



## Key Dates

Kitchen Garden  
Meet & Greet  
Tues 12 Feb, 8:45am

Acquaintance Night  
Tues 12 Feb:  
5:30pm R - 2  
6:00pm 3 - 4  
6:30pm 5 - 7

MVPS AGM  
Tues 19 Feb, 6:30pm

Schools Clean Up  
Australia Day  
Fri 1 Mar

## A warm welcome

**From Lyn, Matt & Leanne  
The Leadership Team**

We hope that all of our families had a fun filled holiday with lots of rest, sunshine, friends, family and days filled with those things that you most enjoy doing.

The children have arrived back at school excited to meet their new teacher and classmates. It's been lovely to hear all the holiday stories and to welcome our 556 children at the first assembly for the year last Friday. This was an opportunity to introduce all of the MVPS educators, leaders, teachers and SSOs and our newest children, with 78 Receptions starting out on their school journey and several other children across the year levels, relocating to our school.

Our educators have been busy working together to plan a year level curriculum that is consistent across classes. During these initial weeks, the emphasis is on building cohesive class communities based around respectful relationships and supporting every child to grow and develop social and personal skills to be self-aware and self-managing. A driver for this is the introduction of Play Is The Way, a highly effective program that we are implementing across the school. We are also offering mindfulness lessons in an eight lesson block for our nine junior primary classes during Term 1.

We are continuing to explore the philosophical view of the child as competent and capable with educators reflecting on the challenges of practice.

## A warm welcome **Cont.**

Leanne Lovett and Tennille Langeluddecke facilitated a very engaging session for our staff prior to school starting and we are well on our way to developing child-centred, thought provoking learning experiences and our learning spaces reflecting a more flexible and homely place for learning.

Our team discussions have focused on ways that we can raise our expectations to ensure that our practices support a high performing school by tightening up and giving due attention to systems and procedures like the presentation of student work, communication protocols, uninterrupted learning time, movement of children, audience skills, behaviour and treatment of each other.

We are very optimistic about travelling a well-intentioned journey together with our staff team. Each year as new people join our team and as we each reflect on the previous year's work to refine our practices, new ideas are generated and shared and we are continually in this cycle of growth. 2019 is going to be a great year for all of us at McLaren Vale.

We look forward to the new opportunities that lie ahead and working in partnership with our families.

**Have a great year everyone!**

## 2018 Graduation!

**by Matt Millar, Senior Leader**

Our year 7 graduation 2018 was a perfect send off to a fantastic group of students in the beautiful setting of Serafino Winery. They are hard-working, fun and talented in so many ways and this was definitely on show on the night.

The 'Class of 2018' treated us to some humorous and heartfelt speeches of their time and memories of their schooling at McLaren Vale Primary School. It was great hearing about the fun had at camps, excursions, sports carnivals and various school events and the lasting impression that their wonderful teachers had on their schooling life.

Their talents were on full display with a performance of a graduation song put together by the students and a musician followed by the dance also performed at the Twilight Concert.

We acknowledged the hard work and talents of our students through our Graduation Awards. The winners were as follows:

- Sports Award: Carter L & Ruby H
- Academic Award: Asher L & Tiarna S
- Arts Award: Chaska G-K & Ebony R
- Chaplain's Award (School Values): Antoni L & Jazmin B

Congratulations to all our winners!

A big thank you goes out to Mrs Hodgens and Miss Cole for all their hard work, care and patience throughout the year in providing their students with the best possible year and setting them up well for their next phase of schooling life!

We wish the 'Class of 2018' all the best for a successful future ahead!



# 2019 SCHOOL FEES

by Amanda Marcel, Business Manager



School Fees will be posted to families by the end of Week 2.

Payment can be made:

- In person at Student Services – EFTPOS / CREDIT CARD / CASH / CHQ
- Internet direct deposit into School bank account
  - BSB: 105 071
  - ACCOUNT: 280 118 540
  - REFERENCE: Family code & Invoice Number
- Express post letterbox - opposite Student Services – *sealed envelopes & clearly labelled*
- Over the phone / postal payment by Credit Card
- Payment plan – Please see Amanda Marcel, Business Manager to arrange to pay by instalments
- Centrepay - Centrepay is a free bill paying service and you can arrange regular deductions from your Centrelink payment.

Please see Amanda for more information.

## SCHOOL CARD SCHEME

The School Card scheme offers financial assistance with school fees (materials & services charges) and must be applied for each year. Applications are available in Student Services or online at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) (Education & Learning/Financial Support/School Card scheme). Please submit your application as quickly as possible so it can be submitted for assessment.

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## ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

### TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom, meet the teacher and other families in the class and to find out information about the class program, routines, class activities and more.

Times are staggered to allow families who have children across year levels the opportunity to visit each class.

