



# Morphett Vale Primary School NEWSLETTER

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## STUDENTS ARE LEADING THE LEARNING AT MVPS

### Our Lead Learners are on a mission to get everyone excited about spelling!

We are planning a school spelling bee and we are inviting every student in the school to be involved.

We have made up some word lists and organised them into HEATS. The R-2 students will be invited to learn the words for Heats 1-3 and the years 3-7 students will be asked to learn the words from Heats 4-6.

Firstly, we will hold heats to find the best speller in each class, then in each year level and finally in the school. The Grand Final will see our best spellers compete against each other to spell our secret list of very tricky words.

Heats will be held in the week April 3-7 and the Grand Final will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?** Parents can help your children to learn the words on their lists.

## LEAD LEARNERS WANTED

We are currently recruiting students who are POWERFUL LEARNERS and model: Mindsets for Learning, Self-Regulation for Learning, Communication for Learning, Collaboration for Learning and Problem Solving for Learning. If you think you have what it takes to be a Lead Learner, please speak to Ms McLennan or any of our current Lead Learners. Applications can be in writing, on video or you can prepare a speech. All ages can apply.



## STUDENT JOURNALISTS

Do you enjoy writing?  
Would you like to attend local events for children and report on them?  
Would you like to write articles for a local community group?  
If this sounds like you, please leave your name at the front office for Ms McLennan.

*Daniel, Jasmine, Ryan and Ms McLennan (on behalf of the Lead Learners)*



## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

Recently in Mr Allison's class we have been building and creating Marble Mazes as part of S.T.E.M.

### Phase 1: Planning

Students began this process by exploring other designs and planning their own. They sorted themselves into small groups and decided on a success criteria for their designs. We identified what materials and resources were needed and brainstormed a list of unexpected problems that might be encountered during the creating phase.

### Phase 2: Create

Students then had to write steps of how they would achieve success in the task and follow or change it where they needed too. Once students completed this step they could begin the building process.

### Phase 3: Testing & Reflecting

Students upon completing Phase 2 were to test their designs and adjust

them if necessary. We are yet to begin this Phase though!



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## PERFORMING ARTS

For those who are new to the school I thought I would introduce my program to you! The Performing Arts is a very important curriculum area for me and gives students the ability to express themselves through:

**Dance:** moving to music with choreographed moves in time and appropriateness to the piece.

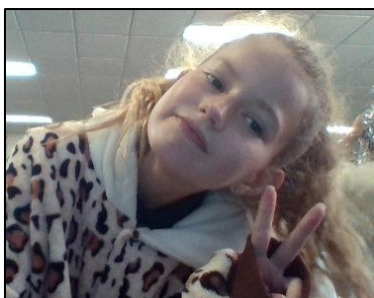
**Drama:** Learning to use our faces and bodies to learn how to express and act using scripts and improvisation.

**Music:** exploring music tempos and genres, singing and learning instruments.

**Choir:** An extension of the music area allowing students to perform with other schools at the Entertainment Centre and the Hopgood Theatre.

A big part of my program is also working on students' self-esteem and self confidence. We learn how to treat each other and are encouraged to always give everything a try.

If you have any questions or want to have a chat about my program please feel free to come and see me!





# Using Maths in Context Measurement



Mrs. Taylor's and Mrs. G's class has been exploring volume, mass and time in our measurement unit. We compared units of measurement as we made "Ice-cream in a Bag." We used the task to write a procedure which other people could follow.



## STEM WITH MR MITCHELL'S CLASS

This year in STEM Mr Mitchell's class has been learning about robotics using a small robot called an Edison. An Edison is a small but powerful robot designed to teach robotics, programming and electronics in a fun and engaging way.

