



# Morphett Vale Primary School NEWSLETTER

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## PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

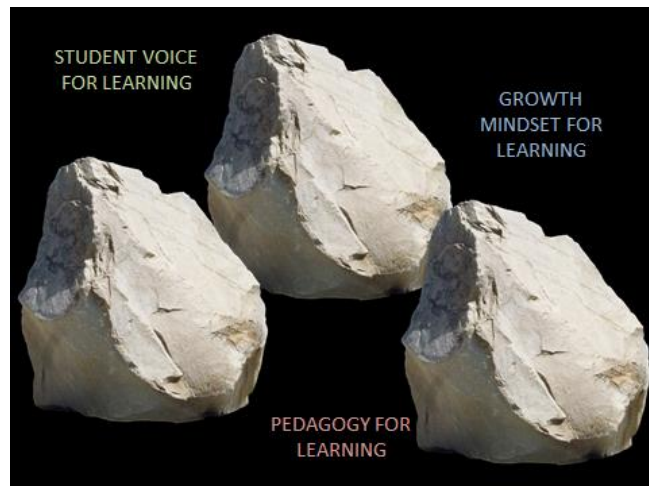
On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August all of the site leaders in our Panalatinga Partnership took part in an annual review. We had the opportunity to share some of the great work we are doing with students across our sites and also to talk about some of the challenges we are facing.

As a Partnership we have 3 shared focus areas: Student Voice for Learning, Growth Mindset for Learning and Pedagogy for Learning.

As part of the review we look very closely at all our data sets which included: NAPLAN results, PAT test results and attendance.

The review panel make recommendations for areas we need to focus on in the next twelve months. Our recommendations are:

1. Close the gap between achievement and retention in the higher bands for numeracy and reading – this refers to our NAPLAN results  
2. Continue to share and transfer effective practice - particularly in relation to task design, assessment and moderation  
B – 123. Increase student attendance from Pre-school to senior years to achieve state target



## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to one of our Dads – Troy Wallace who has made an amazing outdoor kitchen for our new Nature Play space. The children are going to get years of pleasure playing in the kitchen. On behalf of all our children, thank you Troy.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### WEEK 6

BOOK WEEK

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

Assembly, Book week dress up day

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

Father's Day stall

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Partnership Student Forum

### WEEK 7

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Special canteen lunch

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Reading Challenge finishes

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Student Free day

## School Car Park and Road Safety

The risk to our children when coming from the car park or through the school gates to the school is continuing to be of huge concern. Last week a parent was nearly hit while crossing the zebra crossing and we want to do everything we can to keep our children and community safe.

The car park is busy and many cars are coming and going at the same time. This increases the risk to children who often cannot be seen from a vehicle. Please remember to travel at walking speed when utilising the roads in and out of the school grounds.

### SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES TO PUT IN THE DIARY

The Governing Council has approved the following student free days

#### Term 3

**Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>** - Staff will be involved in training on this day. - **OSHC is available.**

#### Term 4

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** - Local day of significance (MVPS birthday holiday – there will be nobody at school on this day)

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Staff training day - **OSHC will be available**



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Next book club orders are due back to the front office with full payment by **FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.**

### SPORTING SCHOOLS REMINDER

Athletics and Touch Football 3:30-4:30 Wednesday nights. Only for students who returned their **expression of interest** forms. Forms are still available if your child is interested. All students who have completed this form and returned it to the office will be eligible as there are spots still available.

**THURSDAY**

**1<sup>st</sup> September**



Great gifts to choose from  
ranging in price  
**50c to \$6.00**

NO IOU's, cash only &

### Family Maths Challenge & Discussion

Each fortnight, we will be putting a “Family Maths Challenge” in the newsletter. The challenges are open and designed to get families having fun together while doing 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.

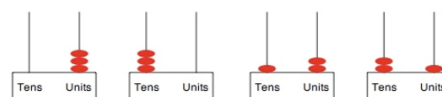
This fortnights challenge and discussion is as follows!

#### How is time measured?

(HINT, come up with as many creative ways of measuring the time)

### CHALLENGE

If you put three beads onto a tens/units abacus you could make the numbers 3, 30, 12 or 21.



Explore the numbers you can make using six beads.

### CODING

A group of boys have chosen to organise a coding club in our library during lunch breaks three times a week.

Beginning Week 6 on Tuesday, the boys will be offering students from R-2 how to code through the program "Tynker". Your child will learn programming concepts through our interactive courses with drag-and-drop coding

Wednesday and Thursday will be Year 3-7 will use an online program called Code.org, which increases students skills in computer sciences inspire them to keep learning through a blend of online, self-guided, and self-paced tutorials.

