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*Term 3 – 20/08/21*

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From Victoria McKinnon

## SSO Week

At Morphett Vale Primary we have a team of amazing School Services Officers who truly are the heart and soul of our school.

Just some of the many things they do are...

- Support students emotionally and in their learning.
- Provide additional support in classrooms
- Run intervention programs in literacy and numeracy
- Support access to technology
- Manage accounts and school budgets
- Ensure resources are well managed
- Give First Aid and manage Health Care
- Run the administration of our Front Office
- Connect with families and our community

This week, teachers and students across the state are celebrating SSO's. At MVPS, we want to thank all of our SSO's for the incredible work that they do.



## Book Week

Next Week (Week 6) is Book Week. Lots of exciting activities have been planned for our school. Book making, a visit from author Jane Jolly, buddy reading across the school, a yummy themed canteen lunch (Wednesday 25/8), Write a Book in a Day and an assortment of classroom activities with shortlisted books are just some of the highlights. Not to mention, the infamous Book Week dress up day... This will be on the Wednesday (25/8). Students can come dressed as their favourite character from a book, or they can explore this year's theme of Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.

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## Phonics Screening

This week, along with all other Year 1 students around the state, our Year 1 students undertook the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. This is a Phonics Check to better understand the phonics knowledge of our students. The Check looks at how well your child can 'decode' written words.

The Phonics Check helps teachers and the school to confirm whether your child is making their expected progress in reading. Teachers and schools can then use this information to inform their teaching program. A preliminary look at the results of our students, has indicated that the targeted teaching and early intervention we are providing at Morphett Vale Primary is working!

The Phonics Check includes a mix of real words and 'non-words' (sometimes called 'pseudo words', 'made-up words' or 'nonsense words').

Non-words are important to include because words such as 'vap' or 'jound' are new to all children. Children cannot read the pseudo words by using their memory or vocabulary; they have to use their decoding skills. This is a fair way to assess their ability to decode.

You are welcome to make a time to speak with your child's teacher so that they can tell you about your child's progress in phonics and how they have done in the Check. If your child has found the Check difficult, the teacher will also be able to tell you what support has been put in place to help them improve. The Check ensures that teachers understand which children need extra help with phonic decoding. Remember that all children are individuals and develop at different rates.

### Diary Dates

<b>Term 3</b>		
<b>Week 6</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Book week
	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Book week Assembly
	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Write a Book in a Day
<b>Week 7</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>	External Review
	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am Assembly
<b>Week 8</b>	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Closure Day</b>
	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Governing Council
	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Festival of Music

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### Miss Wright's Year 3/4

In Miss Wright's class, we have had the pleasure of learning about the famous children's author Roald Dahl. We have learnt many interesting facts and would like to share a few with you all.

- Did you know that Roald Dahl wrote many of his stories in a little hut at the bottom of his garden? He would write in his 'writing hut' for up to 4 hours a day.
- He would always write on yellow paper, with a yellow pencil, as yellow was his favourite colour.
- Roald Dahl invented over 250 new words. In fact, he invented his very own language which he named "Gobble Funk".
- Many of Dahl's characters were based on people the author had personally met. The grandmother in *The Witches* is said to be based on Dahl's own mother, and the little girl in *The BFG* was named after his granddaughter, Sophie.

Our class has a new-found love and appreciation for this famous author and are extremely enthusiastic to continue reading his books and watching his movies. Thank you, Roald Dahl, for entertaining us with your wonderful, inventive and creative imagination!!



### Mr Collier's Year 3/4

#### Success a Shaw thing with our upcoming teachers!

This term Mr Collier's class has been one of many across our school to have the pleasure of a teacher-in-training experience the great learning MVPS has to offer. Zoe Shaw, a pre-

service teacher from Flinders University, has had the hard task of putting up with Mr. C and his crew since the start of the term.

Nevertheless, Zoe rose to the challenge and accepted her fate with the infamous gang of nine-year-old nonsense.