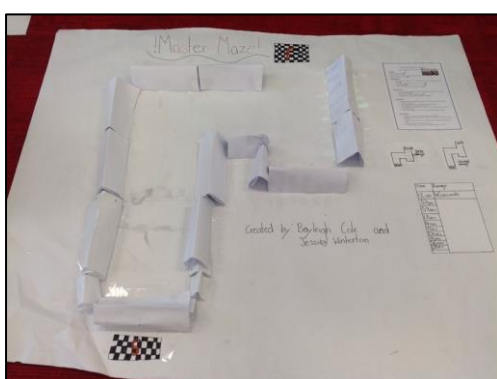
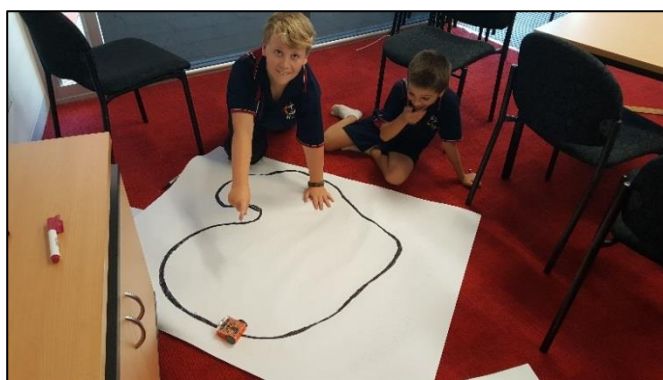
There are many interesting ways to control an Edison. Firstly an Edison can be programmed to be driven with a remote control; this gives the students a direct and easy way to control the Edison.

Secondly, the Edison can be controlled using code. Using a computer program called Edware you can program the Edison much like Code.org, Code Monkey or Scratch. This is the most powerful way to use an Edison however it is also the most challenging.

Lastly the Edison can be controlled using barcodes. These barcode will program the Edison to do a certain function or action. Our class has been learning about the many different barcode functions.

We are currently using the Avoid Obstacles barcode function to create mazes. This function uses the sensors on the front of the Edison to detect objects and obstacles in front of the robot. This is very similar to a Roomba, which is a robotic vacuum cleaner.

To make our mazes, we designed and then constructed our maze out of paper and card. When completed we tested, filmed and timed our Edisons going through the maze. Unfortunately, many of us found out the hard way that our mazes were not wide enough for the Edison to manoeuvre. This was frustrating and put many of us in the learning pit. Probably the most challenging part of the whole project was problem solving and working out how to fix our mazes when they didn't work. Our class has really enjoyed learning about and using the Edisons.



## NUNGA RUGBY TAG EVENT

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of March we went to Christies Beach High School to play in the Nunga Rugby Tag Event. More important than the games, was coming together as a Nunga community and collaborating with our extended Aboriginal family. It was a great experience playing with other Aboriginal kids and seeing how well they could play. It was also good to hear positive messages like not smoking or wasting your money on gambling and drugs. One of our parents came along and said it was great to see us play and catch up with people. We learnt that you can learn a Trade in the Army, Navy or Airforce and got to speak to cadets who told us how it turned their life around and even had a positive effect on their peers. We had to connect with kids we'd never met before and come together as a group. We lost one, drew one and won four games! We brought a trophy home which you can see in the Front Office and hope to do it again in the future.

If you want to come and try Rugby League you can meet at Hackham Sports Complex at 9am on Sunday mornings or at 6pm on Wednesday and Friday nights. Boys and girls all welcome.

by Kye, Kye, Cheney and Dylan.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### March:

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – SVA Thought Leadership Gathering in Sydney
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	HARMONY DAY
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wirreanda Secondary School Open Night 4-7pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm Finance Meeting
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Family Focus Meeting 9:00am

### April:

#### **GOVERNING COUNCIL – rescheduled to Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	End Term 1 Early dismissal: 2.00pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday – Easter

### May:

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Start of Term 2
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## MATERIALS AND SERVICES LEVY

Materials and Services charges and Special events fees are NOW DUE. These accounts are due by the **13/4/17**.

If you have not completed a School Card application please do so urgently. These forms can be collected from the front office.

Pre-school fees are now also due.

