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NEWSLETTER TERM 2, WEEK 3, 2021



KEY DATES

11th - 21st MAY

NAPLAN testing

WEDNESDAY 19th MAY

National Simultaneous Storytime dress up day

TUESDAY 25th MAY 9.30am

Volunteer/RAN training

ATSI Kurna Kids on Country Excursion

WEDNESDAY 26th MAY

National Sorry Day

Year 5 Road Crossing Monitor training

First Aid in Schools (student)

FRIDAY 28th MAY

Rooms 1, 2, 9 & 13

Museum/Art Gallery/State Library Excursion

Disco R-2: 6.00 - 7.00 Years 3 - 7: 7.15 - 8.30

TUESDAY 1st JUNE 9.00am - 10.00am

Willunga HS Transition session at MVPS

WEDNESDAY 2nd JUNE

First Aid in Schools (student)

Year 3/4 El Shaddai Camp

MONDAY 7th & TUESDAY 8th JUNE

Science incursions (Rooms 14 - 27)

WEDNESDAY 9th JUNE

First Aid in Schools (student)

THURSDAY 10th JUNE 9.30am

Principal Tour

FRIDAY 11th JUNE

STUDENT FREE DAY

MONDAY 12th JUNE

PUBLIC HOLIDAY (QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY)

TUESDAY 13th JUNE 6.30pm

Governing Council Meeting



Kitchen Garden Tour and Tasting

The response to last Wednesday's Twilight Kitchen Garden Tour and Food Tasting Open Night really took us by surprise!

We didn't have a lot of time to plan for this but thought it would be a great opportunity to welcome families into the school since we haven't had a lot of community interaction during COVID.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program from Melbourne reached out and asked schools who run the program if they would be able to host an event as a part of a nationwide initiative known as *Urban Agricultural Month*.

Nat and I discussed this and thought that we could run tours of our garden with the kids taking a lead and end the evening with food in the kitchen grown by the school and prepared by the children as well. We had a lot of fun organising with the kids and seeing their commitment really inspired and warmed us! We think the program is pretty great and so do the children here.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event and came for a tour and a baked potato.

A big special thank you to all of our student volunteers!

Tamara Piec (Kitchen Specialist) and Nat Giffney (Garden Specialist)



From the Principal

LYN LANGELOUDECKE

Welcome back everyone.

The holidays were timely for us all giving us time to switch off and enjoy some much needed R&R following the loss of our much treasured staff member Bernice.

With our term well underway, we again have an action packed term so check the school's calendar for those significant dates and stay informed.

There are several classes with organised camps and/or excursions this term which are a valuable part of our student's educational program. The learning that takes place through taking children to places of significance or utilising environmental resources all enriches their classroom learning. These opportunities require considerable organisation and there is a lot of behind the scenes work that is factored into the organisation and costing of the event. We always aim for every child in the class to have this experience so do keep tabs on your child's class activities, be prompt in returning the appropriate forms, if payment is required pay on time (see finance news for due dates for payment) and if you are experiencing financial hardship, negotiate a payment plan with Amanda (Finance Manager).

We had good attendance at the **three-way discussions** held towards the end of term 1. Our aim is for every parent to have met face to face with their child's classroom teacher. This enables the joint sharing of information helpful to the forward journey of your child's learning. This is an important stepping stone to the written report provided at the end of term 2 which details your child's academic and social progress. So if you haven't had a chance to meet it's not too late! Catch up with your child's teacher to arrange a time.

This week **NAPLAN testing** got underway for our years 3, 5 and 7 students. We have almost 100% of our students participating this year which is very helpful as the results not only provide the student and families with a benchmark about the child's progress in literacy and numeracy, but also provide the school with important information about improvements we need to make in our curriculum work. It also enables us to track children's progress over time i.e. from year 3 to year 5 and to seek answers to children whose progress hasn't followed the normal developmental pathway.

At a recent meeting our Governing Council approved the following student free and school closure days:

Friday 11th June - Student Free Day (staff undertaking professional learning)

Wednesday 10th November - Student Free Day (staff undertaking professional learning)

Thursday 25th November (evening) - Twilight Concert

Friday 26th November - School Closure Day

Bookings with OSHC are available but do book early.

