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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER TERM 4, WEEK 3, 2020



Sports Day

LEANNE LOVETT

UPCOMING KEY DATES

WORLD TEACHERS DAY
FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY
THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER

NAIDOC WEEK
8th - 15th NOVEMBER

RECEPTION TRANSITION
TUESDAY 10th/ WEDNESDAY 11th
NOVEMBER

STUDENT FREE DAY
13th NOVEMBER

RECEPTION TRANSITION
TUESDAY 17th/ WEDNESDAY 18th
NOVEMBER

What an amazing day we had for Sports Day. We are so proud of how engaged all of our students were, they participated wholeheartedly, cheered their peers on regardless of team colour and showed remarkable sportsmanship.

Mr Walker and his team of sports day captains ran a well organised day for everyone. All staff took lots of photos and videos which they shared with families on Seesaw.

Thank you for supporting us with the COVID restrictions. We know that you would have loved to be there, but be very proud of how well your children performed.

THE FINAL SCORES WERE:

1ST BELLEVUE 4061 POINTS
(THEIR FIRST WIN IN 17 YEARS!!)

2ND ALDERSEY 3741 POINTS

3RD GLOUCESTER 3730 POINTS

4TH SEAVIEW 3559 POINTS



Government of South Australia
Department of Education

Principal Update

LYN LANGELOUDECKE

With term 4 well underway, we are geared up for an exciting last term for 2020. Our educators have been busy planning a term full of opportunities to round off the year's learning and to prepare the children for 2021. The term will absolutely fly so do check the calendar (sent out in week 1) for student activities. Let's make every day count by living our values of respect, integrity and success and enjoy the last 7 weeks together.

Currently teachers are analysing their students' achievements from across the year for the end of year report, which will summarise learning across the 8 curriculum areas. Leaders are also reviewing school data to determine goals and targets for 2021.

Concert preparations are well underway with classes busy practising for this. We know that many families are disappointed that they can't be part of these arrangements. However, there will be an opportunity for families to view the performances as we are hiring a professional videographer. Many schools have cancelled end of year community activities because of the difficulty in meeting the COVID requirements; recording families in attendance, managing social distancing and the hygiene precautions, so this is a positive compromise for our families. The concert will be held during the day at the McLaren Vale Town Hall with 3 year level performances: R-2 (8 classes), 2/3-4 (6 classes), and 5-7 (6 classes).

Our year 7 students have entered their last term of schooling at MVPS. To acknowledge and celebrate their success we will farewell them with a graduation on Monday 7th December which will be held at Lloyds Winery in their new function room. The official ceremony will start at 6:00pm, followed by dinner and a disco.

We celebrate World Teacher's Day on Friday 30th October. Please acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our wonderful educators, who go well beyond for the children and families of MVPS.

We have a student free day coming up on Friday November 13th. Staff will be on site and undertaking professional learning. OSHC is available and bookings are essential.

We also have a school closure in week 7 on Friday 27th November. As it is a 'day of local significance' recognising the work of all educators, the school will be closed and consequently, no OSHC provided.

Finally, we are really looking forward to working together for the children of McLaren Vale this term and ending the year on a high note. It's been a very different year for everyone and whilst we are continuing to maintain normality for our students, we acknowledge the challenge families are experiencing with the distancing created through COVID.

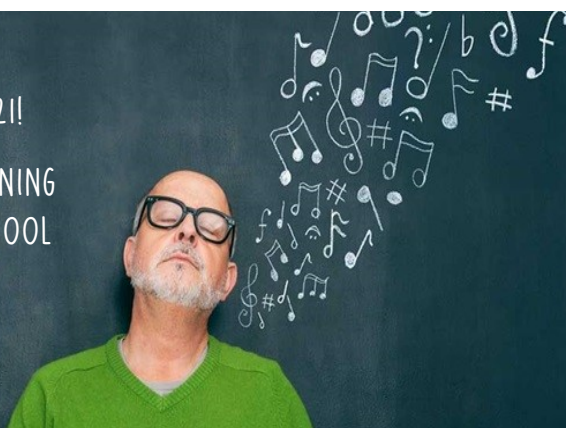
We hope that you are enjoying keeping up to date with classroom learning through Seesaw, we are always open to feedback of any kind. Please email feedback to dl.0251.admin@schools.sa.edu.au.