School fee payments can be made by cash, credit card, EFTPOS or direct bank transfer.



Jan Kalnins – Finance Officer

## SWIMMING NEWS

Junior Primary Swimming Reception – Year 2  
Noarlunga Swimming Centre 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

Cost \$30 deposit of \$5 due by 31<sup>st</sup> March, full payment by 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**\*\* Invoices for Ms Hayters class were incorrectly charged \$20 please note full cost \$30 apologies for any inconvenience \*\***

## OCCASIONAL CARE

Occasional care is a great introduction into socialisation for children.

We have been inundated with new enrolments this term and our sessions are filling very fast.

We have vacancies in the following sessions:

Monday and Tuesday 12:15 – 3:00 for children that are over 2 years of age.

We expect they will fill quickly.

If you have a child over 2 years old or know someone who has, please contact us on 81865064 and secure your place today.

Sessions are \$5.00 or \$1.50 with a Health Care Card.

## WIRREANDA SECONDARY SCHOOL – OPEN NIGHT 2017

**THURSDAY 23 MARCH 4PM – 7PM**

For more information please contact Sue Bogumil at the school on 8329 7200

## SOUTHERN STARS NETBALL CLUB



## NETBALL PLAYERS WANTED

Join a club with a great player culture and supportive coaches who focus on player development.

Training and games at SUNA.

All ages welcome.

Registrations close 20th March.

For more information, please contact us:

southernstarsnc@gmail.com

www.ssnsc.sa.netball.com.au



The Lions Club of Noarlunga-Morphett Vale

## Shed Sale

3<sup>rd</sup> 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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|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| o Plants      | o Jewellery             | o Glassware      |
| o Books       | o Accessories           | o Kitchen Items  |
| o Furniture   | o Records, CDs and DVDs | o Pictures       |
| o Craft Items | o Electronics           | o Toys and Games |
| o Automotive  | o Household Items       | o Collectables   |
| o Tools       |                         | o Memorabilia    |

**Bring the whole family along and invite your friends**

For further information Contact:

Rob, Lions Club of Noarlunga-Morphett Vale on 8387 1754

or email: [lionsnmv@picknowl.com.au](mailto:lionsnmv@picknowl.com.au)

# FREE!

Sunday 26th March 2017  
10 am – 4 pm  
Tonsley Innovation District  
1284 South Road, Tonsley  
Enter from South Rd or Alawoona Ave

This Science Alive! satellite event is proudly sponsored by

## SCIENCE ALIVE!

### All kinds of awesome.

This FREE hands-on science event has something for everyone. Families will enjoy the spectacular SciWorld science shows, native animals, robotics, dinosaur puzzles, smoke cannons, bugs n slugs and more. There will also be 60 hands-on Questacon exhibits to explore. Teenagers will find a range of info on fabulous science and engineering study and career options including workshops on animation and design in the game development field. For adults young and old there will be presentations on the latest news on home energy storage systems from ZEN Energy and driverless cars from Flinders University.

Exhibitors at the event include Saab Australia, Flinders University, TAFE SA, the Australian Science and Maths School, Questacon, the Bright Sparks Science Club, Junior Field Naturalists, Rising Sun Pictures, Hackerspace, Dig-a-Dino, the STEMSEL Foundation, the Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Animals Anonymous, Bugs n Slugs, the Institute of Backyard Studies, Enchanted Gallery 4D Discovery Cards and SciWorld.

There will be alternating SciWorld Science Shows and Animals Anonymous native animal shows throughout the day as well as regular science presentations on energy, transport and other topical issues.

For all the latest program information and highlights visit the Science Alive! website ([sciencealive.sa.org.au](http://sciencealive.sa.org.au)) or Facebook page (ScienceAliveSA).

Other 2017 Science Alive! events: 7 May (Playford Civic Centre), 5-6 August (Adelaide Showground), 20 August (Whyalla), 24 September (Mount Gambier) and 22 October (Port Augusta).