The Minister for Education, Hon John Gardner MP is visiting our school next week on Wednesday from 10.00 -10.45am. He will meet with leaders and Governing Council members to tour the school. This will provide an opportunity for us to share our important work and to see firsthand children's learning in action.

Communication between home and school is always an ongoing challenge in schools. We all have busy lives and it can at times be overwhelming trying to juggle many tasks at the one time. We often catch families out when they come in seeking various information that we have published through the newsletter so this is just a gentle reminder to take the time to read our school's newsletters which are published in weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each term.

We are always seeking to improve our communication so please provide any feedback via the following email address:

dl.0251.admin@schools.sa.edu.au

Our leadership team are always out and about so do catch up with us and pass on any good news or things of concern.



Remembering Bernice Sternberg

LEANNE LOVETT

The passing of our beloved staff member, Bernice Sternberg has been felt strongly by all those who knew her. Bernice was a beautiful person, a wonderful teacher and kind friend to many. We have enjoyed listening to the words of students sharing their fond memories of Bernice and how she helped them learn and grow (and also about how lovely her hair was!) The special assembly that we held on the last day of term 1 was a beautiful tribute to her and we felt very fortunate to share it with her family, close friends and entire school community. Some of the staff attended Bernice's funeral during the school holidays which was a beautiful celebration of a very special and kind lady. This term our staff have continued to monitor the wellbeing of all students and each other, and access support where needed. In time we will work with Bernice's family to decide on a permanent special memorial of some kind and will keep you informed when it is decided. One strength that has been highlighted throughout this sad time is what a kind person Bernice was, this was evident in her work with students, the things that she did for her family and colleagues and her work in the wider community, Bernice was that person who did lots of little things for people without needing acknowledgement or accolades, she did them to be a kind and good person. Many of us have taken this value on board in our own lives and will continue her work with the students in our care. We would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support of our students and staff over the last month, your kindness and understanding was truly felt and appreciated. Please continue to monitor the wellbeing of your child and see your child's classroom teacher or a member of the Leadership team if needed.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." - Aesop



Welcome to new staff

LEANNE LOVETT

This term we welcome four new staff members to our MVPS team.

Claire Paice will be teaching in Room 10 on Thursdays and Fridays. Claire is an experienced Year 1 teacher and has settled in very well supporting the students and providing continuity of learning in the teaching program. Shane Rayner will be teaching in Room 20 on Fridays. Shane is well known by our students and staff having been on staff for the past few years and we are excited about him being back in the team. Shane had a great first day last week and is enjoying working with the senior years students. Amy Clark will be working as an SSO across JP classes. Amy has been at MVPS for the last year completing her Certificate 3 in Education Studies in room 13 with Sally Murray. Sheila Sivakanesan who has also been completing her Certificate 3 in Education Studies in the middle and senior school has joined us to work as an SSO in the senior classes.

Claire
Paice



Shane
Rayner



Amy
Clark



Sheela
Sivakanesan



2022 Willunga High School enrolment information

LYN LANGELOUDECKE

Thank you to the families who attended the Willunga High School (WHS) information session held last Wednesday evening. The leadership team from WHS, Anthony van Ruiten, Haley Przibilla, Phil Brown and Caleb Macrow provided a very thorough outline of the school's culture and wellbeing, the teaching and learning program and the curriculum as it relates to the year 7 and 8 students for 2022. With the enrolment process well underway for students attending high schools in 2022, we felt it essential to ensure that our families are well informed about the transitions for year 7s moving onto our local high school and the support structures in place.

There are 3 main feeder primary schools to WHS in 2022: McLaren Vale PS, Willunga PS and McLaren Flat PS. The school is anticipating around 150 students in year 7 (and 8). The year 7 and year 8 learning spaces are purpose built to accommodate 6 classes of 25 students working with a small group of teachers. Minimising the number of teachers working with students strengthens connections and belonging. Student home-groups also provide for closer peer and teacher interaction and a dedicated outdoor area is provided during breaks.