- 5:30pm: Junior Primary (Reception to 2)
- 6:00pm: Primary Years (Years 3 to 4)
- 6:30pm: Middle Years (Years 5 to 7)

Building relationships is crucial to the success of your child's schooling and we aim for every parent to be at this meeting. If you are unable to attend due to other commitments, please let your child's teacher know and negotiate another time to catch up.

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## KITCHEN GARDEN MEET & GREET

### TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 8:45AM

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Team welcomes parents to our Meet and Greet Morning on Tuesday 12th February at 8.45am in the Kitchen.

Drop in for a cuppa and a bikkie to find out more about what we do and information about volunteering in the kitchen or garden. We need you!





# Welcome new staff:

## **LEANNE LOVETT**

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Hi, many of you may know me from the other side of the school fence where I have been the Director of Madge Sexton Kindergarten. Prior to working in preschools, I spent the first fifteen years of my career in schools in many roles including classroom teacher, special education teacher, Literacy Coordinator and Numeracy Coordinator. Recently, I have been missing the school system so literally jumped over the fence at the opportunity to work with another dynamic and inspiring staff team at MVPS. I will be working closely with the R-2 team, supporting continuity of learning between preschool to school, and coordinating support for children with additional needs. Please come and say hi if you see me in the yard.

## **KRISTY-ANNE MANGNOSON**

Hi I'm Miss Mangnoson, (Miss Mango) and I am so happy to be at McLaren Vale this year. I have spent 2 years living and teaching in London before coming home appreciating South Australia like never before! I love adventures, camping and sport! My favourite colour is orange and I love a good chat. I can't wait to work with as many students as possible at McLaren Vale this year.

## **EMMA SHERIDAN**

I have previously taught at Eastern Fleurieu School, Strathalbyn R-6 Campus in a Year 5/6 Class. I've also taught PE and been a Key Numeracy Teacher, supporting and extending students and teachers in Mathematics. I am passionate about providing a safe and challenging learning environment where my students can grow, learn and broaden their perspective on the outside world. Outside of school I love to travel with my husband and our dog, Sammy, play netball, run, catch up with friends and family and get involved in the local community. I am excited to be working with the wonderful students, staff and families here at McLaren Vale and look forward to getting to know everyone.

## **KATE WYATT**

Hi I'm Kate Wyatt and I'm very excited to be a part of the McLaren Vale PS community in 2019. Over the past six years I have taught in different schools ranging from the Adelaide Hills, Eastern suburbs and I had the opportunity to teach in a remote Indigenous community last year. In my spare time I enjoy taking my two dogs for walks on the beach. I look forward to working with the students, staff and wider community at McLaren Vale.

## **SHANE RAYNER**

I started my teaching career with 7 years in Darwin. I then taught in Adelaide whilst establishing a business making apps for teachers. In recent years I've been working as a church pastor, and over the last 18 months I have returned to teaching. This year I am looking forward to working with Year 3's and Year 5's. My wife and I have 4 children (who have just commenced schooling here at MVPS!) and we have just bought a house here in the Vale. We are excited to welcome our fifth child next month and are so keen to get to know our new community.

## **TAMARA PIEC**

I am a local person who is passionate about growing and eating local, sustainable and organic produce. I am a qualified chef and I have worked for many years in restaurants and enjoyed the savoury and dessert spectrum equally. I have also had my own business selling pastries and cakes to coffee haunts, and been a private chef to an exclusive clientele. I am currently doing event catering and pop ups around Adelaide and the Fleurieu region and also studying education. Pop in and say G'day, especially if you have an excess of fruit or veggies to donate to the school.

## **MARIANNE VANDENBROEK**

Hi, My name is Marianne and I am the new Garden Specialist at McLaren Vale Primary School. I live on 23 acres at Normanville which I share with a menagerie of furred and feathered friends. As well as being a green thumb, I am a passionate cook, a book lover and a proud mum of four. I am looking forward to getting to know all the staff and students at the school and to getting my hands dirty in the sprawling kitchen garden.

## **BURDA SANDERS**

Hi, I'm Burda Sanders and I am the new Aboriginal Education teacher. I have been teaching for 40 years in high schools, special schools and primary schools. For the past 7 years I have been the Aboriginal Education Teacher at Aldinga Beach School, and for the past 4 years also at Seaford Rise PS. I have a strong connection with the Aboriginal community (I have 2 adult children who are Aboriginal). I live at Pages Flat and am very familiar with the local area. I am looking forward to being part of the MVPS community.

## **NATALIE BENTLEY**

Hi, my name is Natalie Bentley and I am an SSO and will be working with the Junior Primary children. I came from Aldinga Primary School where I worked for 10 years, mainly in Speech and Language and Intervention Programmes. I am married with 3 children and have been part of the McLaren Vale community for over 25 years. I am really looking forward to my time here.