Instrumental Music at MVPS

KAREN PLISKO

PLACES ARE STARTING TO FILL UP FOR 2021!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR CHILD LEARNING
KEYBOARDS, GUITAR OR UKULELE DURING SCHOOL
HOURS AT SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT
KAREN PLISKO ON 0416 393 147.



Composite Classes at MVPS

LYN LANGELOUDECKE- PRINCIPAL

The class placement process is underway. It is a complex process that takes many hours of teacher time to complete. Our enrolments for 2021 are slightly up on this year, with 563 students grouped across 20 classes. Although the 'uneven' enrolment numbers at each year level will result in some composite classes, it's not just because of enrolment numbers that we structure composite classes but for philosophical reasons as well.

Hence, in this communication, I am going to endeavour to break down some of the misconceptions that parents have about their child being in a composite class.

Composite classes by definition teach more than one year level in the same classroom. Parents of older children worry that brighter students will be forgotten and lose interest in learning, or that their child has been put in the class because they are not keeping up with their own age group. Parents of younger children fear that their child will be overlooked and be either academically or socially out of their depth.

Next year half of our children will be taught in composite classes. It's a structure commonly used in public schools. Current research indicates that there is no discernable difference in academic performance between composites or single year level classes. It also emphasises that it's the quality of the teacher that makes the difference.

Parents are often wary at first, particularly if they haven't had much experience with composites. Concerns are often the result of a number of factors that are easily addressed. Often it's a result of lack of communication or not understanding the way the teacher structures the learning to address each student's needs. We always encourage parents to seek information from the teacher through a phone call or a face to face meeting.

Our teachers are well equipped to deal with composite teaching, as our practices require them to have a thorough knowledge of each child's ability and to provide a targeted program according to their developmental level.

Well trained teachers teach children, regardless of the grade level, they can teach to a range of school ages. Composite education is backed up by the theory of teaching by "stages, not ages". Students are able to work at their own developmental level, rather than grade expectations, which might otherwise restrict their progress.

Students benefit, as there is no expectation that all children in the class are at the same level. I believe this philosophy is our school's strength.

Socially, the benefits are just as practical. Research indicates that students in composite classes are better able to make friends across age groups, are more confident and assertive and are comfortable in a group. In the long term, they become more adept at problem-solving and independent learning. It encourages children to know each other as people, rather than, 'you're in year 2, I'm not playing with you.'

Generally speaking, the impact of whether a class is composite or not is very small compared to the range of other things going on in the classroom. So where we have sought parent feedback with a response such as "I want my child to be in a single year level classroom," such specific requests will not be accommodated in 2021. We instead want families to trust that the range of indicators we have used in the placement process about children's academic and social learning is used in the best interests of every child.

Should you want to provide feedback on any aspect of this article you can do so by emailing me your questions or responses at lyn.langeluddecke954@schools.sa.edu.au.

Especially On Birthdays

BERNICE STERNBERG

Last Thursday 22nd October, several classes from the junior primary unit were given the opportunity to attend a contemporary performance by The Paperboats Theatre Company.

The classes walked down to the town hall to view the play "Especially On Birthdays" which showed the children how twins react to daily life situations.

This play was so unique in that it offered interaction between the children and the performers. Our children were totally absorbed and keen to interact and become part of the story. It gave our children the rare opportunity to see and become involved in good quality, contemporary theatre.

Many thanks to Harvey Kahl's grandparents who afforded this opportunity for us to view their theatre company at Mc Laren Vale. A special thank you also to all the parent volunteers who made this excursion possible.



SAPSASA District Track & Field

TIM WALKER

This year, due to COVID restrictions, our District competition was split into two sections and competed over two days.

Both days were held at Tatachilla College and was well organised through Mid-Coast Little Athletics Club. The Friday competition saw athletes compete in track events: 100m, 200m & 800m, as well as long jump. Sunday rounded out the competition with high jump, shot put & discus.

