



Key Dates

School Photos
21 - 22 June

Governing Council
Grounds meeting
25 June 3:15pm

'Junk Man' Play
Yr R & 1
28 June

International Mud Day!
29 June

Reports sent home
4 July

Bullying No Way

by **Melanie Jones**
Acting Principal

Anti-Bullying is a focus at MVPS and we have a committed Staff and Governing Council Wellbeing team who work hard to raise awareness and develop strategies to reduce the incidence of bullying at our site.

Recently the Governing Council Wellbeing Committee ran a Parent Anti-Bullying survey to determine the perception of our families in relation to the incidence of bullying at our site, the types of bullying and feedback on how effectively we manage our response to reports of bullying. The Staff as well as the Governing Council have analysed this data and we have made some commitments to action to better

manage and reduce incidences of bullying. We would like to thank the 50 plus families who responded to this survey. You provided honest and valuable feedback and showed us that bullying in our site is consistent with the research and on par with the statistics. (see following infographic). We have some work to do. We have a plan, goals and strategies and we will continue to work hard albeit with a better informed direction.

Classes are revisiting school values and bullying. Students from Year 2-7 are taking part in a bullying audit to tell us the names of the students who bully and what they say and do.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Bullying No Way (cont.)

We are also seeking feedback from students on how we can better support our students to manage their response to bullying as well as strategies that we can implement to proactively build a positive school culture in order to reduce the incidence.

We have some positive plans in place to date. These include:

- Classroom focus on Values and Bullying.
- Whole school audit to identify the students who bully and what they do and say.
- R-7 poster competition. Every entry wins a Bullying No Way or Say No to Bullying. Winning entries at each year level win a movie voucher and have their poster professionally printed.
- Bullying Box – introduced as one option in addition to verbal reporting to an adult. This box will be housed in Student Services.
- Running Staff and Parent workshops on Bullying – more details to come.
- Continuing to build on our values of Respect, Integrity and Success in building a positive school culture and zero tolerance to Bullying.

Thank you to Gizelle Willson (GC) who in 2017 drove the parent Antibullying survey development and the members of our Staff Wellbeing Action Team for their inspiration and commitment in driving this important whole school focus.

The Bullying No Way website is an excellent site to visit when searching for trustworthy and practical information about Bullying. www.bullyingnoway.gov.au



Bullying in schools facts and figures

Approximately **one in four** Year 4 to Year 9 Australian students (27%) reported being bullied every few weeks or more often.

Lack of a shared **definition** of bullying can hamper finding lasting solutions.

Students **may not report** bullying to the school because they fear not being believed or making things worse.

Approximately **one in five** young school students reported experiencing online bullying in any one year.

In **87%** of bullying interactions, peers are present as onlookers, and play a central role in the bullying process.

Hurtful teasing was the most common bullying behaviour reported, followed by having hurtful lies told about them.

32% of Year 5s and **29%** of Year 8s reported frequent school bullying.

Students often **tell parents** about bullying rather than anyone else.

Enhancing **social status** with peers is the most commonly reported motivator for bullying.

83% of students who bully others online also bully others in person.

84% of students who were bullied online were also bullied in person.

Students **10 to 15 years of age** are the most likely to be involved in online bullying.

72% of schools reported managing at least one incident of online bullying in the previous year.

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools is the starting point for bullying prevention

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Read more about effective ways to prevent bullying at Bullying. No Way! bullyingnoway.gov.au

Sources can be found at: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/WhatsBullying/FactsAndFigures>

School Dress Code

We have noticed a decline in the number of students not complying with our School Dress Code. Our Governing Council has determined that the wearing of the School Dress Code is a requirement for all students.

On Tuesday 19 June, minor modifications were made to the School Dress Code Policy to document more clearly the items that are non-compliant and the course of action to be taken for persistent non-compliance. Please find the updated and ratified School Dress Code Policy at the following link: <https://www.mclarenvps.sa.edu.au/school-policies/>

The Governing Council has also approved some additional items that will be sold in the School Uniform Shop.

These include a new school dress, stockings and a skirt. We are excited about the introduction of these items and they will be available for sale in the near future. We are still exploring a winter skirt option for girls and additional pant and short options for boys. Thank you to Shaylie Lord, Gizelle Willson, Taryn van den Brink, Jo Matthews, Kelly Peacock and Sally Harris for your work in recommending and working together on this.

The School Uniform Shop will be relocated in Term 3 to the Main Building. The Uniform Shop is open Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Our thanks to our parent volunteer Kelly for her time and commitment to all things School Dress Code and also to Sally Harris our trusty SSO who leads the Uniform Shop so capably.