There is a second WHS Principal Tour on Thursday 19th May at 9.30 am. We have had great feedback from previous families who have attended as they said you can see the school 'in action' as you walk through the grounds, classrooms, meet the teachers and talk with the students. Caleb Macrow, Middle School Assistant Principal will share with you how the school will support your child's needs.

Transition visits have recently been confirmed. This term, WHS staff will spend time visiting our year 6 students and teaching a PE and arts lesson. Next term the year 6 & 7 students will visit WHS for morning lessons, the year 6s on one day and the 7s the next and in term 4, attend a full day each along with a parent evening to be held in the new year 7 teaching space. A note with dates and consent will be sent out in the next few days.

Next year the school is introducing the International Baccalaureate program for year 7 & 8 students which is a well renowned program in place in many schools nationally and internationally. Key features include interdisciplinary integration through subject combinations utilising both explicit teaching pedagogies and inquiry based learning. There is a strong focus on critical thinking and building problem solving skills, while encouraging diversity, intercultural understandings, curiosity and, most importantly, a healthy appetite for learning.

It is very obvious that the school has high aspirational expectations for every student and we strongly encourage you to consider Willunga High School as your school of choice for your child whether you are in the or out of the WHS zone. (A link to submit your high school preference has been emailed, please contact the school: clair.pavey33@schools.sa.edu.au if you haven't received the link).

Other useful information is provided below from the Willunga High School website.

Welcoming you in 2022

- ✓ Introduction of the world class International Baccalaureate: Middle Years Programme
- ✓ Brand new Year 7 facility to promote current innovative teaching and learning practices
- ✓ Introduction of daily dedicated Literacy and Numeracy intervention sessions.
- ✓ Year long transition program for students.
- ✓ Parent Q&A evenings at all feeder primary schools. (Willunga, McLaren Vale and McLaren Flat)
- ✓ On-site parent Q&A evening to accommodate out of zone families
- ✓ 1 to 1 laptop program for all Year 7 and 8 students
- ✓ Designated yard area for Year 7 & 8 students
- ✓ Training of all staff on current best practice for Upper Primary and Middle School students
- ✓ Culture of care: designated Coordinator, Year Level Manager, Assistant Principal and Youth Workers to support student wellbeing
- ✓ Doc and Campus Program (on-site GP, Psychologist and Social Work Counsellor)
- ✓ Time-table to support the use of 'key teachers' to ensure a primary contact for students and parents
- ✓ Students have access to the entire curriculum offerings in year 7. (all practical subjects included)
- ✓ Introduction of community selected European language
- ✓ Consistent Predictable Routines in all classes

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Aldinga Payinthe College

LYN LANGELOUDECKE

We have also had feedback from families requesting information about the Aldinga Payinthe College (APC) and have contacted the school. They have advised that the website will be live within 2-3 weeks, that construction is running to schedule and at this stage they are hoping to offer a principal tour later in the year.

The impact of the opening of Aldinga Payinthe College is yet to be realised but we do know that 21% of our current families reside in the APC zone and that there is keen interest amongst these families to access the year 7 and 8 program in 2022.

We could assume that this will impact on our enrolments across all year levels as families of students accepted into year 7 & 8 consider 'one stop education' and also seek to enrol younger siblings of older student/s. We also realise there may be other families in the zone considering transferring their child/ren from MVPS to the new school.

We are seeking feedback from families within the Payinthe College zone about their enrolment intentions to assist with our planning for next year. Please email the school on dl.0251.admin@schools.sa.edu.au if you intend to transfer your child/ren currently in years R-5 out of MVPS in 2022. (We already have the year 6&7 data).

Fundraising

LEANNE LOVETT

Thank you for your support with our fundraising efforts so far this year, we are very excited with our efforts so far:

\$1832.10 Easter raffle

\$541.30 Term 1 end of term casual clothes day

\$1879.50 Mother's Day raffle

\$717.79 Mother's Day stall

This term fundraising events include:

Fundraising for School Grounds

Digital entertainment books – ongoing sales

Next Wednesday 19th May – National Simultaneous

Story Time Dress Up Day

School disco – Friday 28th May

Quiz night at the McLaren Vale Bocce Club – Saturday 19th June.