Overall, 31 of our students aged 10 – 13 years represented our school, with outstanding results. Several students competed in more than one event.

14 students placed 1st in their events, in either heats or finals.

10 students placed 2nd.

14 students placed 3rd.

The following students placed first in their field event or 1st in their track final and have been selected to represent Onkaparinga District at the state carnival on 17th November.



Darcy Campbell-Kearney	Shot Put
Ella Guinan	Discus
Aida Dansie	Shot Put
Amelia Laan	Shot Put
Mali Roper	Long Jump
Jaya Venables-Miller	100m 200m
Mali Lovett	800m
Mardi May	800m
Zahli Grund	200m



SAPSASA Basketball

MATT MILLAR (BOYS) & DAVID CLEGGETT (GIRLS)

SAPSASA basketball was held at Morphetts Vale Stadium on 21st October. McLaren Vale Primary School fielded two strong teams. Unfortunately the boys couldn't get it done on the day against some strong opposition. The girls team won all of their games, including their final, to move on to the next finals round in November. Well done to everyone involved, it was a great day and everyone did our new uniforms proud!



Nunyara Camp

ROOM 26/27

Rooms 26 and 27 spent 3 days at the Nunyara Conference Centre in Belair for our term 3 camp.

It provided an amazing opportunity for students to take part in a range of adventure activities and social awareness programs.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to participate in activities they wouldn't normally do. Other highlights were the way the students communicated with each other, their teamwork, leadership and initiative.

MANY STUDENTS CONQUERED THEIR FEARS
WHEN CLIMBING THE 12 METRE HIGH TREE AND
FELT SUCCESS WHEN OUT OF THEIR
COMFORT ZONE.



A SUCCESSFUL CAMP ALL ROUND
WITH MANY GREAT MEMORIES MADE!

Last Tuesday, after reviewing the feedback from our school community, the Governing Council approved a proposed materials and services charge (school fees) of \$330 for the 2021 school year.

As the materials and services charge is greater than the legislated prescribed amount, the Governing Council is required to undertake a poll to gain majority support from the school community.

Letters have been posted today to all families with further information and polling slips. Copies are available at the front office.

These fees are a very important component of our school funding and are used to help cover the cost of providing a quality education program.

The Governing Council is seeking your support for the proposed 2021 Materials and Services Charge of \$330 to be approved.

The Materials and Services Charge is intended to cover the cost of essential core curricular activities undertaken by students during the school year.

Some examples of what is included are:

- Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program such as workbooks, photocopied material and worksheets that have been copied or printed.
- Stationery items provided that are considered essential for the curriculum offered, such as pens, pencils, notebooks, scrapbooks, writing pads.
- Access to student information technology.
- Curriculum or subject supplies and services.
- Library resources, including access to borrowing library resources.

Each family is entitled to one vote per student per poll.

Please return your voting slips to Mary-Anne in the front office by 4.00pm Monday 16th November.

School card applications are closing soon.

The cut-off date to apply for school card is fast approaching. Application forms are available at the Student Services counter or you can lodge online by visiting <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Amanda Marcel, Finance Manager.

NAIDOC Week 2020

BURDA SANDERS

Every year in Australia, NAIDOC Week is celebrated in the last week of July. This year due to COVID 19, NAIDOC Week was deferred to November and runs from November 8th to 15th.

NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee. Every year a theme is chosen for NAIDOC Week and the theme for 2020 is Always Was, Always Will Be.

Always Was, Always Will Be recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

The ATSI students this year made a wall hanging to highlight the theme and it hangs in pride of place in the ATSI Room.

All classes will be involved throughout NAIDOC Week in activities which aim to add to our whole school focus on Aboriginal perspectives in the curriculum, and increase our knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**

Book Week Parade - Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

MATT MILLAR-SENIOR LEADER

What a fantastic way to end Book Week this year! This year's theme was 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds' and we were treated to a number of costumes that fit that theme perfectly, with a variety of curious creatures and favourite book characters. We were protected by a variety of superheroes, saw numerous Where's Wally's and Dr Seuss characters and many new book characters as well as some of the classics. Even Ms Trunchbull appeared to be making sure everyone was behaving themselves.

