



# Morphett Vale Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Number 15: Term 3 – 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2016

Spring has sprung in our beautiful garden and our children are enjoying the sights, smells, textures and experiences of playing in such a lovely natural setting.



*Learning Outcomes for our Children include:*

- *Becoming socially responsible and showing respect for the environment*
- *Becoming strong in their social and emotional well being*
- *Using senses to explore natural and built environments.*



On Monday 1st August, author and gardener, Rebecca Mumford visited our school and worked with students from Reception to Year 2 to rejuvenate the garden beds outside Mrs. Creeper's class.

We met Rebecca in the PD room where she talked to students about the importance of plants and what they need to grow - sun, water and soil.

She then shared her books series, *Gaye the Garden Girl*, which have been on display in our Library foyer this term.

Classes then went into the garden beds and helped Rebecca finish off weeding. Students helped to mix nutrients into the soil and planted a

variety of seedlings and seeds.

Although we got a bit dirty, students enjoyed the experience and have loved watching their seeds and seedlings grow.

If you are interested in purchasing Rebecca's book series visit

[www.yourbooksonline.com.au](http://www.yourbooksonline.com.au)



## SPORTS DAY – Friday September 30th

Our 2016 Sports Day is scheduled for Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> September (last day of term) and events will run from 9:00am to 2:00pm (when school finishes early for last day of term). Parents are invited to join us for a fun, energetic and entertaining day. We will have food and drinks available. Bring your deck chair and a hat and dress in your child's team colour.

### PROGRAM

8:50 –

- 9:00am Students in class for roll call
- 9:00am Classes assemble on the basketball court for welcome, warm up, chants
- 9:30am Tabloid events in class groups (recess break built into rotation)
- 11:15am Students report to House tents for Year level relays and sprints
- 12:15pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Students report to House tents for Special events and presentations
- 1:45pm Students return to class for dismissal at 2pm

## 2017 ENROLMENTS and CLASS PLACEMENTS

Staff will be beginning the process of looking at student numbers and possible class compilations for next year very soon. It will help greatly, if you could let us know if your child is leaving the school at the end of the year. Also it is essential that new students enrolling in the school or Pre-school for 2017, complete and return an enrolment form at your earliest convenience. This will enable us to come up with the best class combinations to support the number of children at each year level.

### DIARY DATES

#### WEEK 10

Friday Sept 30 – Sports Day  
Friday Sept 30 – last day of term 2pm finish

#### WEEK 1, TERM 4

Monday Oct 17 – Term 4 resumes

**END OF TERM 3**  
**30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**  
**Early dismissal: 2.00pm**

**ALSO**

## SPORTS DAY



Lions Club of Noarlunga-Morphett Vale

## Shed Sale

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 9.00am till 12noon

**Next Sale - Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

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)

## Morphett Vale Vacation Care

**Bookings now being taken for the holidays.**

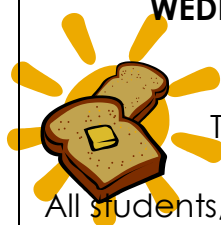
**Be quick, filling fast**

**Programme available from the front office**

## WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Don't miss our Community Breakfast

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
**8:00am**



The common area –  
Building 2

All students, staff and family members are welcome. **See you there.**



## SURVEY OF WELLBEING AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Students in our school have been invited to take part in a survey being conducted in Term 4 of this year.

Young people's sense of wellbeing is an important part of their development and how they learn at school. The purpose of the survey is to seek student's views about their wellbeing and engagement with school. Across the state, years 6, 7, 8 and 9 students will participate in the survey. The information collected will help inform work in the education system and broader community to help improve young people's health and wellbeing. The information that is collected from each student will be kept confidential.

Letters to parents of students in Years 6 and 7 were sent home on Wednesday of this week.

Further information can be found at [www.decd.sa.edu.au](http://www.decd.sa.edu.au) (search: mdi)

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## FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

You have to be in it to win it.

**RAFFLE TICKETS \$2.00 each**

### GRAND PRIZE

2016 LEGENDS GAME  
AUTOGRAPHED GUERNSEY



On sale from now until Sports Day (when it will be drawn) from the front office.

## NEW UNIFORM SHORTS \$10.00

Sizes: 1 – L

2 side pockets, 1 with zip

Available to look at in the front office



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## FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE & DISCUSSION

Each fortnight, you will find the "Family Maths Challenge" in the newsletter. The challenges are open and designed to get families having fun together while undertaking maths.

Entries can be placed in the Maths Challenge Box by the Student Desk. The winning family drawn from the box with the most creative answers will receive a \$5 canteen voucher as a prize.

**This fortnights challenge and discussion is as follows!**

How do we use money? (Provide as many creative answers as you can think of)  
If I have four identical coins or notes in my pocket, how much money do I have? Find as many possible answers as possible.



## Class Placement Process for 2017

Placing students into 2017 classes is an extensive process with many different aspects of each child's development, interests and needs being carefully considered.

Parents will have an opportunity to have input into this process early next term by completing a 'class placement' form. These will be distributed via next term's first newsletter.

Whilst we value parents' contributions, the final decision regarding the class placements remains with the teachers and the leadership team. Please remember that it is not appropriate to request that your child be in or not be in a specific teacher's class.

We are interested in your thoughts regarding factors and considerations that you feel would best support your child's interests and learning needs.

**Our first step in the 'class placement' process**, however, is to ascertain enrolments for next year. It is vital to have accurate numbers of students who will be at the school in 2017 so we can organise for the right number of teachers and ensure that each child is placed in the most appropriate class.

PLEASE RETURN THE TEAR OFF SLIP BELOW **ONLY IF** YOUR CHILD **WILL NOT** BE ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL NEXT YEAR (2017)

**If your child will continue to attend Morphett Vale Primary School in 2017 please do not return this form.**

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### CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS 2017

My child..... currently in year..... **will not** be attending Morphett Vale Primary School next year (2017).

Parent/Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return this note to the front office as soon as possible***

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