

# MCLAREN VALE

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER TERM 4, WEEK 6, 2020



### Market Day

ROOMS 26 AND 27

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

SCHOOL CONCERT DAY

WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 6.30pm

WILLUNGA HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER

ROOMS 6/7/8 ZOO EXCURSION

ROOMS 1&2 BOUNCE/JUBILEE PARK

THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER

YEAR 7 GRADUATION

MONDAY 7th DECEMBER

ROOMS 10/11/12 URIMBIRRA

ROOMS 9&13 BOWLING

WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER

Friday November 6th was a major success for rooms 26 and 27. The two classes hosted a Market Day as an assessment for a business and economics unit and created items to sell where the proceeds would be donated to the Hutt Street Centre. This was a great opportunity for the classes to exercise their skills in financial literacy and the development of contingency strategies so that their businesses could run successfully. It was wonderful to see students from all year levels, including staff, support the year 6/7's and contribute to the funds raised by purchasing one or more items. The feedback received was extremely positive with high quality items created and advertised on display boards and posters. It was a highlight for the students to see their efforts pay off with happy customers and great appreciation shown for their stalls and the products they made. On the day we successfully raised over \$1900! Thank you again to all who supported this event!



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

# COVID 19 Update

LYN LANGELOUDECKE —PRINCIPAL

As you would probably already be aware, the Chief Public Health Officer and Police Commissioner have announced easing of restrictions in South Australia.

From Monday 23rd all schools, preschools and early childhood settings will be open for all students to attend. We expect all of our students to return to classroom learning.

As the Chief Public Health Officer has emphasised, just because the hard lockdown is being lifted, this doesn't mean that the risks associated with COVID-19 have passed.

As a result, the following restrictions will be in place:

- No adults other than school staff are allowed to come inside the school gates.
- There will be staff members (leadership, non-classroom teaching staff and school service officers) around the school entrance gates to support your child to transition into school. Pick up and collection points will be on Caffrey Street, Main Road and basketball court exits into carpark and backtrack.
- All adults outside of the school gates need to be wearing a mask (if possible) and physical distancing.
- At the end of the school day you will need to make arrangements for your child to meet you at a school gate. Again, you are not permitted to come inside the school gates or to wait outside classrooms. Classroom teachers and other staff will support this process and bring children out to gates as possible.
- OSHC service will run as per usual. Parents will need to contact OSHC directly with any adjustments (8323 9217).
- No volunteers are permitted on the school grounds, unless contacted directly by the classroom teacher who will be working within current guidelines.
- External providers working with students with additional needs are unable to come on site unless organised directly with Leanne Lovett.
- Children do not need to wear masks. Staff are only required to wear masks coming to and leaving school grounds.
- The end of Year Concert is going ahead on Wednesday, so please ensure that you return your child's permission form and ensure your child is at school on Monday and Tuesday as there will be some rehearsal catch ups needed.
- All excursions and events already planned are to go ahead as organised. However changes may result from restrictions by external organisations. All changes will be communicated via Seesaw (keep an eye on this please). Please ensure you return all consent forms and make payments as required. If anything is cancelled all monies will be refunded.
- The School Closure planned for this Friday 27th November will still go ahead. There will be no OSHC services available.
- Canteen will be open as usual.
- Please note: The Chief Public Health Officer has stated that it is safe for children to be at school. As such, the school is not required to provide a home learning program should parents opt to keep their children home.

MVPS staff are very excited to be able to welcome students back to school to end their year as planned, but it is vital that our parent/caregiver community supports us with the above restrictions so that we can do this successfully. Thank you very much for your support over the last couple of days. We look forward to having your child back at school on Monday.

As information changes we will communicate this with you, so please keep an eye on your email and Seesaw accounts.

Kind regards, Lyn, Leanne & Matt



# Remembrance Day Service

JAKE, BRIARNA, JADE & AVA

Remembrance Day Service, McLaren Vale 11-11-2020.

