



# MORPHETT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Principal:** Michael Koutsoukos  
**Deputy Principal:** Melissa Mundy  
**Wellbeing Leader:** Steve Hetherington  
**Senior Leader Curriculum:** Victoria McKinnon  
**Chairperson Governing Council:** Julia Mustac  
**Term 1 – 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020**

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

What a fabulous start to the 2020 school year! Leadership, teachers and support staff were all very engaged and active learners during our first two days during Week 0. We have a new Optimal Pathway to Powerful Learning Model that we will be slowly rolling out in 2020, so stay tuned for news from our Lead Learners.

On Tuesday, our students arrived after six weeks holiday full of anticipation and excitement - or was that the parents? It was lovely to greet returning students and families and welcome new students and families to our school community. Teachers have worked hard to create bright and well-organised classrooms with visual prompts and charts. The focus for the next week will be the establishment of clear expectations and routines guided by our Pathways to Powerful Learning Program.

## A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome back our previous staff and families and welcome those who are new to our school. We have so many new faces in the school community and I look forward to getting to know every single one of you. Please welcome our new staff who are as follows:



Mrs Teresa Goodridge who will be teaching the JPS class



Ms. Julia Wright who will be teaching the 3/4 class.



Mr. Jack Opolski, who will be our new PE Teacher.



Mr Aaron Collier who will be teaching Indonesian and sharing a class with Mr. King.

This year we have 11 classes with an average of 20 students in R-Year 2 classes and 25 students in Years 3-7 classes. Our classes for 2020 are:

R/1	Jodie Smith and Samantha Baker-Moon
R/1	Ben Johns
R/1	Tarryn Schnetler
1/2	Penny Harris
JPSC	Teresa Goodridge
2	Susan Hayter
3	Onika Cordner
3/4	Hayley Rice
3/4	Julia Wright
4/5	Michael King and Aaron Collier
5/6	Kym Mitchell
6/7	Katrina Mathews
PE	Jack Opolski
Indo	Aaron Collier
Arts	Michelle Tromp
Science	Chris Ryan

During the summer months, please support our efforts in reminding students to wear hats, have a drink bottle with water in it and to regularly drink from it.

When dropping or picking up your children from school, please use safe and preferred practices by accessing our crossings and parking in designated areas. This is to ensure that our students stay safe. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

## Acquaintance Night Expo and Open Day

Our Term One Acquaintance Night Expo will be held in Week 3 on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 4:30pm-6pm. Classrooms will be open from 4:30pm-5:30pm and leadership will organise a sausage sizzle from 5:00pm-6pm for families to socialise as a community.

That day, the school will also be open to families from 2:00-2:50pm for grandparents or parents who can not make the acquaintance night. You are welcome to drop in and engage in the learning with your child/grandchild. During this time, the staff will not be available to discuss student's progress as they will be teaching but we encourage parents and grandparents to talk and ask questions about the learning with their child/grandchild.

We will also on the Acquaintance Night be having a Community Service Expo along the shelter of the Red Centre. There will be many community services with small stalls set up, so please come and visit.

## Governing Council

The Governing Council Annual General Meeting will take place on the 18th February at 6:00pm in the Red Centre. Please consider attending, perhaps taking an active role and showing your support for those who give their time to ensure the school has appropriate governance.

Looking forward to a great year!

MICHAEL KOUTSOUKOS  
Principal

## Who am I?

**Name :-** Steve  
Hetherington ( Mr.H.)

**Role :-** Student  
Wellbeing  
Coordinator



**Where am I from?** :- Morphett Vale East Primary School

**What will I be doing?** :- Working alongside the children, staff, parents / caregivers and the local community to support the wellbeing across the school, for individuals, small groups, whole class and the whole school too.

**Who can I assist?** :- The children, staff, parents/caregivers

**How long will I be here?** My appointment is for 3 years.

I am excited about being part of the team at Morphett Vale Primary School. As the Wellbeing Coordinator, I am looking forward to getting to know what wellbeing programs are already in place at the school.

I will be introducing some new ideas, programs and a framework to assist with all members of the school in striving towards their own positive wellbeing.

If I can assist you and your family in any way, please call the school to make an appointment, or pop in to the office so that one can be made.

I look forward to supporting the school community in the best way that I can.

Kind regards,

Steve Hetherington  
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS ISSUE 1

Book orders to be returned to the front office with full payment by **FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Book Club**



## Materials & Services Charges

Tax invoices for Materials and Services charges of \$244 (legally recoverable amount) and special events fees of \$46 were sent home with your child this week. Payment is due in full by the end of term 1 - 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. Payment by cash/EFTPOS/Qkr or Centrepay deductions are available or if you need to make arrangements for a payment plan please contact Jan Kalnins in the front office.

## School Card

School card eligibility levels for 2020 are below. Applications for school card can be completed online at

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

**A new School Card application MUST be submitted each year**

Please complete as soon as possible. Paper applications are available in the front office if unable to process online.

Number of Dependent Children	2018/2019 Annual School Card Income Limit	2018/2019 Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$60264	\$1159
2	\$61340	\$1180
3	\$62416	\$1201
4	\$63492	\$1222
5	\$64568	\$1243
Each Additional Dependent Child	\$1076	\$21

### Diary Dates

**Week 3      Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Family Focus Assembly 9am  
Morphett Vale Family Open Day 2-2.50pm  
Acquaintance Night 4.30-6pm

**Week 4      Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
Governing Council AGM 6pm



## PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Position Vacant

### Morphett Vale Primary School

Schools Ministry Group and Noarlunga Schools Chaplaincy Committee Inc. are seeking applications for a 10.5 hours a week position commencing in Term 1, 2020.

The position exists to offer a Chaplaincy service to students staff and the school community.

A Job and Person Specification and details on "How to apply" is available from SMG on 8378 6800 or [mail@smg.asn.au](mailto:mail@smg.asn.au).

**Closing date: 2pm, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020**



for more information go to [www.smg.asn.au](http://www.smg.asn.au)  
or call Angelo Likouras/SMG Regional Managers  
ph: 8378 6829

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February (week 4) at 6pm.**

Please come along and enjoy a coffee while we present the school report for the year 2020.

Vacancies for membership on the Governing Council exist. Please consider joining this group and help MVPS move forward in a positive and productive manner- making a difference for students.

Please complete the nomination form below if interested in joining our Governing Council.

### GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

I/We----- will be attending the AGM

I-----am interested in nominating for membership on the 2020 Governing Council.

Signature-----  
Contact No:-----  
Child's Class-----

Please return to Kate in front office before Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020