Despite only intending to stay with us for 5 short weeks, SA's recent lockdown put a spanner in the works and postponed Zoe's official placement. In spite of this and having no official requirements to participate in online learning, Zoe took to seesaw like a child to prodigy maths and began the arduous journey in navigating our web of online learning. Just like many of us, this came with several headaches but with a dash of persistence and some problem solving, Zoe was quickly communicating effectively with our class online. Dropping comments and providing feedback became a regular feat during our time holed up, maintaining that important rapport she'd built in the few days prior to this state-wide upset.

Since then, Zoe has taken to regularly leading the learning in our class. Building a safe and inclusive environment, our class has had an absolute ball getting to know Miss Shaw and experiencing learning through a fresh perspective.

When asked about Miss Shaw, the class had this to say.

'Miss Shaw is a spectacular teacher. She is one of the best teacher's I've ever seen.' Claims Alex Bui.

'You're an amazing teacher!' told Eva Argyroulis. 'Miss Shaw is the best and nice and the best teacher ever, but you [Mr. Collier] are first.' said Amelia French with a smile.

Although only Zoe's first placement, she's taught all areas of the curriculum, dabbling in



mathematics, literacy, science, P.B.L, and even art!

'Miss Shaw is really awesome and really nice' proudly spoke Jake Balaza.

'Miss Shaw is an amazing teacher and she is so smart' tells Bella Buckle.

'She's awesome. I feel sad and I'm going to cry when she leaves' exclaimed Chelsea Batters.

Now, we look to celebrate the great learning we've experienced through Zoe as we come to terms with saying goodbye to our pre-service teachers. All staff would like to thank them for their hard work, persistence, and flexibility throughout their practicum and wish them the Greatest successes in their future endeavours In education.

'Fabulous... Smart... Marvellous...' Max Poulter.

## PCW - Thank you

I love with 110%. I give my all, and in doing so, in such a short time, I have fallen in love with this school.

Everyone is so beautiful and I thank you all, old and young for embracing me, into your family, community and second home.

My intention initially was to stay until I retire, and having written newsletters and run some programmes for your children, I came to a point, where unfortunately I have had to redirect my pathway, and choices, to resign and focus on my family and our wellbeing for a while.

**You are all amazing in so many different ways.** I wish you all the best. The staff are devine, parents are awesome and the children are just wonderful.

You will all remain dear to me.  
May blessings be with each of you on your journeys

## Sustainability

Do we do our best. No excuses!  
I saw this written on someone's car recently  
"There are some footprints that should never disappear. You must leave footprints that are worthy of being followed".

As a nation, a country, a township, a school community, and as a family, we need something to fight for, a reason beyond the hurt and pain that so often is prevalent now in our affluent society.

I would love to see us all, working together like busy bees, recycling avidly, trying to save our future world from devastation. It really could be impressive the efforts we could make, to see humans rallying together for a better good.

I believe as humans we need a purpose to see beyond ourselves and see what we can give to our children and their children's future. To create purposeful footprints.

I love this picture I saw hanging in a principal's office only last year. I mentioned it to a friend, and woe betide me, she had given it to him. How much more profound it became. Networking at it's best.

Kiowa

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- plus a Car Loan amount of \$25,000 x 0.20% p.a.