On Wednesday 11th November Mr Millar took a group of students from Room 26 and 27, Jake, Briarna, Jade and Ava to the local Remembrance Day ceremony at the McLaren Vale RSL. It was a great privilege to represent the school in such an important part of our history in Australia.

We heard the Last Post and the Ode and stood for a minute's silence to pay our respects for all those who fought for our country and died in battle.

We had the opportunity to lay a wreath together to pay our respects on behalf of the school. This was quite emotional and made us quite proud of our country.

We talked on our walk back to school about many things we didn't know about the wars and the sacrifices many young soldiers and their families made. One thing many of us didn't know was that boys as young as 18 went to war.



## Transition Visits

LEANNE LOVETT-DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We have been very excited to welcome 78 new MVPS children and their families who are beginning Reception in 2021. The children have enjoyed their visits which were filled with getting to know new friends, meeting some of the educators, getting familiar with classroom environments and the wider school, and lots of learning through play and songs. The Reception teachers were really happy with how the new children settled into the classroom environment and are looking forward to working with the children and their families in 2021.

Thank you to the Year 7 students who have been working with the Madge Sexton Kindergarten children over the year to prepare them for their visits, and for helping on the mornings of the transition visits to settle all of our transition students into their classrooms. Thank you also to the Madge Sexton Kindergarten staff who came over to support the children and teachers for the visits.

On the first transition visit parents were invited to an information session to find out about our wonderful school and were treated to a 'show and tell' session from Kym Kleinig and students from her class on each day – Harley, Phoenix, Connor and Claire. The parents and caregivers were very impressed with the knowledge and abilities of what our 5 year olds know in a current Reception class. Lyn and I enjoyed meeting all of the Reception families, existing and new, and are looking forward to working in partnership with them in their child's learning.

Please make sure you keep an eye out for any new families to our school and make the time to stop and say hello to make them feel welcome.





# Outdoor Education Day

## ROOMS 1 AND 2

To celebrate Outdoor Education Day, Rooms 1 and 2 went on a tree climb excursion and visited Marshmallow Park, they shared some of their thoughts:

**"It was so much fun on the line, I wish I could go back to go on the higher zip line!"** ~Jemma

**"I enjoyed being high up in the trees because I like climbing trees."** ~Asher

**"IT WAS FUN TO BE HIGH UP IN THE TREES AND WHIZZING DOWN THE ZIP LINE"** ~Holly

**"Very cool experience! I like the obstacle course and the platforms are in the trees."** ~Jackson

**"Exciting and so much fun!"** ~ Grace

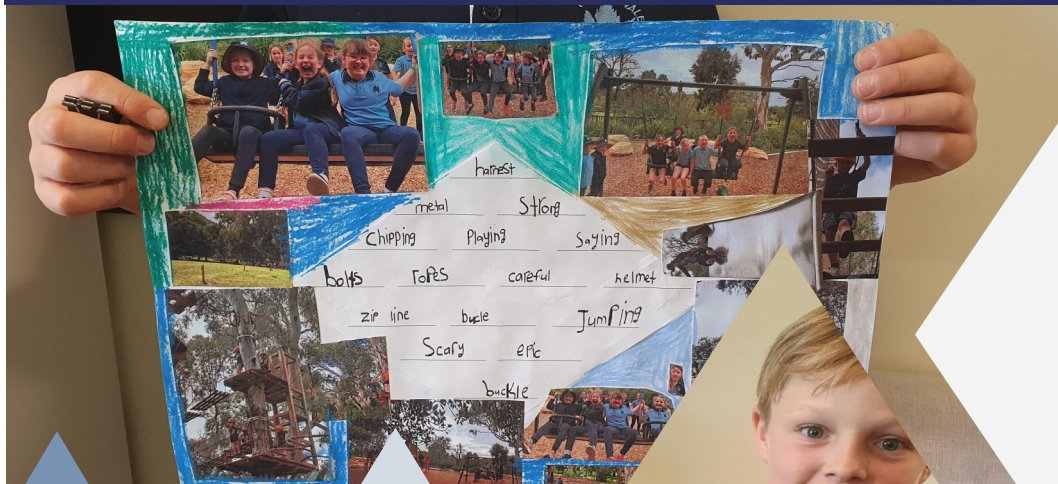
**"THERE WERE DIFFERENT LEVELS WE HAD TO TACKLE. THE HARDER THE LEVEL THE HIGHER UP IN THE TREES YOU WENT. I FELT SCARED WHEN I FIRST WENT ON THE HARD LEVEL THEN I OVERCAME MY FEAR AND HAD SO MUCH FUN. I REALLY ENJOYED THE EXCURSION!"** ~Skylah