Wonggayerlo

Footprints in the Sand

As a follow on from Reconciliation Week, McLaren Vale PS students in Years 3-7 attended a performance called 'Wonggayerlo - Footprints in the Sand'. The performance was held in the gym on Wednesday of Week 6. Wonggayerlo was an outstanding experience for all audience members. It was a story about ways of understanding and our relationship to the natural world; where Science meets culture. It was about a journey of two people across the generations, a journey of sharing. We look forward to continuing to explore these ideas together at McLaren Vale Primary School.

SAPSASA Netball 2018

On Thursday 14 June, 9 girls travelled to Tatachilla Lutheran College to play knockout netball against Tatachilla. The game consisted of four 10 minute quarters. The girls started off well and had some great passages of play down the court, but Tatachilla's defence were too strong for us. But we never dropped our heads, the girls stayed positive and continued to attack the ball. The final score was McLaren Vale 4 to Tatachilla 46.

Well done to all 9 girls who were part of the SAPSASA Netball team. You should be very proud of your efforts and your positive attitude throughout the game and trainings.





Update Your Information

REMINDER: If you have changed any of your details recently, please let our Student Services team know so that they can update your information.

Phone the school on 8323 8741 to update your details.

Phone calls for students

Due to the daily high volume of phone calls received (up to 30 a day) from parents requesting relaying of messages to students about pick up arrangements we are no longer able to provide this service unless the Front Office staff determine your call is a genuine emergency.

The nature of many calls is causing unnecessary disruption to classes. This will take effect immediately. Please ensure that arrangements for pick up are made prior to school drop off in the morning.



News from Lyn Langeluddecke

Lyn is currently on leave and by the looks of the photos she is having a wonderful time. She has been on a 9 day trek on Mt Kilimanjaro. She made it to Stella Point (5730m), just short of the summit. The weather conditions were treacherous and it has been very challenging but an unforgettable experience.

She is now off on Safari in Serengeti.



The Special Nature of Outdoors

Room 15

I love nature because we get to have freedom from the classroom and we will always learn new things outside. By Aleah

I think being out of the class is a chance to imagine different things for stories and poems and it is a good chance to create games with friends.

By Georgia

It's creative and very relaxing listening to the birds whistling.

By Dylan

I like nature because we got to do some maths outside.

By Casey

I like tree forts because they are fun to build.

By Jordan

Nature Walk-Poem
TREE-SAP-It's tree's blood but brown and red with ants.

By Max C

Nature Walk-Poem
TREE-A brown, tall statue. It provides us oxygen and it is a home for lots of animals.

By Josh

It's a great way to express yourself in the open and a great way to play with friends.

By Seth



I like playing in nature because there are so many things to do like use sticks as wands and climb trees. We can learn in nature too. It is peaceful and calm.

By Lila

I like learning outside. We did angle measuring.

By Eve

I like to play and build.

By Ashton

Nature-A Poem

The wind is music in my ears. Birds sing, bees buzz, as I smell the multi-coloured flowers. The fire is growing higher and higher. The smoke has a strong smell. I feel the breeze brushing against my shoulders. I see the moon as it fades away into the sky.

By Ashlee

Nature Walk-Poem
Trees swishing side by side, loving the wind, sun and rain.

By Blaire

Nature Walk-Poem
MOON-Shining some of it's light glory with the sun.

By Max P

Nature Walk-Poem
FLOWERS-Bees flying through the sky, landing on flowers as they get their nectar.

By Bella

State Cross Country Championships

OAKBANK 7TH JUNE

McLaren Vale School fielded 10 students who qualified for this State Competition, in their respective age groups. Students aged 10 -19 years, from all country and metropolitan regions compete around open terrain courses of distances ranging from 2 – 8 kms. Races are competed in single gender, age groups, with each race comprising between 250 – 300 runners.



Three of our students, Chanelle M, Gracie W and James W have qualified for the second selection trial on 23rd June. Chanelle was in fact, a member of the Southern Onkaparinga 10 year old Girls team that won gold. Congratulations to all of our students who were representatives on the day.

- 10 yo Girls: Chanelle M, 14th & Gold 10 yr Girls Team
- 11 yo Girls: Gracie W, 12th | Mali L, 34th | Ella W, 42nd | Mia H, 83rd | Tahli J, 88th
- 11 yo Boys: Kai S, 43rd
- 12 yo Girls: Holly T, 81st
- 12 yo Boys: James W, 16th | Jacob C, 25th



OSHC News

BY NATALIE WELLS, OSHC DIRECTOR

Hi everyone. We've had a busy couple of weeks in OSHC, with lots of different activities happening. Dodgeball is still VERY popular with the children and generally the first question asked by the children when they come to OSHC is "Are we playing dodgeball today?" Hema beads are still popular with some very creative things being made.