Fundraising for the Hutt Street Centre

Class based fundraising events (these will be coordinated)

End of term casual clothes day – Friday 2nd July.

Mother's Day raffle & stall



Thank you to Anne-Maree Richards, Shylie Lord, Sophie Brown and Alyse Wells for all of their time and help to pull together and run the Mother's Day stall. You did an amazing job and there were lots of happy students. We truly hope that all of the lovely people that care for our students had a lovely Mother's Day.



Terms 3 and 4 will see other events including the Hutt St Walk a Mile, the school disco, a Father's Day raffle, Father's Day gift stall, Sports Day, the Colour Run, the usual end of term casual clothes days and our end of year concert.

We have been overwhelmed by the generous donations and support that we have received for our fundraising efforts. Some of these include the following: Dodgy Brothers Wines, Foodland McLaren Vale, Robern Menz McLaren Vale (Fruchocs), Hardys Tintara, McLaren Vale Retreat, McLaren Vale Barber Shop, McLaren Vale Natives & Mini Golf, MM Electrical Lonsdale, Ogre Brewing Co, Starlets SA, Talking Hair & Beauty Goolwa, The Organic Store, Thirsty Camel, Totally Workwear, Walker's Run, The Wine Embassy, Bridges to Wellbeing, Cactus Creations & Pottery, Hugh Hamilton Wines, McLaren Vale Motel and Apartments, Tupperware Australia, Molly Dooker Wines, The Tin Shed Café, P & R Electrical and Blossoms & More. We were overwhelmed to receive a \$500 donation into our bank account last week from Southern Suburbs Pest Control. Thank you so much to everyone for their support.

Fundraising (cont'd)

LEANNE LOVETT

Entertainment

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FRIDAY 28TH MAY

R-2
6pm - 7pm

3-7
7.15pm - 8.30pm



School Disco

JUNIOR PRIMARY: \$5 ENTRY INCLUDES
DRINK & A PACK OF CHIPS

YEAR 3-7: \$4 ENTRY

● CHIPS (50c) & DRINKS (\$1) AVAILABLE
FROM CANTEEN

SUPERVISED DISCO IN THE SCHOOL GYM
Please note that due to COVID restrictions,
there are strictly no parents/caregivers
allowed inside the gym.
Please drop off at gym entrance (basketball
court side).
Please collect at gym exit (JP playground
side)

School Disco

MATT MILLAR

Our school disco will be held on Friday 28th May in the school gym. There will be separate discos for the R - 2 and year 3 - 7 groups. More information about times and prices will follow in the coming days. We are aiming to have this as a student led disco including choosing playlists etc. Stay tuned!

Quiz Night

MATT MILLAR

The Quiz Night is back for 2021 on Saturday 19th June at the McLaren Vale Bocce Club. The night will be hosted by Matt Millar and Kent Brown. Information will follow soon with all details.

Stay tuned!





NAPLAN testing for 2021 commenced on Tuesday 11th May and will end next week on Tuesday 18th May. Students in years 3, 5 and 7 will be sitting tests in writing, reading, conventions of language and numeracy. All tests except year 3 writing will be online. Students have spent some time at school familiarising themselves with the format.

These tests provide us with a snapshot in time of your child's learning and data that helps inform goals to further develop our teaching and learning programs. All we ask is that the children give the tests their best effort and remind them that while NAPLAN tests give us a score for how they did there are many other amazing skills and talents they have to offer that aren't measured by the test.

Below is a letter sent to students last week prior to the NAPLAN testing:

To (student)

*It is your first NAPLAN next week! I am sure you will have a variety of feelings going on inside of you currently - some positive and some negative. You may be feeling confident and excited or feeling worried or nervous. Any feelings you have is **OK**, but here are some important things you need to know...*

People that mark your tests don't know you! They don't know you like I do! These people don't know you are an artist or someone who is an amazing singer and actor! They don't know that you like to help your family or like to play with your brothers and sisters. They don't know that you come to school every day with a smile on your face and do your very best every day. Those people don't know that you love to read or tell jokes. They don't know that you are an excellent friend and a great helper to your teacher and others in the class.

