



# MORPHETT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another school year. I thank all the families that have supported us in what has to be one of the hardest years in memory. Our Christmas Concert was an amazing event and the children performed beautifully. It does not surprise me how many talented singers, dancers and performers we have.

## FAREWELLS

It has been another very successful year for Morphett Vale Primary School. Our staff have worked very hard to ensure that your children's education has been of a high standard. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for their professionalism and hard work. At this time, we unfortunately have to say farewell to some of our staff. Jack Opolski has been fortunate enough to win a position at Grange Primary School. Sophie Bryne and Judy House are also leaving and we wish them all the best in 2020.

We also farewell the SSOs whose contracts finish at the end of this week and we hope to see many of them return next year.

We are also saying farewell to our Year 7 students, and many of our Year 6s, who will move onto various high schools. We all wish our Year 6/7 children the very best in their

future education and we hope they take some very happy memories with them from our school. To any other children and families who may be leaving our school, we wish you all the best in the future and thank you for the support you have given us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have volunteered your time this year to help in anyway.

Volunteers are so important in schools. You help us in so many ways and we truly appreciate it. If you listened to reading, helped in the canteen, attended an excursion, made a costume, helped your child with their homework, talked positively about our school in the community, we thank you.

I hope you all have a great break and see you all in the New Year.

*Michael Koutsoukos  
Principal*



## Future Seekers

This term Mr Collier's class have had the absolute pleasure of regular visits from Carina and the Smith Family and it has been an absolute blast! Although SA's recent lockdown put a spanner in the works, we've been able to successfully collaborate to complete the program through a fair bit of flexibility on their part (Thanks Smith Family!)

As part of the program our students had the pleasure of meeting some genuine heroes in careers of their interests. Angelo, from the Metropolitan Fire Service, local veterinarian Hazel, who began her career in South Africa and also cared for Animals in the UK, and Aasha, a lawyer turned surgeon.

Students conferenced with each of these professionals and asked some key questions revolving around their current profession and what they think it will look like in the future.

'I think the future seekers program is important because it helps people achieve their fullest and think about their future. It's good to see grown people and what they're doing with their careers and what they think it will be like in ten years' – Sienna Mustac

'When the people came in we got lots of experience and facts. It was great because if one of us from the class wanted a job someone had we would know what to do.' – Mackenzie French

'I love the way it has all tied together and incorporated our school values.' - Sandy  
'It is important to have the future seekers program to learn about what job you're going to have.' – Lily Bryant

A humungous thank you to Ashley and Carina from the Smith Family for organising this great experience for us, and a special thanks to Aasha, Angelo and Hazel for volunteering their time to share their experiences with our students.



## Goodbye from Mr Opolski

To students and families: thank you. I have had a wonderful year teaching Physical Education to the students at Morphett Vale Primary. After moving back to Adelaide from Mount Gambier, it was a refreshing change for me. The enthusiasm the kids showed each lesson fuelled my inspiration and drive to continue to deliver the highest quality program I could. What I will hold on to most is the appreciation the students here had for my teaching. The constant thanks I received from kids made it really easy for me to come to work and gain enjoyment and satisfaction from my teaching. I've had a blast teaching every year level. From being silly with the receptions, to making jokes the upper primary didn't get, it's all been fantastic.

However, an opportunity has arisen for me which I couldn't refuse. I will be teaching back in a classroom setting at a new school next year. Morphett Vale is a wonderful school and I have been privileged to work with such creative, fun and excellent teachers. I will absolutely miss this school, but I am at a time in my life where risks can be taken. The future can be scary, especially the unknown. I have taught the kids about risk, challenge, trying their best and being brave in the face of something scary... Then I wouldn't be much of a teacher if I didn't lead by example.

This school is really building towards something wonderful and with a faculty this good, it's only going to get better. Thank you for everything and best of luck in your future!

Jack Opolski

### Diary Dates

Week 9      Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Early Dismissal 2pm



Week 1      First day of Term 1 2021  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

### 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.



# Upper Primary Excursions Aquatics and Woodhouse



“The Woodhouse excursion was so fun especially challenge hill! I had heaps of fun play fighting in the water with some of my friends. Aquatics was also fantastic I loved boogie boarding in the huge waves.”  
Lilly N

“Water safety was really fun, I learnt a lot of thing, they include learning how to go under water without goggles, boogie boarding and much more. I will never forget this excursion.”

Ayla

“My favourite part of aquatics was body boarding and being buried in the sand.”

Desmond

“My favourite part of going on the Woodhouse excursion was when I jumped in the creek and had a water fight with my friends.”  
Miranda