# Outdoor Education Day

ROOMS 1 AND 2



ROOMS 1 & 2 WROTE A REFLECTIVE DIAMANTE POEM ABOUT THEIR TREE CLIMB EXPERIENCE. THESE ARE IN THE SHAPE OF A DIAMOND USING NOUNS, VERBS AND ADJECTIVES.



## BRIDGETTE'S POEM

TREES,  
HARD, BARK  
CRAWLING, JUMPING, CLIMBING  
HARNESS, HELMET, GREEN, LEAVES,  
TREMENDOUS, SCARY,  
ROPE!



## PAIGE'S POEM

ROPE  
THICK, HARD  
HANGING, CRAWLING, CROUCHING  
WOOD, WIRE, TREE, ZIP-LINING  
FLYING, CONCENTRATING, MOVING  
SPEEDING, SLOWING  
HARNESS



# Job Sharing at MVPS

LYN LANGELOUDECKE-PRINCIPAL

Another common response from parents when providing feedback on the following year's classes for their children, is that they prefer a class with one teacher. Since this is not always possible I thought it may be helpful for families to have a greater understanding of why we have part-time teaching arrangements.

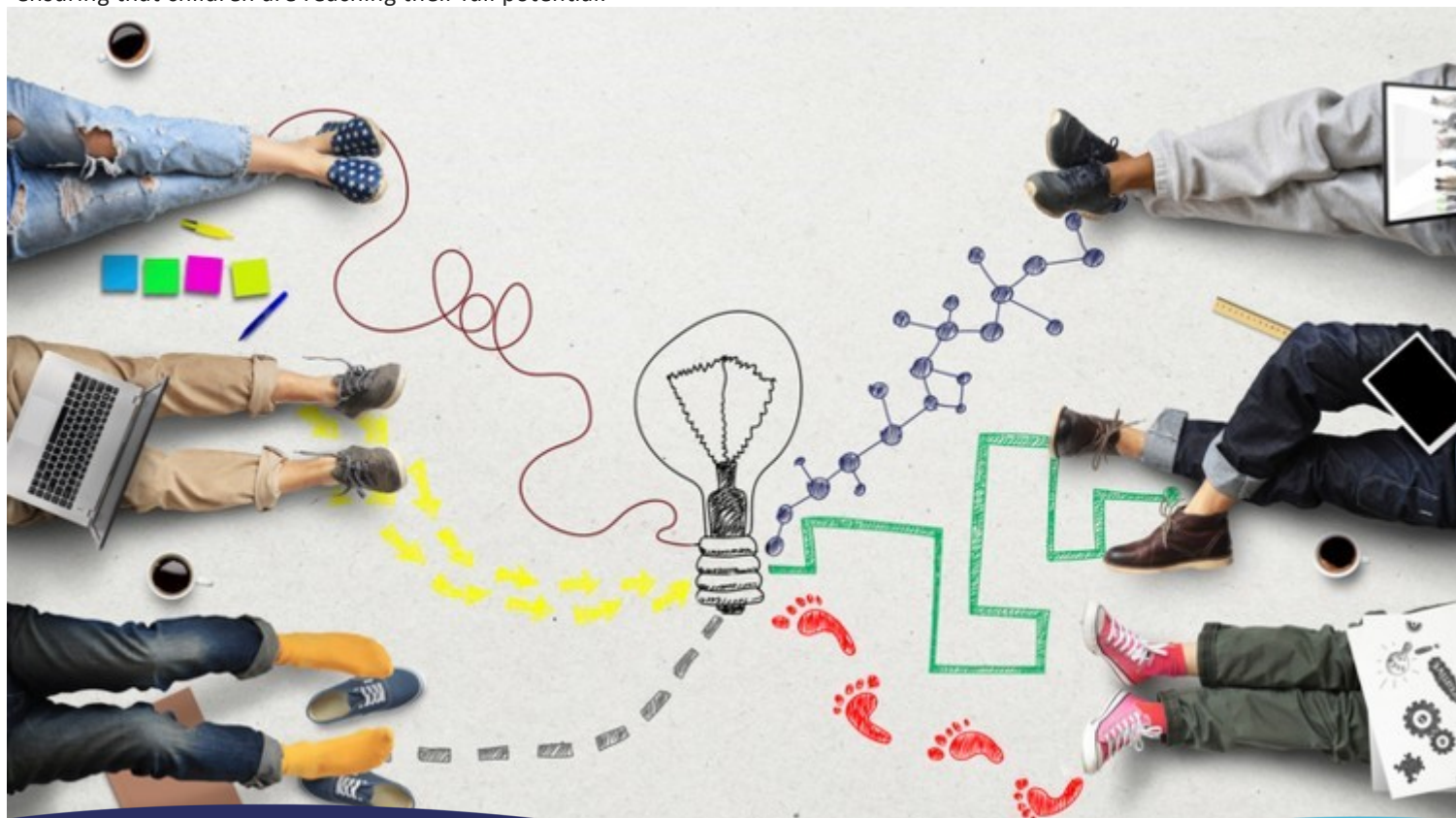
It's no secret that teaching is a demanding job with a seemingly ever-increasing workload, so it stands to reason that schools need to have flexible working arrangements that enable them to get the best from all educators, regardless of the hours they work. Teaching is a job that requires you to give of yourself, no matter how many hours you do it for. Some teachers find that they can give the best parts of themselves to teaching through working part time.

The perception that the ideal teacher that works full-time achieves more, is far from the truth. Whilst we know that continuity of learning is of the highest importance in the schooling of children, job sharing, if managed well, can achieve the same outcomes, if not greater. I have experienced many examples of job sharing in the schools that I have worked and generally speaking, the flexibility results in higher levels of staff engagement. Happier teachers are generally more likely to be loyal to the school, meaning that the school retains their expertise and maximises its investment into them. By contrast, high teacher turnover means that a school is constantly investing in training new people which is costly and time consuming.

In situations where teachers opt to work part time, our focus is always on the needs of the child. In fact what we tend to find is that most part time teachers put in the extra to compensate for the shorter week and it's certainly evident that they are brighter and more alert in the changeover. Currently we have situations where the job-share partners bring very different things to the table which enriches the learning opportunities for our children. Less stress outside of teaching seems like a good way to avoid passing it on to the children, and an even better way to protect against burnout and absenteeism.

So if part-timers are likely to be well-organised, happy with their work-life balance, loyal and delivering value for the investment of the school, we need to support them. Ultimately it's about the focus and passion you show when you're there, not about how many hours you work.

At MVPS teachers who share a classroom are expected to put effective processes in place to ensure continuity of learning for all children in their class. They spend many hours out of school time planning together, sharing information and working towards ensuring that children are reaching their full potential.





# Uniform Sale

AMANDA MARCEL

A few of our products in our Uniform Shop have been discontinued so we are selling them at a reduced price to clear. The uniform shop does not have set opening hours to support social distancing – please contact the front office to place your order or to book a time to visit in person. There is limited stock and sizes so be quick!