This year we made the move out to the oval, which gave us more room to spread out and see everyone in their costumes. We were thrilled to see the effort the students made to dress up as their favourite book character or 'curious creature'. There was lots of colour, many wigs, props and most importantly smiles as the classes paraded.

Following the parade, classes participated in a book week themed scavenger hunt organised by Mrs Schueller. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed up again in 2021.



Staffing

LYN LANGELOUDECKE

We farewell Ali Ellis, who is leaving at the end of this week on maternity leave. We wish her all the best as she moves onto motherhood and thank her for her dedication and professionalism with her teaching over the past two years. We are sure the children she has taught will have long lasting impressions of her teaching. All the best Ali.

We welcome Zoe Ingoldby-Craig, who will be taking on Ali's class. Zoe has worked at MVPS over the last two years and has been working closely with Ali to ensure a smooth transition for the students and families.

Nicole Irving has taken on Room 21 after Matt Strother left at the end of Term 3. Nicole has done an amazing job - so far we have received excellent feedback from the children and parents. Nicole is really loving working at MVPS.

World Teachers Day

KENT BROWN-GOVERNING COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Well it has been a tough 2020 whichever way we look at it. We all got a taste of home schooling this year and I think this has given us even more reason to be thankful for the great group of teachers we have at McLaren Vale Primary School. On behalf of the parents of the McLaren Vale community as well as the Governing Council we would like to wish the teachers a happy World Teachers Day.

It's the work that students and parents don't see that separate good teachers from great, the late nights preparing for the next day, the work over the 'holidays' making our children's classrooms feel like a fun place to be and not a big empty room (drive by the school car park in the holidays and you will always see cars in the staff car park). So, for everything we see and all we don't we thank our teachers. Know that your hard work is valued and recognised as we see it in the smiles from our children and their excitement to go to school each day. Keep up the great work

Thanks, Kent Brown (Chairperson, Governing Council)



JACK
BEATON



ANNA
BELLOMARINO



VICTORIA
BROWN



KAHLIE
BURTT



SHAE
CHANDLER



DAVID
CLEGGETT



LAUREN
COLE



ALI
ELLIS



BECK
FREARS



ALEX
GABB



CHEREE
GORDON



SUE
HIGGINS



PAULA
HODGENS



JULIE
HOWARD



SOPHIE
HUNT



NICOLE
IRVING



JENNY
JONES



KIM
KLEINIG

World Teachers Day continued...

KENT BROWN-GOVERNING COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON



LYN
LANGELUDECKE



WENDY
LITHGOW



LEANNE
LOVETT



SIMON
LOVETT



JOHN
LYSIKATOS



MATT
MILLAR



MICHELLE
MOORE



GABBY
MORGAN



MADDY
MORGAN



SALLY
MURRAY



ANGELA
PEDISIC



SHANE
RAYNER



BURDA
SANDERS



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SCHUELLER



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SCOTT



BERNICE
STERNBERG



PATTY
VAN DEN HOOGEN



KYLIE
VAN LAARHOVEN



SUSIE
WALKER



TIM
WALKER



KATE
WYATT



NICKY CLARK
(COUNSELLOR)

Morialta Excursion

RECEPTION EXCURSION

"I liked the playground and the slide, it went really quick."- Niamh

"I liked the big snake tunnel and there was a big lake at the end". – Harper

"THE SWING WAS TOO BIG AND ALL OF MY FRIENDS GUM BOOTS FELL OFF!"- Poppy

"I LIKED THE WHOLE PLAYGROUND AND I LIKED THE BIRDS NEST ON TOP OF THE PLAYGROUND."- Jayde

"I LOVED EXPLORING EVERYTHING AND GOING ON EVERYTHING."- Ryan



OSHC Update

NATALIE WELLS – DIRECTOR

We have just finished one of our best vacation care holidays, with the children and staff enjoying many exciting excursions and activities. We went to St. Kilda Playground, did some roller-skating, visited the Adelaide Gaol and went to SA Base Camp where we turned into Ninja Warriors for the morning! One of the highlights was our last day when we spent the day down in Horseshoe Bay in Port Elliott. The children had the opportunity to do some fishing which they loved! Something we will plan to do again in the next holidays!