Just remember that any test you do at school doesn't measure the most important things about you. A test doesn't measure how funny, kind, amazing or generous you are. It doesn't say that you always put your hand up in class or that you have a well-organised and tidy table.

*Whether you are feeling excited, nervous, worried, happy, sad or anything else in between, just remember that you are special in so many ways that a test can't measure! Since knowing you as an individual I can honestly say that **YOU** have shown improvements and growth in all areas!*

Come to school next week ready to do your best for all the tests. Have an early night, a healthy breakfast and smile on your face!

***"Today you are you, that is truer than true.
There's no one alive that is youer than you!"
Dr. Seuss***

*From your very proud teacher,
(Teacher)*

Vale Reps

MATT MILLAR

Vale Reps are taking a different form in 2021 in the hope to increase student voice and make their meeting times more targeted. Students from year 3 - 7 will nominate in their classes to form Action Teams with a member from each 3 - 7 class in the following teams:

- ◆ Events and Leadership
- ◆ Grounds
- ◆ Environmental
- ◆ Student Wellbeing
- ◆ Lunchtime Activities

It will be the responsibility of each representative to ensure the voice of their class and their younger buddy class members (reception to year 2) are heard. Reps will be chosen by and announced at the end of week 4.



Rooms 2/3 Excursion

SALLY MURRAY & MADDY MORGAN

On Monday week 10 rooms 2 and 13 had the opportunity to visit the Fleurieu Art House and Pedlers Creek. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of learning more about our Australian culture and how the traditions of creek conservation helps our native bush lands, vineyards and crops to flourish and support our natural ecosystem.



Student Attendance

NICKY CLARK-WELLBEING COORDINATOR

Being at school every day matters! Did you know that if your child misses about a day of school a fortnight it adds up to 4 weeks of learning every year! If this happens over the course of primary schooling it adds up to almost 1 year of learning missed.

Regular attendance is not only beneficial for your child's learning, but also their ability to form better friendships, better mental health and future choices.

At McLaren Vale Primary School we put a high importance on your child being at school every day. We have reviewed our student attendance and are putting some more streamlined processes in place. This requires a strong line of communication between families, the teacher and leadership. If your child is having difficulties attending school please contact your child's teacher or school leadership for support. Poor attendance can be improved if families and school work together to address the barriers. It is vital you inform the school about your child's absence. This can be done by:

- A note in your child's diary
- A message via Seesaw
- A phone call to Student Services
- Speaking to your child's teacher or Student Services

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**

First Aid in Schools

AMANDA DEAKIN

On Wednesday in weeks 5 - 8 of this term all students will be participating in a session of first aid training.

The First Aid in Schools program is a community initiative delivered FREE by St John Ambulance SA and is run by qualified first aid trainers. The aim is to equip children aged 5 to 13 years old with the first aid skills they need if faced with a medical emergency. The course is fun and informative with hands-on techniques and demonstrations. The First Aid in Schools program is age-appropriate and integrates with the National Curriculum. Some of the topics to be covered, depending on the age of the child, include:



- how to call an ambulance
- danger assessments and personal safety
- dealing with an unconscious person
- recovery position demonstration and practice
- cardiopulmonary resuscitations (From year 5/6+)
- managing injuries, bleeding and possible fractures
- how to treat bites and stings
- what to do when someone is choking.

Each student who participates receives a first aid show bag, a certificate of achievement and will be provided with educational resources to be used at home. Although this program is run at no cost to the school, you are invited to make a **small donation** on the day to support the ongoing running of this program and the St John Ambulance Service. More information about the day your child's class will be participating and how to donate will be communicated via Seesaw.

Finance news

AMANDA MARCEL

The due date for school fee payments [has now passed but it is not too late to organise a payment plan](#) or [to lodge](#) a School Card application.

