



MORPHETT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 1 – 9th April, 2021

From the Principal

It has been a wonderful start to 2021 and the end of another busy term is quickly approaching. It has been refreshing to not have to deal with the complex and uncertainty of COVID that was the main focus this time last year.

This term has seen a focus on building relationships and connections between students and staff over the first few weeks. The focus then shifted slightly to an intentional focus on quality teaching and learning which is driven by our Site Improvement Plan.

Our sustained focus on growth for every student has been commended over the past two weeks by our Education Director Christine Hatzi, Margo Leatch from the Literacy Guarantee Unit and Executive Director of Partnerships, Schools and Preschools Anne Millard. This is very reassuring and confirms that we are heading in the right direction!

Prior to Easter, I had the great pleasure of meeting with the Partnership Review Panel. We discussed learning from a student perspective at MVPS and then I had the opportunity to talk with the panel regarding teaching and learning at MVPS and a few other items about the school, partnership, and system as a whole.

I wish everyone a lovely two weeks with the students and a relaxing holiday break.

Diary Dates

Term 2	
Week 1	26/4 Anzac Day Holiday 27/4 Tuesday Term Starts
Week 2	4/5 Mother's Day stall 7/5 Sports Day
Week 3	10/5 Naplan begins

Kindy News

Wow what a great, busy term we have together so far with so much learning and fun while we have been enjoying getting to know each other, making new friends and exploring a whole new learning environment. Our children have shown their desire to discover, create, improvise and imagine in many different learning areas and have created their own social groups, challenged each other's thinking, asked questions, solved problems and engaged in lots of critical thinking.

One of our areas of interest that we have focused on this term has been exploring patterns on our environment through noticing attributes, describing, sorting, comparing and using patterns.



Because children showed an interest in our stick insects and garden we used this to support children's



thinking and learning of patterning in many different ways and forms. We sorted

real and plastic insects.

We picked and compared flower petals and made potions.

We noticed attributes of our stick insects and compared.

We made patterns with leaves, sticks, rocks and shells.

We even made a big spider web with different types of spiders.

I wonder what types of patterns we will discover and explore next term



Mother's Day Stall

The MVPS Fundraising Committee are preparing for our annual **Mother's Day Stall** to be held at the start of Term 2.

Volunteers to help on the day are greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, please leave your name and number at the front office attention to:

Fundraising Committee-Mother's Day Stall and someone will contact you.

The Mother's Day Stall for 2021 will be held on Tuesday the 4th Of May

The children will be allowed to spend up to \$10 this will allow the children to purchase 2 gifts if it is needed.

Gifts range from \$2 to \$6

We will also be having our raffle which will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5 these can be purchased on the day, each child will receive a free ticket.

We ask that your child's spending and raffle money be sealed in an envelope and given to the class teacher by Monday 3rd of May.

Please send a plastic bag into school with your child/children so they have something to put their gifts into.



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