



MORPHETT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 4 – 27th Novemeber – 2020

From Leadership

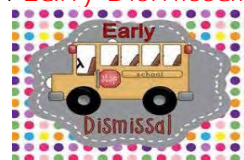
The end of the year is fast approaching and it is an incredibly busy and exciting time at our school. As we prepare for new students entering our school and transitioning into Reception, we are also preparing to say goodbye to our senior students who are beginning their transition to high school. In a year that has been like no other, it is a credit to our school community that the journey for these students has continued to be such a positive one. This year has been filled with high quality teaching and learning, and fun experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. Many of our senior students have begun the process of visiting their new schools, and never have we been more confident of this transition process. Leaders and teachers from across the partnership have been working closely together to ensure the successful handover of our students. Victoria McKinnon was involved in delivering two sessions to teachers and leaders of Year 7 and 8 students at Wirreanda Secondary School this term. These sessions involved training the teachers in the teaching of reading and gave her the opportunity to share some of the strategies and practices we use at Morphett Vale Primary School. It was an amazing opportunity which allowed staff to 'bridge the gap' from primary school to secondary school. It helped teachers understand of the development of literacy as well as to give them strategies to help them further support our students as they begin their secondary education.

Children's University

On Wednesday the 18th November, Gemma Stanger from Children's University came to our assembly to present the graduates of 2020 with their certificates and bears. A huge congratulations to Charlie and Curtis Rendell, Sienna and Mikayla Mustac, Cienna Sammut, Taya Pass and Lilly Corkhill-Jones. For all students who participated in this exciting programme, their hours will continue to accrue next year, and we look forward to welcoming lots of new members.

Diary Dates

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| Week 8 | Tuesday 1 st Dec
Woodhouse Activity
Centre Mrs Mathews, Mr Mitchell and Mr Collier. |
| | Wednesday 2 nd Dec
Morphett Carols Christmas Concert. |
| | Friday 4 th Dec 9am to 3 pm
Preschool- School
Transition |
| Week 9 | Thursday 10 th Dec Senior
Graduation Night
Thursday 10 th Dec
Preschool Graduation |
| | Friday 11 th Dec Last day of
Term Early Dismissal 2pm |



Preschool

We have been learning about the pets we have in our at home environment. We later compared pets to the wild animals we have in Australia and used the Child Safe Curriculum to teach about approaching other people's pets and what to do when we see Australian wildlife. We used graphing as ways to collect data on what pets we have, how many legs animals have and what people's favourite colours are at Preschool.



Opening our vet and looking at pets as animals, sorting and categorising.



Where do animals live and making environments for them...



Searching for wildlife

Trent Hill Came to Visit the Preschool

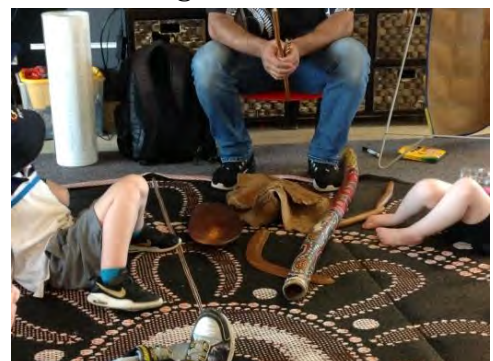
Trent Hill came to share some Aboriginal Dreamtime stories including 'The moon man and the star sisters'. Trent shared ideas around how to track animals, shared some music through the didgeridoo and showed us artefacts important to his community.



Making animal tracks in the sand



Aboriginal artefacts



Preschool transition

We have had our year 6/7 buddies from Mrs. Mathews class come down and share in our world. They have been very helpful sharing ideas, reading books and playing with the Pre-schoolers. Recently we have exchanged gifts to each other. Thank you Mrs. Mathews class and Mrs. Mathews for sharing our transitions into our new environments!



SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES 2021

For the purchase of new uniforms for 2021 we will be open on the following days from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Tuesday 19/1/21 and Wednesday 20/1/21

If you wish to order and pay direct via the Qkr app (refer to attached flyer for app download information). This is a quick and easy method of ordering and paying online. You can then collect orders from the front office on the above days when we are open.

Please note that the office will not be open until the 19/1/2021.

Occasional Care

With many children moving onto Pre-school next year, a lot of Occasional Care Sessions will become available. These sessions are a termly booking at the small cost of \$5.00 per session or \$1.50 if you have a health care card. Please Kristy to secure your spot as these will fill fast..



All lost un-named Brand New Uniform is kept in the office. Please see Kate to claim.

All other un-named uniform will be placed in the boxes located in the red centre and blue centre. Any Named uniform will be returned to children on a weekly basis.

Thank You



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About Us

At Morphett Vale Primary School we are powerful learners who are engaged, creative, challenged, confident and successful.

At Morphett Vale PS we recognise that in order to develop powerful learners we as educators need to explicitly teach, role model and scaffold learning dispositions.

At Morphett Vale Birth to Year 6, learning is our passion and children are at the centre of everything we do. We want to give your children the best start to education possible and when they leave us and move on, we want them to be equipped with the confidence and skills to pursue all of their dreams. Our aim is to use a child's entire primary school journey to deeply entrench the habits of Collaboration, Communication, Problem Solving, Self-Regulation and Growth Mindsets. We believe that once embedded, these pathways will serve as lifelong practices.

We have high numbers of students achieving significant growth in NAPLAN and support all students to set personal goals that are achievable.

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We guide our students with strong pro-social and learning habits that create more meaningful relationships, enjoy better physical and mental health and excel at school leading to more positive lives.

Our whole school community is committed to this sustained and thorough approach that aids students to develop a greater awareness of themselves and clearly see which Pathways are their strengths and which need improvement.

With that in mind, our school develops strong partnerships with the broader community by collecting Food-bank donations, raising money for worthwhile causes and engaging with other like minded schools across Australia.

Please contact the school for a tour of our school.

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