School Card applications need to be submitted each year with forms available from Student Services or online at www.sa.gov.au (Education & Learning/Financial Support/School Card Scheme). There are a number of ways to pay your school fees &/or other expenses (e.g. excursions, camps, etc.):

- **Pay by cash, cheque or credit card** at Student Services in the admin building
- **Credit card** payments via the Qkr app or over the phone
- **Online payments** directly into the school's bank account Bank SA BSB 105-071 Account Number 280 118 540. Please use your family ID & invoice number as your reference
- **Payment by instalments or Centrepay** please contact the Finance Office to arrange an instalment plan
- **School Card** the School Card scheme offers financial assistance with school fees – visit <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme> to check eligibility or to lodge your application online.

If written payment arrangements have not been made, or a School Card application has not been lodged, legislation allows Governing Council to legally pursue outstanding fees as per our Debt Collection Policy through the DfE Central Debt Collection Department.

If you are experiencing trouble with payments, please contact Amanda Marcel, Finance Manager, as soon as possible to discuss what support may be available for you.

DUE DATES FOR PAYMENTS:

School fees	Overdue
Museum excursion rooms 9, 13, 1 & 2	Friday 21st May
Science incursion rooms 14 to 27	Friday 28th May
El Shaddai camp rooms 14, 15, 18, 19	Monday 24th May

Sports News

TIM WALKER - DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

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Noarlunga Downs Primary was the venue for our Onkaparinga South District event on Friday 30th April. Students aged 10 – 13 years competed in single gender events that saw the 10 year old students run a distance of 2km, while the 11 – 13 year old students ran 3km.

Individual medals are awarded to the first three placegetters in each race and those students who finished in the top 6 competitors in the 10 – 12yr age groups and the top 4 in the 13 year age group are then selected into the Onkaparinga District Team to compete at Oakbank State Competition later this term.



Mardi



April



Charlotte



Chanel



Chanel, Sophie & Charlotte



Coco, April & Brielle

10 Year Girls		Team
April Chapman *	3	1st
Brielle Turner	7	
Coco Whitfield-Moore	10	
Sophie Soutar	16	
Sunny McFarlane	18	
Sybella Sim	19	
Ivy Hams	21	
Lilly Maddern	22	
Isabelle Brown	25	
Erin Love	35	
Ayla Gregor	36	

10 Year Boys		
Ashton Heap	14	5th
Rourke Conroy	20	
James Plunkett	33	
Isaac Wright	35	
Magnus Thomson	44	
Abel Van den Broeke	49	
Taj Bessen	57	
Charlie Ellis	58	
Luke Hampton	61	

11 Year Boys		
Hudson Rayner	20	6th
Cameron Craik	23	
Hayden Ats	25	
Cambell Hodgens	26	
Nicholas Munzburg	39	
12 Year Girl		
Mardi May	1 *	
12 Year Boys		
Max Turner	8	4th
Jayden Grove Annesley	19	
James Craven	26	
13 Year Girl		
Chanel May	1 *	1st
Charlotte Rayner	2 *	
Sophie Palmer	9	
13 Year Boys		
Darcy Turner	9	4th
Willem Uppill	10	
Torin Pusonjic	17	

Sports News (cont'd)

TIM WALKER

Congratulations Charlize

Charlize Talbot was invited to participate in the State SAPSASA Softball Carnival on Monday 29th March at West Beach. The team played 9 games over 3 days and drew in 3 of the games.

Well done Charlize!

ATSI News

BURDA SANDERS

National Reconciliation Week is held throughout Australia every year beginning on Sorry Day 26th May and running until 3rd June. Our school has a strong commitment to reconciliation and two actions in our Reconciliation Action Plan reflect this :

The first relevant action is "Celebrate National Reconciliation Week". Our commitment says "our school community celebrates National Reconciliation Week (NRW) which is held from 27th May to 3rd June each year by talking about reconciliation in the classroom, around the school and celebrating with the community. NRW is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort." This year we have planned the following:

- ◆ Rebecca's mum, Deanna (Ngarrindjeri elder), is coming in to school on Wednesday 26th May (Sorry Day) to talk to all year 5 - 7 students about Sorry Day
- ◆ A Reconciliation Week assembly on Friday 28th May run by the ATSI team
- ◆ A morning tea for ATSI parents in the ATSI Room after assembly on Friday 28th May
- ◆ Rebecca's mum is coming in on Friday 28th May to join us for the assembly, the morning tea and also to do activities throughout the day with the ATSI students
- ◆ The whole school will create the Aboriginal flag on the oval on Wednesday of Week 6, 2nd June
- ◆ The whole school will play Keen Tan (Aboriginal game) on the oval Tuesday 1st June. The students learned this game with Burda and Rebecca in term 1.