Navy tights sizes  
04-06y  
07-10y  
11-14y

**WERE \$10 pair**

**NOW JUST \$5 pair**



Old style bucket hat  
(with logo) – size  
Large only

**WERE \$10**

**NOW JUST \$5**



Girls bootleg  
Stretch Pants  
sizes 4, 6, 8 &  
10 only



**WERE \$23**

**NOW JUST \$12**

## Private Music Tuition

KAREN PLISKO

Please note, unfortunately, we are unable to offer any further positions to those wanting music tuition at school for 2021.

## Hotshots Tennis Day

PAULA HODGENS

Last Tuesday, rooms 14,15,18 and 19 had the opportunity to be involved in a tennis carnival hosted by HotShots Tennis SA.

All classes enjoyed a beautiful walk along the bike path to the McLaren Vale Tennis club where students then got into groups and played some awesome tennis!

As a result of the hot weather forecast, our day was reconfigured to a half day with less rounds. The kids were certainly glad they still got to have the 'dancing tennis' round and found the energy to dance up a storm on the court.

Despite the heat, students showed an amazing amount of resilience and positive attitude all day. We even walked back to school with everyone in high spirits and spotting a koala on the way!

All teachers, organisers and volunteers were incredibly proud of our students and enjoyed a relaxing afternoon when we got back to school.





# Local History Walks

## ROOMS 9 AND 13

On Tuesday 10th November Rooms 9 and 13 children set out on a walk to discover some of the local history of the town of McLaren Vale.

We were joined on part of our walk by Mrs Julie Howard, who has a passion for local history and a great deal of knowledge. The children have learned about the Kurna people and some local Kurna place names. They know that after colonisation McLaren Vale was originally two small towns of Bellevue and Gloucester that gradually joined together. Along the way we visited The Barn (formerly a way station for stage coaches), the old Bellevue school's Headmasters house, the Limeburners cottage, the Bellevue Hotel, Hardy's Tintara Winery where our picture was taken in the grandfather tree. We looked at the Almond Train and crossed to see the war memorial and leopard tank. We looked at several other old buildings of interest and then had ice blocks at S.G. Ellis Park before returning to school. We shortened the day due to the hot weather, but the children learned a lot and enjoyed the day.

Thanks to Mrs. Howard for her engaging stories and all of our parent volunteers.



## OSHC Update

### NATALIE WELLS-DIRECTOR

Well, here we are at the tail end of the school year, and what a year it has been! So many ups and downs for so many of our OSHC families, and yet the resilience, strength and determination I have seen, particularly with the OSHC children has been amazing. Our OSHC extension is also nearing completion which is so very exciting. Last week the ceilings and carpets were installed, and they look great! We can't wait till the end of term, when we will be able to start moving our things in, and creating an amazing new space for our children and families.

A reminder for all families that we are taking bookings for 2021, so if you haven't yet filled out a new enrolment form, please do this as soon as possible.

Our vacation care program is looking great and will be available to families at the end of weeks 6.

**'Behind every child who believes in themselves is a parent who believed in them first.'** – Matthew Jacobson



# MVPS Giving Tree

## TYSON MADDERN-PASTORAL CARE

I feel so proud to be involved in such a generous and giving community. It has been amazing to see the support and generosity that was shown through the Hutt Street, 'Walk a Mile in my Boots' and the variety of other efforts to support those less fortunate than ourselves. But as the end of the year fast approaches, we have another opportunity to show that generous and caring spirit of this Christmas season.

Arise Church is gathering non-perishable food items and children's toys for generous hampers to support local families this Christmas. In each classroom, there will be a labelled tub where non-perishable food items and toys can be placed. All donations will be gratefully accepted and used to support families this Christmas who have faced difficult circumstances and hardships. Arise Church has been supporting families in the McLaren Vale community for over 10 years and continues to do an amazing job in loving and caring for our community.