# Congratulations Mel Jones!

...new Principal at Old Noarlunga Primary School

We haven't even had a chance to farewell Mel as yet as she was in holiday mode for most of term 4 when the announcement was made that she had won the Principal position at ONPS. We are saddened to be losing such a dynamic leader from our school community but were not surprised by the news. Mel has experienced a variety of roles during her 3 years at MVPS and has big shoes to fill. Her most passionate were supporting the early year's community and special education. Mel's work transformed the processes and procedures for our students with special needs and she was instrumental in ensuring that every child identified had a plan and was assigned a targeted program. We also have Mel to thank for her foresight in driving the technology agenda and increasing the access for our children. Her larger than life personality, along with her quick wit and positivity were qualities that brought life to the office and to her relationships with everyone, children, parents and community.

...and welcome to Leanne Lovett who has stepped into those big shoes as Deputy Principal for term 1. Leanne will be familiar to many of you through her Directorship of Madge Sexton Kindergarten. Always one to take on a new challenge, she has joined our team bringing an extensive kitbag of knowledge and experiences to support positive school change. During term 1 the position will be advertised for a 5 year tenure.

## Join Governing Council

by Jazz Ellis, Governing Council Chair 2018

Joining Governing Council or on a sub-committee is a very rewarding experience. You get to work with a fantastic team of parents, staff and community members. Your voice is very important to the decisions that we make in determining how our school does things. If you have a passion to be involved then come along to the AGM and nominate yourself for a position.

There are two Governing Council meetings each term and the same for sub-committees. Sub-committees include finance, education, OSHC, grounds and fundraising. Those on the committees are the 'doers', steering projects and paving the way for new ideas that add value to the school's programs. Committees report to the Governing Council for ratification of decisions. More parent involvement is always welcome and you don't have to be on Governing Council to join a committee.

Hope to see you at the AGM on Tuesday, 19th February, 6:30pm.

## Student Services

HEALTH CARE plans / Medication Authority forms - Please ensure that all forms have been updated.

BORROWED UNIFORMS - At times it is necessary for students to borrow a uniform item.

If your child borrows a uniform item please ensure you wash it and return it to the school. Many thanks



NEWSLETTERS 2019 - If you wish to receive our newsletter by email, please complete and return the following information to our Front Office by Friday 15 February:

Child's name:

Parents name:

☐ I wish to receive the school's newsletter by email.

My/our email address is as follows:







## WILLUNGA HIGH SCHOOL



### Principal's Tour

**Fri 22 Feb**  
**9:30 - 10:30am**

Meet our staff and students and explore our grounds and facilities. To book your tour:

**P: 8557 0100 E: [info@whs.sa.edu.au](mailto:info@whs.sa.edu.au)**



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## DANCE NOW STUDIOS



### Dance Now Studio Classes

**Tuesdays**  
**at McLaren Vale Primary School gym**

<b>Juniors</b>	<b>4,5,6,7 yr olds</b>	<b>4:30 - 5:15</b>
<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>8,9,10,11 yr olds</b>	<b>5:15 - 6:00</b>
<b>Advanced</b>	<b>12,13,14 yr olds</b>	<b>6:00 - 6:45</b>

**Weekly fees \$10**

**Registration \$20**

**Phone Nikol on 0409674376**

**or**



**Dance Now Studios also at Moana and Sheidow Park**



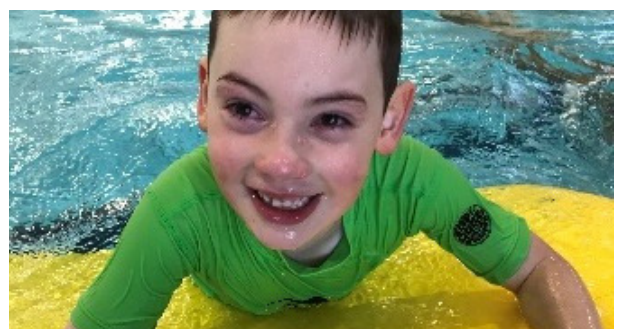
## OSHC News

**BY NATALIE WELLS, OSHC DIRECTOR**

Hi everyone. Welcome back to another year! We have had a fantastic vacation period where we went on lots of exciting excursions and did some awesome activities back at OSHC. Some of our excursions were ice skating, swimming, roller-skating, the movies and The Whale Centre. It was so good to see children who had never skated before, having a go, persevering and really enjoying themselves.

One of the activities done back at OSHC was creating flags for the Tour Down Under. Lee and the OSHC children did an amazing job. These were placed on the school's fence for the riders and community to see.

We are excited to be back for another year and are looking forward to meeting and getting to know our new families, and making some great memories with the children.





# Room 16 - 2018!

Look back and enjoy some of the great moments Room 16 & 17 had together in 2018! Mr. Beath and all the students involved will be forever grateful for the incredible activities, projects, & learning opportunities Simon Lovett provided us throughout the incredible year!