Our other action that is relevant is "Teach about Reconciliation" and the commitment says "our school community is committed to learning about reconciliation in Australia". Having an understanding of the concept, history and progress of reconciliation is an important part of continuing the reconciliation journey. This understanding also helps to strengthen engagement with our school's RAP by positioning it within the broader story of reconciliation in Australia.

All classes will schedule specific lessons and activities throughout Reconciliation Week to increase our knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Australia and our place in the reconciliation journey. We are also planning a whole school performance later in the term by Jack Buckskin (Karna language expert) and his Kuma Kaaru dance group (Karna dance group).

The theme this year for Reconciliation Week is "More than a Word" and we believe our school is making reconciliation more than just a word.



OSCH News

NATALIE WELLS - OSHC DIRECTOR

Hi everyone. We had a wonderful time in the April holidays, with plenty of great memories made with our OSHC children. We went to AFL Max, the movies, had a camp fire with a visit from the CFS, Rev It Up came for an incursion and lots more! We are now busy planning for the next holidays!

Our term has started off well with lots of time spent outside making the most of the nice weather, before the cold sets in. Rubiks cubes continue to be very popular, challenging even some of the educators! Arts and crafts are always a popular choice with some awesome Mother's Day cards being made, along with salt painting, and lots of colouring in. Great to see the children being so creative!

Have a great week!

"The world is but a canvas to the imagination." – Henry David Thoreau



A visit from the CFS



AFL Max



Rev it up racing

Library News

MARIE GROEN - LIBRARIAN

Our school community is going to celebrate the National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 19th May. Every year the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) selects a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, that is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, preschools, family homes, childcare centres and bookshops and many more places around the country.

This year, that book is *Give me some Space!* which has been sent on a rocket to space and will be read in this special event from the International Space Station!

This year we thought we would go BIG with promoting this event and make it a dress up day fundraiser. We are asking our students to dress-up with the 'SPACE' theme in mind. (Parents please do not go out of your way to make elaborate costumes – this is just a bit of fun!)

Please send your child along dressed up with a gold coin donation to give to their classroom teacher.



Volunteer/RAN training



Volunteer Induction & RAN training

Tuesday 25th May

9.00am

in the Library

9.00am - 10.00am

Volunteer Induction training

10.00am - 12.00pm

Reporting Abuse & Neglect training (RAN)



McLaren Vale Primary School welcomes parent and community involvement through volunteering. There are many opportunities for volunteers to support programs at our school.

Volunteers make a significant contribution to the school community by giving time and sharing skills and expertise.

Volunteers can:

- ◆ help children with their reading and maths
- ◆ assist in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen & Garden program
- ◆ help with camps and excursions
- ◆ join our Governing Council and committees
- ◆ help in the school Library
- ◆ help with fundraising .

Register your attendance at our Volunteer and RAN training session by phoning the school on 8323 8741 or emailing dl.0251.admin@schools.sa.edu.au.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lyn Langeluddecke (Principal) and Nicky Clark (Counsellor)