From the beginning of week 3 we are asking ALL families to complete a new and updated OSHC enrolment form and booking sheet with their requirements for 2021. We are encouraging families to do this as soon as possible as we expect our numbers to be high for the new year.



PLAYGROUND FUN



SA BASE CAMP
NINJA WARRIOR



ROLLER SKATING

*'A smile from a child is
packaged sunshine
and rainbows.'*

Parking for Drop Off and Pick Up

LYN LANGELOUDECKE - PRINCIPAL

As reported previously, there are new parking arrangements on Caffrey Street. The new signage along Caffrey Street has restricted parking on the school side between the hours of 8:00am - 9:00am and between 3:00pm - 4:00pm. The kiss and drop zone has been extended slightly. These changes have been implemented to increase vehicle turnover on Caffrey Street and to ensure that drop off and pick up times are safer and more efficient.

The changes also enable families to pull into the school side of the street, alleviating the need for children to cross the road. **A reminder also to obey the kiss and drop protocols (2 minute parking only). If your child/ren aren't prompt, you need to go around the block or find a street park.**

Our meeting with the traffic engineer from the Onkaparinga Council also delved more closely into the allocation of staff parking within the two car parks on the school site. There is provision for staff to park in the two designated spaces, which additionally will free up parking on Caffrey Street.

Our government does not resource parent parking on public school sites so it's important that families utilise the parking spaces around the school perimeter. We assume that those parents who park in the carpark at the back of the school (behind Madge Sexton Kindergarten) are unaware that this is a staff carpark only. The dual driveway (on the eastern side of the school oval) provides access for Madge Sexton Kindergarten families and staff, and for school staff behind the kindy. Kindy parking for families is a designated space on the eastern side of their building along the playground fence line. There is no provision for parent parking beyond this. The carpark behind Madge Sexton Kindergarten is for staff only.

Please help us to keep all children on our campus safe at all times by adhering to these designated parking arrangements.

Operation K9

MAX COOK

Operation K9 is a program provided by the Royal Society for the Blind (RSB).

Operation K9 dogs are provided to Veterans of the Australian Defence Forces (ADF) who have a diagnosed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) due to Operational Service. My Uncle is one of these veterans, and his dog has been a great help to him.

An Operation K9 dog is an accredited assistance dog that can provide benefits in terms of supporting independence and social interactions as well as a range of client specific tasks tailored to the veteran's needs. The K9 dogs are specific to veterans living in South Australia.

It costs in excess of \$30,000 to breed and train each Operation K9 Dog.

My family are raising funds for the next litter of K9 dogs to be trained to help future veterans.

If you would like to purchase any merchandise, all proceeds go to the K9 unit directly. Please contact the Cook family on lulu_bells@live.com to place an order.



Ruler \$2ea, pen / pin / keychain / socks / teatowel / fridge magnet \$5 ea, mug \$10ea, keep cup / cap / drink bottle / plush dog \$10 ea, thermal drink bottle \$30 ea.

What's happening in class?

BOOK WEEK - ROOM 15

For Book Week, we led an assembly around our favourite books or the character that we came dressed up as. Here are some of us in our Book Week costumes.

Thing 1 and Thing 2
from The Cat in the
Hat

Gracie and Hanna



Cambell, Nicholas
and Logan



Diary of a Minecraft Zombie

Our favourite quote is 'too easy'
and 'check out these mad skills!'
We would recommend it as we
think zombies rule!

Ashton and Cambell

Can you guess who
we are?

Hudson, Amelia and
Brennan.



101 Dalmatians

Some of our favourite quotes from our book is 'look for the happy spots in life' because it means looking for the good in life.

'we won't stop looking until we find them, no matter what' said Pongo and Perdita, because they will never give up.

Kayla, Brooke, Sienna and Emily

