus and set off. It was a bumpy ride, "bump, bump!" went the bus on the road.' - Kayla

"Later on, we arrived, oh wow! There were so many pools and it was nice and warm! We waited until everyone got sorted into their groups. Our instructor said, "this week we are going to be focusing on safety in water." - Sunny

'Firstly, my group instructor said, "what do we when we are drowning?". my group said that we'd put our hand up and say heellpppp!' - Brooke

'On Thursday, we got to the pool and our group had to wear old clothes over the top of our bathers. Once we had finally got in the pool, I realised how hard it was to swim in the water with our clothes on!' - Hudson

'Nicky taught us to do the Super Man into the water. We have to keep our arms outstretched into the water and squat down when you jump in, making sure you keep your head above the water.'" - Ava

"The group put on our personal flotation devices (PFD's) and went into the water. We practised putting them on under the water. Once we finished that we went in the deep end and practised getting off the boat. As I got off, it felt like the water was sucking me up!" - Gracie

"After that, our teacher got a blow up boat and we had to fall backwards off the boat! She tipped the boat over and we had to put our goggles on and go in the water and go under the boat and stay there. There was air so we could breathe under the boat!!" - Sienna

'It was time to get changed and go home. We went on the bus and went back to school. Ding, dong ding, dong! It was home time.' - Zari

SAPSASA Netball

SOPHIE HUNT

We played two games of netball on Tuesday 11th August at St Francis de Sales college in Mt Barker.

Our first game was against Eastern Fleurieu. We started off well, with our goalies shooting well and working together well in the ring. Our mid court was quick and we needed to work on coming in front of our players and not asking for the lobs. Our defenders had a tricky job keeping up with the opposition and getting the rebounds.

The final score was MVPS: 20 v EF: 48

The second and last game of the day was against St Francis de Sales. This was a very fast paced game and St Francis de Sales came out very strong. We never gave up and continued to work as a team and encourage one another but the final score was MVPS: 7 v St Francis: 70. The final quarter was a bit of fun with going into different positions.

The whole team represented MVPS well and we will try again next year!



Tahli Jones, Brooke Mitton, Aleah Price, Charley Poolman, Briarna Mitrotasios, Saraya Wilson, Mali Lovett, Ava Williams, Amelia Laan and Emma Carpenter

Maker's Day

MATT MILLAR-LEADERSHIP

Maker's Day was held in Science Week (Week 5) and looked a little different to last year with families unfortunately unable to attend. This didn't stop our creative students putting their thinking skills to work. Classes solved a variety of problems by thinking, designing, creating and testing different products.

Buddy classes teamed up in most cases and it was fantastic to see students collaborating and thinking together.

Classes followed the 'Design Thinking Model' used by entrepreneurs and inventors to solve problems and design solutions.

This is a model we are beginning to use more across the school, particularly in STEM and Design Technologies:

EMPATHISE – UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM DEEPLY FOR THE END USER.

DEFINE – DEFINING WHAT THE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS ARE THAT NEED SOLVING.

IDEATE – CREATE IDEAS AND "THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX".