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**CHEERIO NETBALL CLUB**

# NETBALL CLINIC

*Join us for a fun and interactive session of skills and drills*

**DATE:** Sunday 5 September 2021

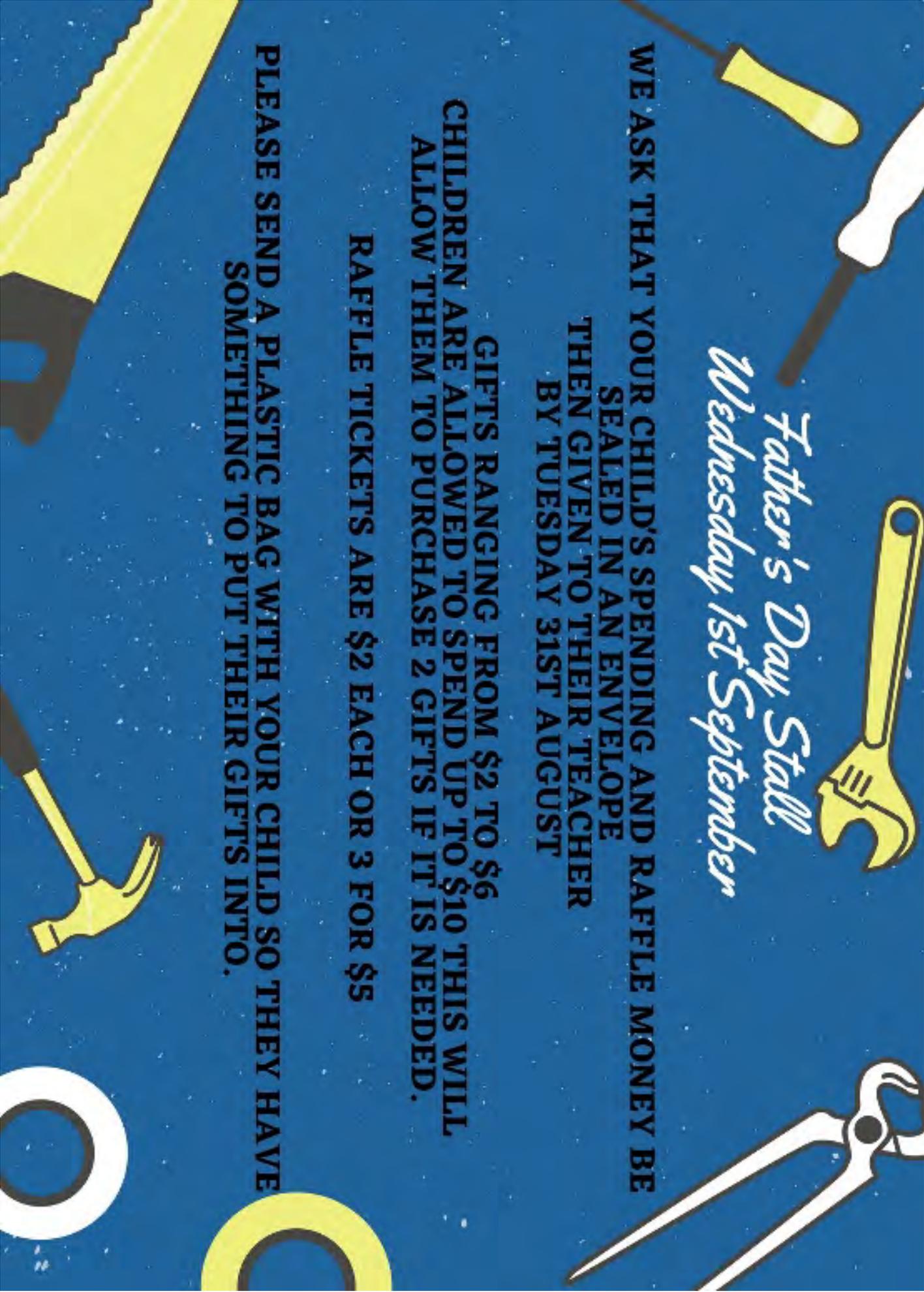
**VENUE:** Netball SA Stadium, Mile End

**TIME:** 9:00am - 10:30am

**AGE:** 7 - 15 years old

**COST:** Free

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*Father's Day Stall*  
*Wednesday 1st September*

WE ASK THAT YOUR CHILD'S SPENDING AND RAFFLE MONEY BE  
SEALED IN AN ENVELOPE  
THEN GIVEN TO THEIR TEACHER  
BY TUESDAY 31ST AUGUST

GIFTS RANGING FROM \$2 TO \$6  
CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED TO SPEND UP TO \$10 THIS WILL  
ALLOW THEM TO PURCHASE 2 GIFTS IF IT IS NEEDED.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5

PLEASE SEND A PLASTIC BAG WITH YOUR CHILD SO THEY HAVE  
SOMETHING TO PUT THEIR GIFTS INTO.