Our vacation care program is now out. If you need to book your children into the holidays, please pick up a program from either the OSHC Room, the Front Office, or online at <https://www.mclarenvps.sa.edu.au/oshc/>. Our excursion days usually fill up fast so if you think you'll need to use the service please come in and fill out a form to avoid any disappointment.

Another reminder to ALL families regarding the new Child Care Package. It is vital that ALL parents complete their online assessment before the end of June! The 2nd July is when the new system comes into effect, and if you haven't completed your assessment you may disappear from our enrolments, and not have access to the service. If you have any queries, please see one of the OSHC staff.

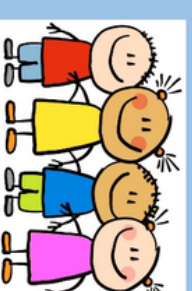
Have a great week!



- \$55.00 per day
- \$50.00 for bookings received by Monday 2nd July
- Excursions incur a fee of \$15.00, added to account






JULY 2018 Vacation Care Program

McLaren Vale Primary School



Phone: 8323 9217 **Email:** dl.0251.oshc@schools.sa.edu.au

Opening hours: 7:10am – 6:30pm

<p>Monday 9th July</p> <p>Mega Courts Excursion (school aged children only)</p>  <p>Come and try indoor soccer, cricket, netball, dodgeball and climb on the inflatables.</p>	<p>Tuesday 10th July</p> <p>NAIDOC week activities</p>  <p>Come and make Lemon Myrtle cookies and damper. Help us paint a Torres Strait Island canvas flag, do beading, paint boomerangs and lots more to celebrate NAIDOC week.</p>	<p>Wednesday 11th July</p> <p>Bowling/Laser Skirmish Excursion (school aged children only)</p>  <p>Join us for some bowling and laser skirmish fun! Followed by lunch at Glover Playground.</p>	<p>Thursday 12th July</p> <p>It's a Bugs Life!</p>  <p>Create your own bug catcher and search for bugs around OSHC. Enjoy some hot chips while we watch A Bug's Life!</p>	<p>Friday 13th July</p> <p>Incredibles 2 Excursion (school aged children only)</p>  <p>A movie at Wallis Cinemas followed by lunch at the Wooden Playground at Port Noarlunga (weather permitting)</p>
<p>Monday 16th July</p> <p>Electronics & Games Day</p>  <p>I-pads, movies, Switch, giant board games and much more. Children may bring their electronic devices (no phones)</p>	<p>Tuesday 17th July</p> <p>Creation Sensations</p>  <p>Let your imagination and creativity go wild as we paint, glue, stick, build and create some masterpieces!</p>	<p>Wednesday 18th July</p> <p>MasterChef Day</p>  <p>Make your own hamburger patties for afternoon tea. Join in the taste test, and create your own recipe card holder and placemat.</p>	<p>Thursday 19th July</p> <p>Maritime Museum Excursion (school aged children only)</p>  <p>Join us as we tour the museum, watch a performance, climb the lighthouse and lots more!</p>	<p>Friday 20th July</p> <p>Warrawong2U Incursion</p>  <p>Come and see, and even hold some native Australian animals and reptiles.</p>



Hiragana Karate Club

Hiragana is one of the three Japanese writing systems and is made up of 46 basic characters; each of which represents a sound in the Japanese language.

Despite the name, the 'Hiragana Karate Club' is not where we practise our martial arts skills (much to the disappointment of some students), but is instead a fun Japanese reading program, designed to encourage students to learn to read the *Hiragana* characters, by earning different coloured belts along the way.

Once students have learned the 46 *Hiragana* characters, they then move on to learning additional sounds, blends and then putting it all together to read *Hiragana* words. This is when they earn the ennobled black belt!

We are now very excited to have our first black belt recipients at MVPS! Ashlee, Aleah and Aida have been working very hard to learn their *Hiragana* and have now earned the title of 'Black Belt Champions!' An amazing achievement! These 'Hiragana Karate Club' champions will be receiving their black belts at this week's assembly! *Yoku dekimashita* (well done) girls!



Japanese Club

Our Japanese Club provides an opportunity for students to visit the Japanese room during their lunch break and experience some different Japanese cultural activities.

The Japanese room is open every Thursday, first lunch, where all students are welcome to come and try some Japanese games, dress-ups, origami, manga drawing or the occasional cooking treat. This term, the children were able to have a go at making their own *onigiri* (rice balls), using salted Japanese rice and *nori* (seaweed).

To keep up-to-date with what's happening in our Japanese lessons, please join our private Japanese Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/MVPSJapanese/

"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way."
Frank Smith