Examples of items include [canned vegetables, canned fruit, Christmas puddings, fruit mince pies, custard mixes, gravy mixes, lollies, chocolate, pancake mixes, hot chocolate powder, soft drinks, biscuits, baked beans, and canned spaghetti etc.](#) Any financial donations can also be used to purchase needed items.

There will be a Giving Tree Tub in each classroom where Parents/Students can donate any non-perishable food items or toys. Thank you for your support in sharing the love this Christmas.

## Farewell/Welcome

### LYN LANGELUDECKE-PRINCIPAL

This week we farewelled Sophie Hunt who is leaving us to have a baby. We are all very excited for her and her family and can't wait to hear all about the new addition when it arrives. Sophie is an outstanding teacher with extensive early years expertise and we will miss her and look forward to her return in the not too distant future. Elle Hollis will be replacing Sophie in Room 6, working in partnership with Alex Gabb. Elle is a wonderful teacher and has been enjoying working with the Reception children this year as a regular TRT at MVPS.

*Minasan konnichiwa* (Hi everyone)!

It's with a very heavy heart, I have to announce that I will be leaving MVPS at the end of the year. I have been offered a position teaching Japanese at Woodcroft College, starting 2021.

I'm incredibly sad to be leaving the beautiful children here at McLaren Vale. I have loved sharing my love for the Japanese culture and language with them and seeing them grow in their second language learning.

Leadership are currently interviewing for a new Japanese language teacher, so I'm confident that the children will continue to grow and develop their love for second language learning and the Japanese program at MVPS will continue to flourish.

Thank you to everyone for being so supportive and encouraging with your children's Japanese learning. Learning a second language is such a wonderful thing and I hope I have helped to ignite a little flame of excitement and inspiration for your children in their Japanese learning. Frank Smith once said "One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way."

*Arigatō* (thank you) to the wonderful MVPS community. I hope to see you all in the last few weeks to say "sayonara".

Kindest regards,

Belinda Schmitt (aka Schmitt Sensei)



GOOD LUCK SOPHIE



WELCOME ELLE

Congratulations to Ali Ellis and her partner Joe Williams on the birth of a beautiful baby daughter, Indie Marie Williams. Indie was born at 1.58am on Saturday, 14th November. We wish them all the very best.





# Congratulations



Congratulations to Mitchell Johnson who participated in the state gymnastics championships. He won a gold medal on vault, silver on floor, a 6th ribbon for High Bar & badged his level 3.

Congratulations to the Girls SAPSASA Basketball Team who went on to the next round of SAPSASA Championship games at St Clair on Monday 16th November. There were some tough opposition and the girls played hard coming away with two solid wins.

Well done everyone!



## Community Notices



### 2021 WINTER TRIALS

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb & 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021**

9 & Under: 5:30pm – 6:30pm  
11 & Under: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb & 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021**

13 & Under: 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
Inters: 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
Seniors: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

### New Players and Coaches Welcome

Registration via the My Netball App from 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
\$75.00 payable prior to trials (this will be deducted from fees and cover the SUNA game day gate fee)

Season Fees:  
Juniors \$280.00 incl SUNA gate fee  
Seniors \$290.00 incl SUNA gate fee

For further information:

Visit our Facebook page: Morphett Vale "Magic" Netball Club

Find us on Instagram: MVNC Magic

Email: mvncmagic@outlook.com

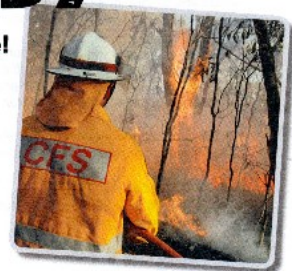


## BUSHFIRE READY MEETING

This meeting could save your life!

