



Morphett Vale Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Supporting Mathematics

For the past few years, as a site, we have been working together with your children to ensure that they are ready to tackle real-world mathematical problems.

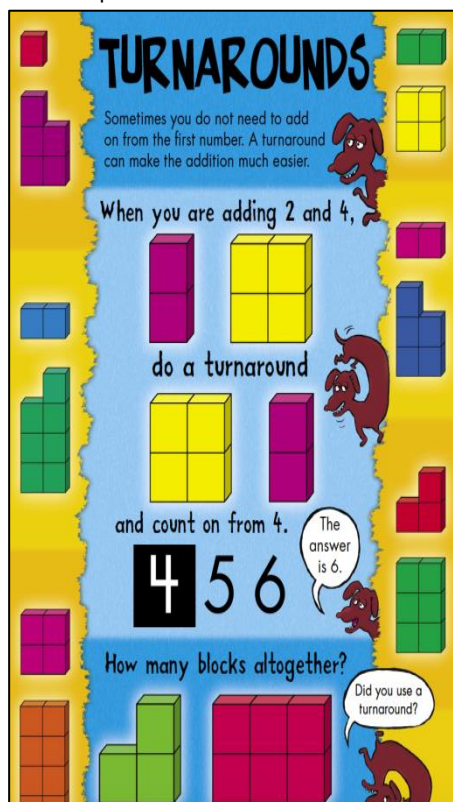
Our goals as a school community have been:

- (1) to engage them with hands on, real world maths problems
- (2) to stretch their thinking with open-ended challenging tasks,
- (3) to involve students in setting goals to improve their learning
- (4) to help them understand why maths is important

Here are some simple ways you can reinforce this learning at home:

Foster communication when working on mathematic tasks:

- (1) Ask your child what they are learning about in Maths and encourage them to give examples or draw what they are learning.
- (2) When working together on a maths problem, ask your child to explain their thinking, before you tell them if they are right or wrong. This can help you to identify any misconceptions they might have.
- (3) Talk about when you use Maths in your life. This will help them to understand why learning in Maths is important.



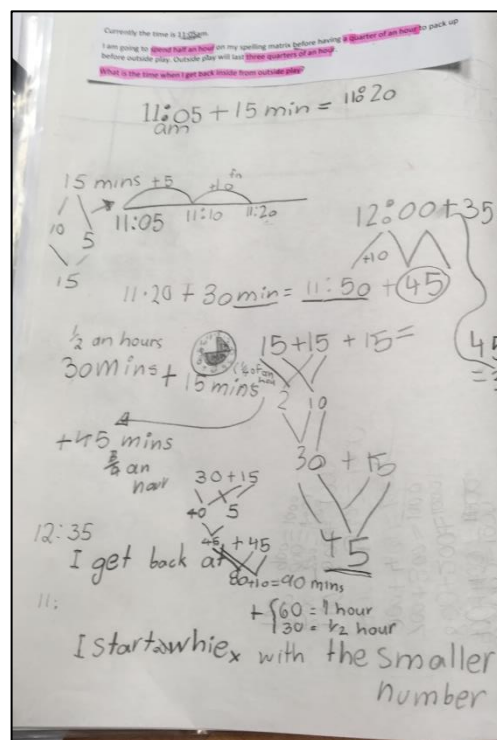
Remember, we are all capable of growing as mathematicians!!!

Practice: Fluency is important and can be developed through short everyday practice (card addition and subtraction are great ways). Examples of some questions that help students to learn more are:
Can you check this another way?
What happens if ...?
How many solutions are there?
How will you know when you have found them all?
I hope this helps and if you have further questions, please feel free to approach your classroom teacher or seek me out.

Michael Koutsoukos

BOOK WEEK

We will be celebrating Book week from Thursday 23rd Aug to Thurs 30th Aug. There will be a Book Week lunch special in the canteen on the 23rd, Book Fair in the library on Fri 24th and Mon 27th and a Book Week Assembly and Dress Up Day on wed 29th. The theme this year is "Find your Treasure".



(Sample of problem solving from Mali, Mrs. Taylor's Class)

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 5

Wed 22/8 9:30am Principal Tour
Thurs 23rd Book Week Lunch special
Fri 24th Book Fair

WEEK 6

Mon 27th Book Fair
Wed 29th Book Week Assembly/Dress
Up day

WEEK 8

Tuesday 4th Sept
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
(No school or OSHC)

Wed 12/9 Governing Council

Principal's Tour of the School

We will be having a tour of the school on Wednesday, 22nd August, 2018 at 9.30am.

If you know of anyone who wishes to be included please advise the Front Office



PRE-SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

The Department for Education brought in zoning for Pre-schools in 2017 which means Preschools need to prioritise placements for children within their zone. In order to do this and then offer remaining places to all the other families who would like their child to attend our Preschool, we need all enrolments in as soon as possible.

Round 1 offers have already gone out to 9 children within our catchment area and the next round of offers will go out on Wednesday 15th of August.

To secure your place, enrol now.

Please pass this message on to friends and family who don't get our newsletter.

**WHOLE SCHOOL
ASSEMBLIES TERM 3**

Week 6 – 29/8

Week 9 – 19/9

PENNY'S SPOT

Coping with loss.

We all have to deal with this sooner or later so here are a few ideas which may help our kids to deal with grief:

- Plant a special tree or a beautiful rose in your garden.
- Make a scrapbook album with your best and treasured memories.
- Frame a special memento like an old footy jumper or sport team top of a club they liked. Remembering when they would cheer them on, and funny things they'd say if they lost!
- Write a letter to the loved one and keep it in a special place.
- Make a keepsake box you can fill with precious bits and bobs which remind you of things they liked to do, like shells from the beach.
- Talk with others about your missed love one. Share funny stories and happy memories to keep the memories alive.
- Light a candle and sit quietly remembering how much they loved you!

I hope this helps, keep your chin up and don't stop doing the things you love.

Penny PCW

**Next Garage Sale
Saturday 18/8/18**



The Lions Club of Noarlunga-Morphett Vale

Shed Sale

3rd Saturday of each month, 9.00am till 12noon

Lions Shed, Brian Road, Lonsdale (follow signs from Sherriffs Rd.)

The range of treasures to be found includes:

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| ○ Plants | ○ Jewellery | ○ Glassware |
| ○ Books | ○ Accessories | ○ Kitchen Items |
| ○ Furniture | ○ Records, CDs and DVDs | ○ Pictures |
| ○ Craft Items | ○ Electronics | ○ Toys and Games |
| ○ Automotive | ○ Household Items | ○ Collectables |
| ○ Tools | | ○ Memorabilia |

Bring the whole family along and invite your friends

For further information Contact:

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SAVE THE DATE

SPORTS DAY
Friday Sept 28th