



# MORPHETT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Term 1 – 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**

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**Chairperson Governing Council:** Julia Mustac

## Writer's Week

In Week 6, Morphett Vale Primary celebrated Writer's Week. One highlight was a visit from Andrew Joyner, acclaimed author and illustrator. He workshoped with all classes, sharing his love of writing and inspiring our students with ideas and tips for their own creative writing.

Another notable event was an excursion into the Mortlock Library for 30 lucky students. The Commissioner for Young People, in partnership with Children's University and the Children's Laureate Foundation hosted a summit for children in Writer's Week.

The summit created a space for over 100 children from across the state to meet and discuss why reading and writing was important to them.

Our students had the opportunity to speak with the Commissioner and Laureate in a Q & A sessions and concluded with the students being given the opportunity to work with "the experts" to create their own book to take home.

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## Children's University

This year our school have become part of Children's University. Children's University provides quality assured activities outside of the school curriculum to address the needs of the whole child and most of all they are fun, opening the eyes of children to different activities and careers they had never even heard of. It is about developing a hunger for and love of learning, building confidence and fostering aspirations in all children.

Children choose which activities they would like to participate in and collect stamps in their *Passport to Learning* as they go. They are

rewarded for their participation with certificates presented at formal ceremonies held in high profile locations, such as Bonython Hall at the University of Adelaide. Children graduate in caps and gowns just like the adults do and celebrate their achievements with friends, family and teachers.



In 2020, we have extended this opportunity to students in Year 3 and 4 as a trial. The response to our involvements has been huge however, so 2021 will see this invitation extended to other year levels.

If you have any questions, please feel free to have a chat with Victoria McKinnon who is coordinating the programme.

**Arthur-***What I enjoyed the most was we got to be a part of history by getting to look at the Mortlock library, I enjoyed how classic the library is. I loved seeing how it use to be for other people.*

**Laylah-***It was a great experience to have a chance to meet Ursula Dubosarsky the Children's Book Council of Australia 2020 Laureate*

**Sienna-***It was an Amazing experience for me and meeting the authors to tell us about why they became authors.*

**Aiden-***There are a 100 and something words in the dictionary but none are enough to describe the experience.*

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## PE Update

Hi all,  
Your children have welcomed me to the school with positive attitudes, great intent and solid enjoyment in our lessons. It's been a fantastic start to the year, with all age groups trying a variety of different sports and movement challenges. We have completed whole gym obstacle courses, played indoor paintball (with foam dodgeballs), completed yoga and fitness sessions as well as played a variety of unique sports that I've made myself or learned from previous mentors. We still play the traditional sports, but I love showing students games and sports that they don't know. I put a lot of effort in to setting up the gym, and it's a great feeling when your children come into the space with pure excitement. I am looking forward to a quality year with these wonderful young people.

Thank you!

Jack Opolski PE Specialist

## Seven Weeks of Bahasa Indonesia

The time has been flying here at MVPS and students have been eagerly displaying a hunger to learn 'bahasa Indonesia'. Junior Primary classes have begun the year exploring colours and animals. Here you can see a small collection of work by the students in Mrs Harris and Mrs Hayter's classes currently on display in the Indonesian room. Students have designed colourful houses and used their Indonesian colour vocabulary to describe them. The Primary students are currently delving into number, or 'nomor' as we call it, and are working hard to memorise the numbers in Indonesian. The Year 3 and 4 students have learnt numbers to 20 and have now moved on to the beginning stages of telling time to the hour in Indonesian, whereas students in Mrs Mathews and Mr Mitchell's class have extended their learning to compound numbers up to one million. I have been thoroughly impressed by the enthusiasm of MVPS towards not only Indonesian, but to embracing a brand new Indonesian teacher as well. Students across the school have been quick to welcome me here and I am excited about the terms ahead.

Terima kasih!

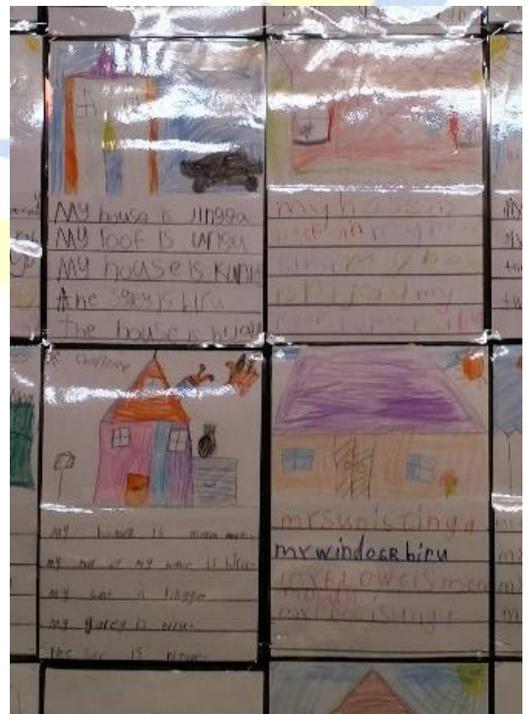
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### Diary Dates

**Week 8:** Governing Council Tuesday  
17th March 6.30pm

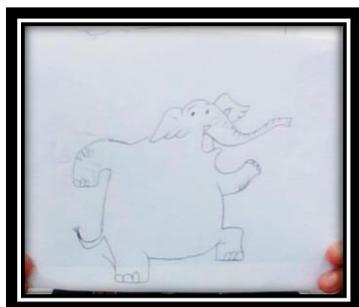
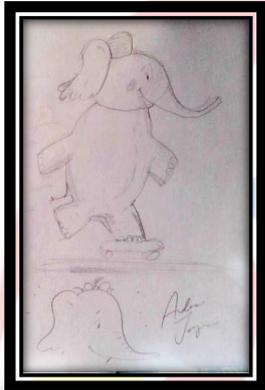
**Week 9:** Assembly Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
March 9.10am

**Week 11:** Colour Run Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>  
April 1pm.  
**Early Dismissal 2pm**



## Writer's Week Special Guest Andrew Joyner

Last week, we celebrated Writer's Week in style with a special guest presenting to all the classes in the school. Andrew Joyner is a successful, published author and illustrator who has recently completed illustrating a Dr. Seuss book called *Dr. Seuss's Horse Museum*. All the students were deeply engaged in the session and thoroughly enjoyed learning how to draw an elephant using Andrew's techniques. It was a treat to have Andrew in and an experience the students will remember. A big thank you to Mrs. Mundy and Mrs. McKinnon for organising these engaging sessions, the 4/5/6/7s absolutely loved it!



## Morphett Vale Primary School



The time has come... The schools colour Explosion™ Run has kicked off!

Students have now been supplied with a Sponsorship form and it's time to fundraise! How exciting!

Please also be aware that this is the last day of term 1 and the children will be dismissed at 2pm from the oval.

Please also remember to send along a plain white t-shirt too the class teacher for your child to wear on the day.

We are aiming to raise \$10,000 through this event. The money raised from this event will go towards improvements/upgrade of our schools grounds.

Student who as little as \$10 will receive a prize for their efforts, but why not aim higher? The more money we raise the more we can provide back to the students to enhance our school grounds!

Sign up now at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) and create your child Profile page. Each student who raises a minimum of \$10 will go into the draw to win a \$10,000 Flight Centre Gift Voucher. The more you raise the more entries you receive into the draw to win. The other exciting promotion is the highest fundraising student in our school will go into the draw to win \$5,000 cruise of your choice. You can check your ranking on our school's leader board online. Who will be our highest fundraiser? Only time will tell

Happy fundraising!