Come & Play Hockey

Players welcome in competitions for
U10s, U14s, U17s, Men & Women

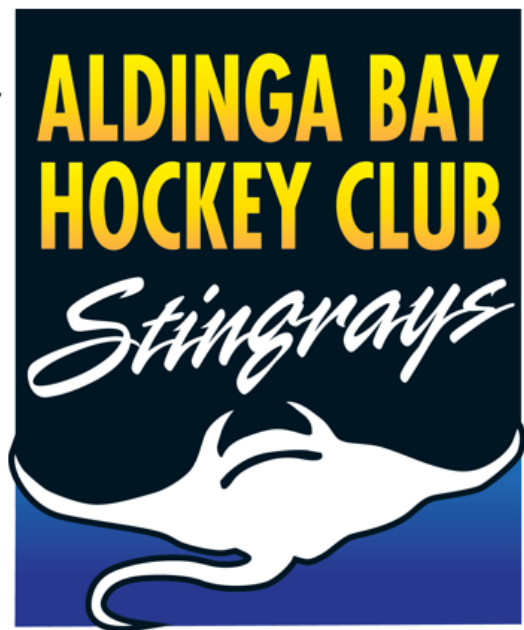
No experience necessary

*Primary school sports vouchers
accepted*

Training Wednesday nights

Games played Saturdays

Contact Jacqui on 0419 831 549, find us on Facebook or
www.southcoasthockey.org.au



Noarlunga United Soccer Club



SOCCER

Would you like to Play?

We have a few Positions
Available

U18's –

Girls – U15's

Mixed – u7's, u9's, u10, & u11's

For enquiries contact Monika
0401 452 806
support@noarlungaunited.com.au

COVE MARION WOMENS SOCCER CLUB SHE WINS - SOCCER CLINIC

SHE WINS

We want to empower girls to come learn, and enjoy the world game with a series of free clinics with the aim of enjoyment and making new friends



COVE MARION WFC

Cove Marion are a women's only club with teams from Under 11 to Senior Women's. The club has been operating for six seasons.



WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Australia and New Zealand will be co-sharing the Women's World Cup in 2023. Adelaide will be one of the host venues.



OUR CLINICS

Our free clinics will run for one hour on a Monday night - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Dates:
Monday 11th May
Monday 18th May
Monday 25th May
Monday 1st June



VENUE

Club Marion - 262 Sturt Road, Marion



WHAT TO BRING

Wear appropriate clothing, and if possible wear shin pads and boots.

Bring water and a snack for after!

You may have some friends you can bring as well!

HOW TO SIGN UP

Email through the following details:

Player & Parent name, contact phone number, email address and any necessary medical information.

Email - Leigh - leighmichaelmatthews@gmail.com

Room 19 meets their Pen Pals from Aldinga Beach Primary School

On Wednesday March 31st we travelled on a bus to Aldinga Beach Primary School to meet our pen pals. My pen pal's name is Tilly. I played some games with Tilly and we had an awesome time together. Everyone went outside and we started at the flying fox but I did not want to do it because I was scared. Tilly went on the flying fox. Then I said to Tilly "Let's go on the adventure playground" We ran over there and went on the bars and we had fun. After we played in the adventure playground we went on the oval. The teacher Mrs Meyer came up to us and asked "can I take a photo with you guys standing next to each other, smile" Then we went back to the place we met and said goodbye to our pen pals. We got back on the bus and headed back to school. It was awesome!

By Charlotte



Today we travelled to Aldinga Beach Primary School. First we went on the bus, we drove there. When we got there we got really shy. Finally we got to meet out pen pals and got to play with them on their oval. We did chin ups on the soccer goals. Next we played on the swings and we were going high, it felt like butterflies in my tummy.

By Bentley



We travelled for 10 minutes to get to Aldinga Beach Primary school to meet our pen pals. We played in their nature play, which has a flying fox. It went slow but I had fun. My pen pal was a good person and I felt really good. Their teacher was called Mrs Meyer and she was really nice.

By Abel



On Wednesday 31st March we travelled on a bus to Aldinga Beach Primary school to meet our amazing pen pals. My pen pal's name was Sharntelle. Firstly we met our pen pals at the gate of their school and then we had an awesome play on the swings, flying fox, bars and a huge swing. I felt scared standing on the giant swing so I sat down. Next we went into their classroom and played a get to know you game where we rolled a dice and we moved a counter and it had a question on it and we had to answer it. We played some amazing maths games. I played a maths game called tug of war. It was fun. Next we had a class story. Then we started to head down to the bus and when we left our pen pals gave us a letter. We opened them when we got back to school.

By Rachael

