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Term 1 – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## Leadership News

As part of my role as Deputy Principal (Inclusive Education & Early Years) I work closely with the preschool educators and children. I spend time weekly in the preschool, building connections with the children. This provides me time to learn about them, their strengths and what we can do to support them further. I am always amazed at their knowledge and skills. While I visit the preschool, I observe the children, record my observations, take photos and then upload these to seesaw. You may have also noticed that these observations that are taken by myself, Catherine and Tammie are linked to the literacy and numeracy indicators as well as the outcomes from the Early Years Learning Framework. This then helps the Early Years team to program and plan and ensure that the experiences provide a balance of educational outcomes. I have already observed significant growth in the children's social and emotional development and look forward to this continuing throughout their year at preschool.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Catherine Johnston (Preschool Teacher). Catherine started in our preschool at the beginning of the year while Jacqui Martlew is on leave. Catherine and, Tammie Allen (Early Childhood Worker) have provided

engaging, interesting, and varied experiences for the preschool children which has positively supported their transition and engagement when starting preschool.

Families have already started completing enrolment forms for 2023. If you have a child that will be preschool age next year, please drop into the front office to collect enrolment forms.

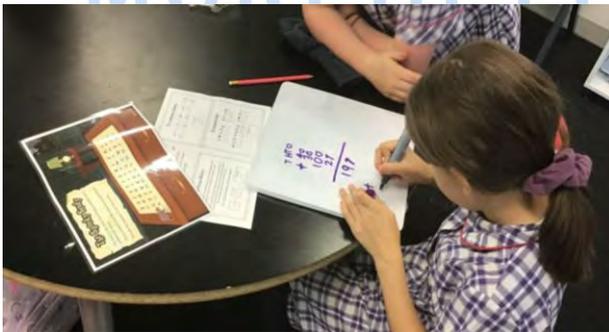
These are some of the photos I have taken during my visits to the preschool.



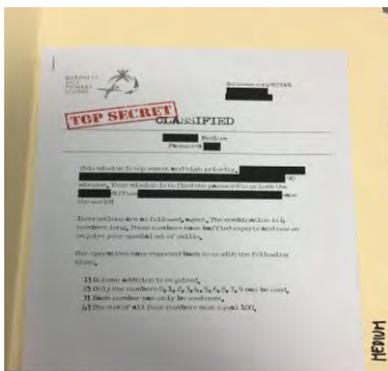


# MORPHETT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Over the past 4 weeks, the Year 3/4 classes have been participating in Math Investigations every Friday, challenging students to problem solve and persevere when deep in the learning pit. A few weeks ago, students escaped from Millbrook Manor needing to solve a number of puzzles to decode the pin which unlocked the door. Both classes used a range of strategies to be successful, including column addition.



The following week the students received communication of a top secret mission. This classified assignment required students to decipher a 4-digit password to crack into a laptop before the timer went off! Students were again successful demonstrating a great mindset, and at times self-regulation, to stay with the task until they got the correct answer

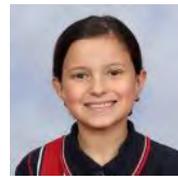


The latest Math Investigation has been undertaken over 2 weeks requiring students to retrace the steps of a past voyageur in order to find a lost WW2 gem. Students from both classes joined forces to travel through the magical maze, fix the broken door and solve the number pyramid; teamwork, communication and problem solving was vital to be successful. The first puzzle challenged students to double check their answers constantly as there were multiple ways through the maze but only one correct path. The broken door contained minimal instructions, presenting students with just a large square with symbols and shapes around it. The third puzzle involved a number triangle with no visible instructions on why the pattern was occurring. Only once all three puzzles were successfully solved was the gem revealed.



## 2022 House Captains

Our senior students recently had the opportunity to nominate themselves for the leadership roles of House Captains and Vice Captains. The brave students who felt they had the skills prepared their speeches using persuasive language. They had to convince their fellow housemates that they could and would lead their teams with confidence and integrity. We'd like to acknowledge all the students who put themselves out there and applied for the roles and congratulations to the successful candidates.



Vice captains - Sienna M & Lilly CJ



Captains - Ashton W & Jennifer V



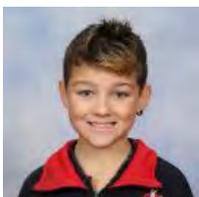
Captains - Alex O & Bella H



Vice Captains - Deagan U-W & Curtis R



Vice captains - Mackenzie F & Maddie B



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Captains - Whyett C & Kiza H

## FLINDERS

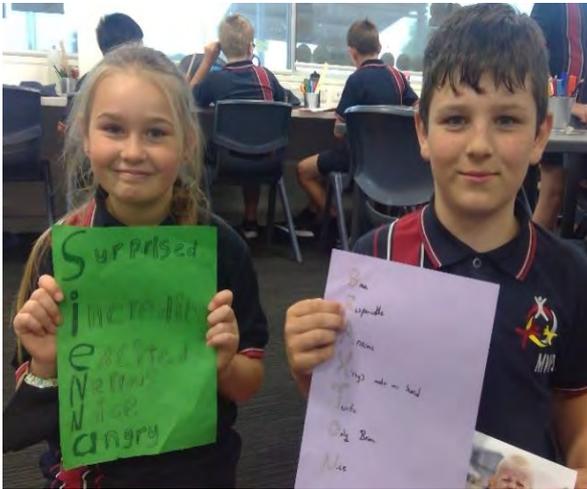
Captains - David DV & Miley F



Vice Captains - Calen B & Charlotte H



## THE RESILIENCE PROJECT



Our class have started The Resilience Project. First we wrote down all the feelings that we know, then we looked at some pictures of different feelings and emotions and discussed when we felt that way. We had lots of conversations about what made us feel each way and how it might look on the outside. We all made an acrostic poem with our names and added feelings and emotions for each letter.



We decided that if we know and can describe how we are feeling, this can help others to understand how to help us.



The MVPS Fundraising Committee are preparing for our annual **Mother's Day Stall** to be held at the start of Term2.

**The Mother's Day Stall for 2022 will be held on Tuesday the 3rd Of May**

The children will be allowed to spend up to \$10 this will allow the children to purchase up to 2 gifts if they wish to do so.

Gifts range from \$3 to \$8

We will also be having our raffle which will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5 these can be purchased on the day or via QKR, each child will receive 1 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of May.

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



## Tonsley Science Fair

Presented by The Science Collective

See some inspiring science shows from Nitro Nat, Professor Flint, Animals Anonymous, The Wipe Out Waste Wizard, and more.

**Sunday March 20, 2022**  
**Tonsley Innovation District**

Explore exhibits from Questacon, Switched on Kids, Marine Discovery Centre, Bugs n Slugs, Techspace Learning, Hackerspace Adelaide, Ignite VR, Micro-X, Animals Anonymous, the Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Flinders University and KESAB

Tickets for AM and PM sessions must be purchased from [www.thesciencecollective.com](http://www.thesciencecollective.com)



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### Morphett Vale Primary School School Benefits Statement

7-Mar-2022

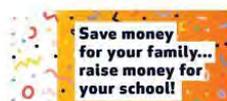
#### Statement of current accrued benefits at the 28 February 2022

Last month benefits (February-22)	\$	334.01
	Monthly increase	2.90%
Total amount of accrued benefits from beginning	\$	18,500.86
Benefits paid from the School Benefits Program	-\$	7,000.00
Current available balance	\$	11,500.86

Number of Credit Union SA members from your school	40
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Include member with any loan product with Credit Union SA	7
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Percent members with loan products	17.5%
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