



MORPHETT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 2 - 30/04/21

From the Principal

Dear Families,

I warmly welcome you all back after what I hope was a refreshing break. On behalf of the entire Morphett Vale School community, I extend a special welcome to our new students and families who are starting this term or started late last term. We trust that you will enjoy your time with us for many years.

Now that the first week is behind us, it has been great to see learning programs in full swing and to be able to greet all the students each and every morning. What has been evident so far this year is a sense of calmness around the school with classes and the yard very settled. I look forward to seeing the momentum continue as the year flies by.

Our 'Leadership Learning Walks' have allowed us to visit every classroom on a weekly basis and interact with the students during their English lessons. What is evident is well organised and interactive lessons.

What was particularly exciting for me this week was seeing all our excited campers heading off to Swan Reach. If you recall, our *Write a Book in a Day* entry from 2020 (which came 2nd Nationally), was themed around the Punyelroo Caves. Our students will have a chance to grab their torches, hard-hats and walk through this unique cave system set at the base of majestic cliffs, right on the Murray's banks.

The caving activity is also a trip back in time for our students as they will hunt for fossils,

examine sedimentary strata, and find out how and when the caves were formed.

NAPLAN 2021 - What can I do to support my child?

NAPLAN is coming up in weeks 3 and 4 for our students in years 3, 5, & 7.

On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so. All we ask is that you support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program. Please remind them during the NAPLAN testing time to simply do their best, read every question and remember that mistakes and the unknown is part of learning.

School Fees

School Fees are now due. Statements were sent out in the holidays. Any queries see Jan in the Front Office

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS ISSUE 1

Book orders to be returned to the front office with full payment by **FRIDAY 14th May 2021**

Book Club



Worm Juice

Miss Rice's Class is now selling worm juice. If you would like to buy some see the front office. \$2 for 2 litres and \$3 for 3 litres



Mrs Creeper & Ms Hayter's classes

On Wednesday 7th April Ms Hayter and Mrs Creeper's classes went to the Adelaide Festival Centre to watch *Hiccup!* The play was set at night in the outback and included a sleep deprived camper, a cheeky quokka and an emu with a penchant for creating wild inventions. While the camper is trying to rest, he awakes to discover that a koala has come down with a stubborn and very loud case of the hiccups. The rest of the night is spent trying to help koala find a cure for his pesky hiccups. Students really enjoyed the performance and wrote predictions and recounts of their experience. Thank you to the parents and Social Work students that made this excursion possible with their attendance.



I predict the play is going to be about

It might be about a fire; it might even have a horse. It might even have a creepy house and a bad fox. It might have a mum and dad and even a koala.

by Chloe

I predict the play is going to be about

I predict there are two campers helping a koala because it has hiccups. They can't sleep and the other animals can't sleep either. So, they are trying to get rid of the hiccups.

by Makayla

Yesterday the class went on an excursion to the play *Hiccup*. We walked to the Space Theatre. We watched till 2:00pm. The characters were koala and quokka and emu. It was in the city.

By Isabella

On the excursion we went to the space theatre to watch *Hiccup* it was very fun.

By Chase

On Wednesday we went on a bus to get to the city so we could see the performance of *Hiccup*. When we got to the theatre we all sat down quietly. The man was funny because he yelled in a funny voice. The koala had a lot of hiccups.

By Daisy

PCW

Thought I would write a poem on parenting
It's a challenging, yet rewarding job
Hope you enjoy

Parenting
Put on your big girl/ boy pants
Develop a thick skin
Cause you're in for the ride of your life
It's an unsigned contract. They're kin

It's no longer about you
It's all about them
Hold on, need to mention
You're still a Gem
That needs a little attention

Exhausted, floundering, run ragged
SOS, as you curl up and cry
Oh, I didn't shout at them again did I
Adversity-Stand up and face
Press into love, hope and grace

Focus on what you can handle
Replenish your energy, you have more
Read a book, go for a walk
Find a safe person, and talk, talk, talk
Your village is waiting, knock on the door

They make your heart melt
Poo from head to toe-that's what I smelt
Eyes hanging out of their sockets
Extremely empty pockets
Cute baby noises, a cuddle, a smile
For you I will run the extra mile

Correct them, it's the worst day ever!
5 min later, Spoil them, it's the best day ever!
Are you a helicopter or bulldozer mum?
An indulgent or authoritative dad?
What to do, what not to do?!
Hold your nose, blow out through your ears
Its normal, it's okay, you're not mad!

Empower your child within safe boundaries
Speak nicely, assertively
Don't sweat the small stuff
Consequences set, carry them through
Consistency, even when exhausted, the key
Wrap discipline with a loving hug
Your child will blossom, wait and see
Be patient as on your heart strings they tug

Home is heaven where children's imaginations
roam
Cubby houses with furniture in the walkway
Toys scattered in such a disarray
Dishes washed but unwashed
Skidding on the water-help mayday!
Going through their hair with that nit comb

One day they will be an adult
You their mentor, guide and example
Nurture their souls, don't suffocate and trample
One day they will care for you likewise
How you like to be treated, give them a sample

Find the rainbows in each day
And 'what a fine day' you will say

Kiowa woodland

Diary Dates

Term 2	
Week 2	4/5 Mother's Day stall 7/5 Sports Day
Week 3	11/5 NAPLAN begins
Week 4	NAPLAN 18/5 Governing Council
Week 5	28/05 Student Free Day

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