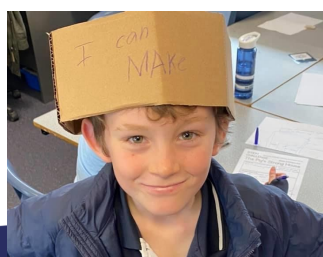
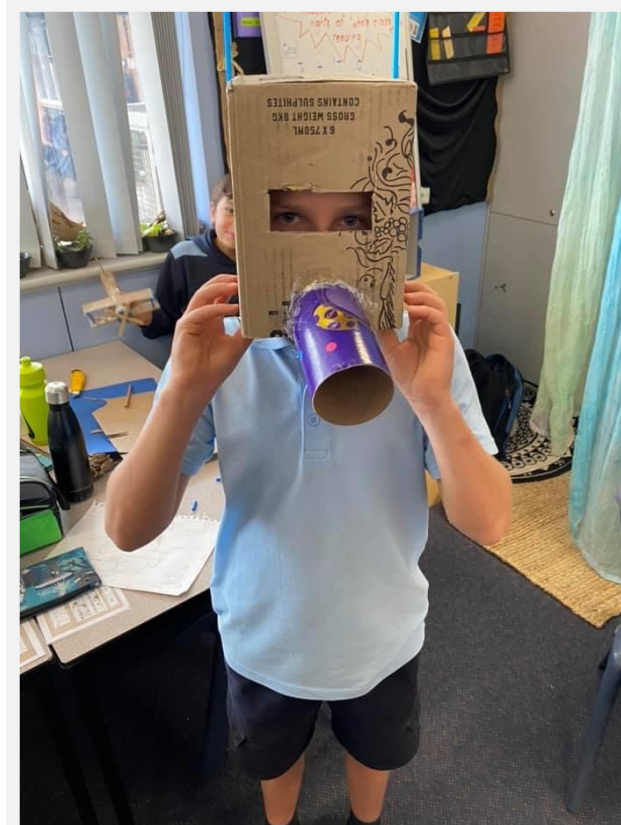
PROTOTYPE – CREATE A SOLUTION OR PRODUCT.

TEST – TRY THE SOLUTIONS OUT.

It was fantastic to see students working through these phases and producing some creative results.

We have included a small selection of pictures from the day.

Have a chat with your child about what they designed and made this week!



Hutt St Centre Long Walk

LEANNE LOVETT-DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

This year our partnership with the Hutt St Centre is still in place but will look a little bit different due to COVID-19. The long walk (50km from Willunga to the CBD) is still happening on Friday 28th August, and the Walk a Mile event held on the MVPS oval, complete with brekkie supplied by Rapid Relief will be happening in term 4 (fingers crossed).

These are the five wonderful MVPS staff members (Tamara Piec, Kate Wyatt, Jess Shaw, Simon Lovett and Matt Millar) who are doing the very long walk, along with some wonderful parents and community members, to raise awareness about people experiencing homelessness and to raise funds to support the Hutt Street Centre to do their wonderful work in supporting those who are in need.

We understand that 2020 has been a year that many people have experienced financial difficulty and our hopes of raising as much as we have in the past are less. In saying this, those experiencing homelessness still need our support more than ever before. Due to the current climate, many of the big fundraising events that the Hutt Street Centre would normally hold are unable to be done, resulting in further hardships. We would still love to make a difference and help as much as we can.

Below is a link to our team's fundraising page, where you can find individual team members you can support, or you can donate to the team as a whole. If you can spare a few dollars, we would really appreciate it.

At the time of printing this newsletter the Willunga Wanderer's team had raised a total of \$39,011 together.

<https://www.walkamile.org.au/st/120/s>



We are overwhelmed by the support of our wonderful MVPS school and community members.

Hollyhock competition

NAT GIFFNEY-GARDEN SPECIALIST

GARDENING TIME!

Thanks to a generous donation of many thousands of Hollyhock seeds, we have decided to have a competition to see who can grow the tallest hollyhock.

KEY DETAILS

For students and teachers currently participating in Kitchen Garden classes.

Free seeds will be provided to students.

The competition will run until the last week of term 4.

The tallest hollyhock wins.

There will be one student winner from each class plus an overall winner from across the school.

Hollyhocks are completely edible - flowers, leaves, roots and seeds.

Prizes will include seedlings and seeds.

We hope this will be a fun activity for families!



What's happening in class?

ROOM 5-MRS KLEINIG

It's been a busy time in Mrs Kleinig's Reception class this term.



The students have been having fun developing coding skills using the Bee Bots and coding mice. Students worked in teams to record a set of directions and then entered them into the critters to see if their instructions were successful.



We worked with our Buddy Class, Mrs V's year 3/4 to design and create a time machine for Maker's Day.

