



**Principal: Michael Koutsoukos**

**Deputy Principal: Melissa Mundy**

**Wellbeing Leader: Steve Hetherington**

**Senior Leader Curriculum: Victoria McKinnon**

**Chairperson Governing Council: Julia Mustac**

**Term 1 – 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2021**

## From the Principal

This week has brought a sense of normality and what a fabulous start to the 2020 school year! Our students arrived after six weeks holiday full of anticipation and enthusiasm - or was that the parents? It was particularly exciting for the new pre-schoolers and receptions as they begin their new school adventure. It was lovely to greet returning and new students and their families to our school community.

Leadership, teachers and support staff were all very engaged and active learners during our first three days during Week 0. Staff were very lucky to have Wilson McCaskill, cofounder of "Play is the Way", lead what staff have described as one of the best training and development days they have engaged in throughout their careers.

Our focus this year is to slowly implement the language and games that accompany "Play is the Way" methodology to teach our students social and emotional skills utilising guided play, classroom activities and an empowering language.

Schools though are not the only place our students learn these skills. Even with six hours a day, five days a week, for forty weeks of the year, much of our students "learning for life" still occurs outside the school and many character shaping influences come from their family home.

Through a partnership with parents and school, our direction is to aid our students to learn how to balance the demands and expectations of community standards, school life and the broader world. We all have a role to play in helping our children become problem solvers who look at issues with a positive mindset, creative collaborators, able to self-regulate in trying circumstances, and strong communicators.

## Acquaintance Night Expo, Annual General Meeting & Parent Reading Workshops

Our Term One Acquaintance Night Expo will be held in Week 4 on Wednesday 17th February 4:30pm-6:30pm. We really hope you can come and get to know our school and meet and greet our staff.

This year will look a little different in terms of the structure of Acquaintance Night, with each class having a 30 minute time slot where parents can RSVP with a cap of 6 families per class. We will have four timeslots that will be available and a system to ensure families with multiple children can book into various sessions.

During this time, the staff will not be available to discuss student's progress, but we encourage parents to talk and ask questions after a small presentation about the learning with their child/grandchild.

## Annual General Meeting followed by Governing Council

This will take place on the 18th February at 6:30pm in the Red Centre. Please consider attending, perhaps taking an active role

and to show your support for those who give their time to ensure the school has appropriate governance. Looking forward to a great year!

**MICHAEL KOUTSOUKOS**  
Principal

### Materials & Services Charges

Tax invoices for Materials and Services charges of \$246 (legally recoverable amount) and special events fees of \$44 were sent home with your child this week. Payment is due in full by the end of term 1 - 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. 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 2021 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	2019/2020 Annual School Card Income Limit	2019/2020 Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$60867	\$1171
2	\$61954	\$1192
3	\$63041	\$1213
4	\$64128	\$1234
5	\$65215	\$1255
Each Additional Dependent Child	\$1087	\$21

### Scholastic Book Orders Issue 1

Book orders to be returned to the front office with full payment by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021



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 listed below.

This year we have 12 classes with an average of 23 students per class.

Our classes for 2020 are:

Reception / Year One: Kristy Chapman  
Year One / Two: Kimberley Creeper & Ben John

Year One / Two: Susan Hayter

JPSC: Jodie Smith  
Year Three / Four: Aaron Collier  
Year Three / Four: Julia Wright  
Year Four / Five: Aiden Miller  
Year Four / Five: Hayley Rice  
Year Five / Six: Katrina Mathews  
Year Six / Seven: Kym Mitchell

PSC: Tammy Kearns  
Physical Education: William Plush  
AUSLAN: Michelle Tromp  
Performing Arts: Michelle Tromp  
STEAM: Martin Reiter

### Diary Dates

<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February Issue 1 Book club orders due.</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Assembly Wed 17/2/21 Acquaintance night. Governing Council meeting.</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Good Friday Public Holiday Parent Teacher interviews</b>
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Monday Public Holiday Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 1 Early dismissal 2pm</b>

To Families,

I would just like to mention some changes to be aware of in our canteen this term.

Firstly, we are now open every day of the week! Tuesdays are now available for regular lunch orders and over the counter sales. Please remember that ALL lunches and over counter products (ice blocks, slushies etc) must be pre-ordered via the QKR! App until further notice – preschool lunch orders are not accepted.

Secondly, from time to time you may notice some new items being put up on the menu. These will be “limited time” options to trial some new recipes and ideas as we attempt to offer something different for your children to try. We are also trying to adapt a healthier approach to our menu items. The children may notice some changes to a homemade version of their favourite items, e.g., eventually our pizzas will be made from homemade pizza dough which leaves the possibility for customisable topping choices. We are also hoping to have homemade chicken and beef burgers, as well as some fruity frozen treat options. Taking this approach also allows me to list in the QKR! App the ingredients to eliminate allergies. With these changes we will be relying on your feedback to make sure they

are to the children’s liking. We are also opening the door for you to share with us some of your family’s favourite recipes.

These too, can then be implemented as a “limited item” to share with our school community. This will give your child the opportunity to share the enjoyment of their favourite home meal with their friends.

And lastly, as we begin a new year, we will be requiring some new volunteers. This will support us with the additional day. Please fill out the volunteer request form at the bottom and return to front office. Your help is vital to the sustainability of our canteen and is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,  
Tiffany  
Canteen Manager

### VOLUNTEER REQUEST FORM 2021

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: 8.30am - 11:30am

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DAY/s YOU ARE AVAILABLE:

MONDAY    TUESDAY    WEDNESDAY  
THURSDAY    FRIDAY

PLEASE CIRCLE WHICH BEST APPLIES:  
WEEKLY                      FORTNIGHTLY

YOU WILL REQUIRE A DCSI WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CLEARANCE, PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE TO OBTAIN ONE, IF YOU DON'T HAVE ON ALREADY (IT IS FREE).

# Occasional Care

For children ~ Birth to 4 years



Availability



Under 2's  
Wednesday

8:45am - 11:30am

Over 2's

Monday and Tuesday

8:45am - 11:30am

12:00pm - 2:45pm

Wednesday

8:45am - 11:30am

## Morphett Vale Primary School

Lawrence Street, Morphett Vale

8186 5064

Cost : \$5.00 per session

\$1.50 per session concession card holders

Places can be booked for the full term.

Emergency places available

# Morphett Vale Playgroup

Up to 4 years



LEARN



PLAY



ENGAGE

Morphett Vale Primary School  
Lawrence Street, Morphett Vale

81865064

All welcome

Free

Friday  
9am-10:30am

During  
School  
Terms