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Bushfire behaviour & warnings
- Property preparation
- Keeping safe
- Where to go and when
- Your bushfire plan



### WHEN & WHERE

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**3:30 - 5 pm**

**Tatachilla Lutheran College  
211 Tatachilla Rd**



Please book in to help us maintain COVID safe environments

### FURTHER DETAILS:

For more information or to register contact: CFS  
Community Engagement Officer, Jackie Horton,  
0457 102 981 or [jackie.horton@sa.gov.au](mailto:jackie.horton@sa.gov.au)

Registrations are also available online at  
<https://bit.ly/3oBew1M>





A promotional poster for the Adelaide Strikers Cricket Blast Holiday Programs. It features a large cartoon mascot of a blue cricket player on the left, surrounded by several children in cricket gear. The background is blue with white and yellow text. The Woolworths Cricket Blast logo is in the top left corner.

**woolworths CRICKET BLAST**

**ADELAIDE Strikers**

# HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

**5 – 22 JANUARY 2021**  
**18 VENUES**  
**BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-10**

TO REGISTER, GO TO  
**ADELAIDESTRIKERS.COM.AU**  
AND VISIT THE FAN ZONE



## Noarlunga & Districts Junior Soccer Association presents 2021 Championships “Try-Outs”

The new NDJSA invites ALL local players, boys and girls, born 2005-2010, who are interested in playing Championships in 2021, to our try-outs;



**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 6pm-7pm, Seaford Secondary College - access adjacent to Seaford Skatepark**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 6pm-7pm, Pimpala Primary School**



***\*\*This is a great opportunity to register your interest early and receive assistance if required to ensure eligibility for championship selection\*\****

***Players are required to be registered and playing in our Saturday morning competition in 2021 to be eligible for 2021 championship selection.***

***Players are required to play for their school/affiliated club, where this is not possible NDJSA will provide assistance to both players and schools.***

All players must complete an attendance sheet on arrival including contact email address and phone number. One parent/carer per player may attend and complete this on their behalf if required. Players should attend both sessions wherever possible, wear boots and shin guards and bring a drink!

State Championships will be held at West Beach 12th-14th June. Country Championships will be held in Mildura 28th-29th August tbc.

Any questions please contact Debs Huxford, NDJSA Championships Manager [ndjsachampmanager@gmail.com](mailto:ndjsachampmanager@gmail.com)

Please follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with all our association news.



# What's happening in class?

## COLLABORATIVE BUDDY WORK—SUSIE WALKER

BUDDY CLASS ACTIVITIES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF DEVELOPING OUR LEARNING COMMUNITIES WITHIN OUR SCHOOL PROGRAM.

ROOM 11 AND ROOM 15 TEAM UP ON A WEEKLY BASIS AND STAFF HAVE BEEN THRILLED TO SEE THE CHILDREN'S RELATIONSHIPS BUILD AND STRENGTHEN, AS WELL AS THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO SOMETHING GREATER THAN JUST THEIR OWN CLASSROOM EMERGE.

WHILE DEVELOPING THEIR WORK SKILLS TOGETHER THEY HAVE WORKED COLLABORATIVELY ON A FRIENDSHIP SPOON PROJECT.

THEIR FRIENDSHIP SPOONS CELEBRATE A COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER, THE BROADER NETWORK OF LEARNERS AND OUR IDENTITY AS A GROUP.

"I THINK MY BUDDIES WERE REALLY GOOD AT HELPING PEOPLE CREATE STUFF. I LIKED HAVING OLDER BUDDIES BECAUSE THEY'RE LIKE TEACHERS BUT THEY'RE REALLY YOUNG."

Harry, Sienna & Gracie

### FUNNY + KIND = BUDDIES!

"My buddy is helpful to me, I like working together. My buddy helps me with everything. I like my buddy because he is silly."

Lievi & Rory

"ASHTON WAS A VERY GOOD BUDDY BECAUSE SOMETIMES HE TELLS ME JOKES AND IS FUNNY."

Alexander

### I LIKED THE LESSON BECAUSE WE HAD TO WORK TOGETHER!

Tanner

"I love my buddy because she always includes me. I liked making the Friendship Spoons with my buddy and becoming friends."

Charlotte & Darcie

*Keep your eye out for our Friendship Spoon installation coming soon!*

