



MORPHETT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 2 – 15th May 2020

From Leadership

The past few months have highlighted the resilience of our school community. Staff, students and families have all had to adapt to different ways of teaching, learning and living in an ever changing environment. Thank you for your continued support. Together, we are all getting through this. The return of so many of our students has meant that we are now back to normal face to face learning. It is wonderful to see so much positivity amongst students and staff about returning towards a more familiar model of teaching and learning. Students have been working hard across the school and many have now set their learning goals for the term which has been great to see. For now, only the essential school program is going ahead. Extra-curricular activities, excursions etc. are on hold. Good hygiene practices continue to be reinforced and additional cleaning is being carried out throughout the day and after school.

Children's University

To all of our families who are participating in Children's University this year, well done for hanging in there! What a start we have had. Hopefully as restrictions start to ease, Learning Destinations will begin to reopen. In the meantime however, we are so fortunate to have a lot of online activities to choose from and I know that lots of our

students have been engaging in some wonderful learning.

If you are not already on the Facebook page for **Children's University Australasia** – I highly recommend that you join. It is a fantastic site with links to activities and the latest up to date information.

I will be meeting with all CUA students next week (Week 4) to check passports and see how everyone is going.



write a book in a day

Write a Book in a Day

Entries for all students in Year 5, 6 & 7 will soon open for our Write a Book in A Day Competition. Last year's event was a huge success.

If you or your child would like any further information about this competition, please ask.


Pathway to Powerful Learning Certificates

Over the past 8 weeks we have continued to value and acknowledge students who live and breathe the Pathways to Powerful Learning that underpin everything we value as a school community. The Pathway Awards are a deeply significant acknowledgement of a student's learning capability and commitment to becoming a powerful learner.

Our aim is to use our students' entire primary school journey to deeply entrench the 5 Pathways, in the belief that once embedded, these pathways will serve as life-long practices. The long-term nature of this strategy means students come to view them as defining the culture of our school.

In being extremely difficult to attain and with no set order or set time for their attainment, the certificates can only be attained by students with undeniably entrenched pathways.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we have not been able to hold our formal assembly and whole school acknowledgement process, however the below students have shown our school community that the Pathways are certainly still being valued and strived for.



Introducing Ashley and Nikki,
the representatives for The Smith Family at your School!

Ashley **Nikki**

What do we do?
The Smith Family is an independent children's charity helping Australian children to get the most out of their education so they can create better futures for themselves. We do this by providing scholarships and access to wrap around educational programs. The Smith family *learning for Life* educational scholarships give families and students the opportunity to access everyday needs for education by reducing financial difficulty and supporting the whole family to achieve. The scholarship includes a payment of \$450 per year to go towards educational costs. *We currently have scholarship availability, so please get in touch ASAP!*

Are you eligible for The Smith Family scholarship?

- Do you hold a current pension, concession or health care card?
- Are you committed to your child's education and school attendance?

If this is you get in touch with your wellbeing leader to complete a referral!

We are here to support you, so please don't hesitate to reach out.



Nikki Gerrad
Family Partnership Coordinator

Ashley Crow
Program Coordinator

Helping young Australians in need to
build better futures through education.

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Finance

Thank you to families who have finalised their fees for 2020. Statements for those with outstanding fees will be sent out soon. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact the front office for payment options.

School card applications can be applied for online following the link below or contact the front office for a copy.

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

School card assistance must be applied for each year

Diary Dates

- Week 4:** **Pupil Free Day- Friday 22nd May**
- Week 5:** 26th May 6.30pm Governing Council
27th May 9.30am Principal tour
- Week 7:** 8th June Public Holiday
School Photos- Tuesday 9th June
- Week 10:** 3rd July Friday, Reports sent home.
Early Dismissal 3rd July 2pm

