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Morphett Vale Primary School Presents: The Term That Was!

Ahoy MVPS Families,

As we bid adieu to a term that was brimming with more action than a superhero movie marathon, let's have a rollicking recap, shall we?

🌟 **Baby Steps & Big Dreams:** Remember when our preschool was graced by those tiny tots, eyes wide as saucers, taking on the giant world of school? Our mid-year pre-schooler's didn't just walk—they danced through the doors! And for this amazing transition, a round of applause for Hollie, Kathy, Tammie, Aly, and Kristy, the 'Dream Team' of preschool.

🏊 **Splash-tastic Memories:** Picture this - R-3 kiddos, more splash than the last big summer blockbuster. The Noarlunga Aquatics Centre in Week 2 turned into a mini-Olympics of fun. Who knew learning could be this splashy?

🎭 **From Classroom to Broadway:** Our students transformed Norwood Town Hall into Broadway during Week 3. Channelling their inner Addams, with Michelle as their star director, they presented the "Addam's Family" themed Wakakirri performance. Autographs, anyone?

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 **Into the Wild: Arbury Park in Week 4** wasn't just a trip. Imagine a mix of an adventure film, a nature documentary, and a splash (literally!), thanks to unexpected rain. Our 3/4s deserve their own reality show after that!

 **Art-tastic Celebrations: NAIDOC week** spotlighted our budding Picassos whose creations captured the heart of the story 'Gami Windda and Dyindi Dyindi'. Hats off to Bianca F. Stawiarski for weaving such a tale and to our students for illustrating it so beautifully.

 **When Hogwarts Met MVPS: Week 5's Book Week** saw our school transform. Wizards, aliens, and literary legends, oh my! The "Read Grow Inspire" theme was embraced like free candy on Halloween.

 **"R U OK? No, I'm fabulous!"**: Amidst the academic acrobatics, Week 8 checked our emotional barometer with "R U OK Day." A blend of heart-to-heart chats and belly laughs ensued.

 **Star-studded Finale: A term-end shout-out** to Piper, Charlee, Zaylee, Emily, Brayden, Evelyn, and Ethan. If there was an Oscar for learning dedication, they'd be walking the red carpet.

In short, if this term was a movie, it'd be an action-packed comedy with a sprinkle of awe. So, dear families, grab some popcorn, because next term promises an even bigger blockbuster. Recharge those batteries and get ready for the sequel!

Until Term 4, take five!

**In good jest and even better spirits,
Michael Koutsoukos
Principal, Morphett Vale Primary School**

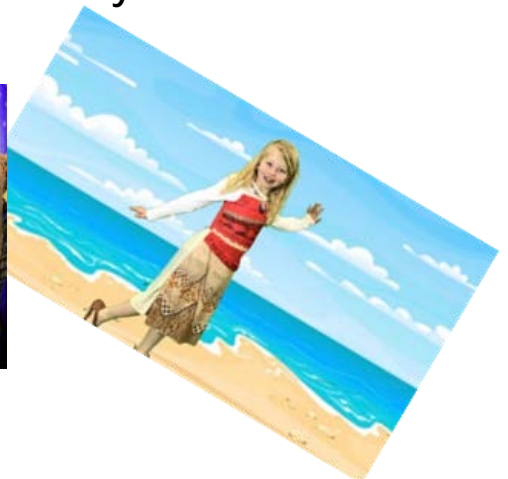
Zoom – Patch Theatre

On Tuesday 22nd August, all students in years R-2 and our Special Options classes attended an incredible performance at Hopgood Theatre called 'Zoom'. It was an amazing display of lights and lasers and told a beautiful story of a lost star finding its way home. Everyone loved the performance, especially when our own special lights joined in! The students were incredibly well-behaved and we all enjoyed the experience.



Mrs. Mathews' Book Week 2023

One of the most exciting weeks of the school year has come and gone once again with Book Week celebrations done and dusted. It was fabulous to see all the different characters come to life and I was so impressed with our class's efforts. From Mario to Moana to The Mandalorian to Willy Wonka himself, we had all genres covered. A highlight was doing an activity with a different teacher and creating something with groups of students from all year levels. Can't wait for next year!



Arbury Park

The Year 3 and 4 students from Mr. Miller's, Mr. Plush's, and Mrs. Creeper's classes embarked on a thrilling 2-night, 3-day camp at Arbury Park! Our adventure began with a bus ride to Bridgewater Oval, where we stopped and had lunch before continuing our journey on foot.



Upon our arrival at camp, we quickly unpacked, settled into our dorms, and dived right into our first activity—Web of Life! It's like the ultimate game of hide-and-seek chasey, where some of us played as the predators, while the others were prey. The objective? To collect food and water cards without being caught, highlighting the circle of life and the importance of these resources for survival. We also had to keep an eye out for Mr. Miller and Mr. Plush who were playing as 'death' and 'destruction'. Death represented natural disasters like floods or bushfires and destruction represented humans' negative impact on habitats, such as deforestation and construction.

After an exhilarating game of Web of Life, we had free time to explore all that Arbury Park had to offer before a delightful dinner. Later that evening, we went on a night walk before watching the Matildas, hoping they would secure a spot in the finals - unfortunately they did not!



Following lunch, we divided into groups. One group engaged in team games in the gym, while the others embarked on a thrilling scavenger hunt, "Maps and Symbols." to solve a secret message. This activity required using a map to find all the hidden letters around Arbury Park; we then had to decipher the jumbled-up word.

Day 2 was a big one, to beat the incoming poor weather, we pushed on starting our hike up Mt. George earlier than planned. Unfortunately, we all got a bit wet as the rain also changed its schedule. At the mountain's peak, we enjoyed a foggy view and a snack before descending.



In the evening, it was Quiz Night time, hosted by Mr. Miller and Mr. Plush. We all had great fun answering all of the tricky questions that were asked, our favourite section was the music round! We tried our best to beat the adult volunteers group but they proved to be one challenge too many for this day.

Day 3 brought more group activities. One group explored "Freshwater Life," collecting water samples from local ponds and examining them under microscopes to discover a whole new world of creatures. Another group delved into "Nature's Recyclers," getting their hands dirty while studying insects and creatures in the soil.



Afterward, we gathered for our last lunch together before packing up the bus and heading back to school. What an experience!



National Science Week

MVPS celebrated National Science Week in week 4 this term, with a selection of amazing learning opportunities. This year's theme was 'Innovation' and students were tasked to innovate a simple design or procedure to increase efficiency, performance, and results.

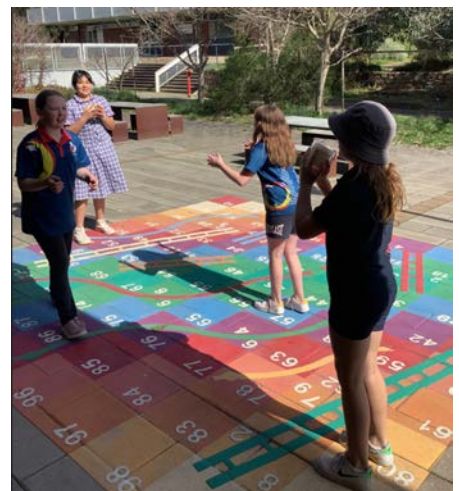
The Middle Primary Classes created rubber band powered paper aeroplanes. They tested different designs of planes and different modifications that can be made, such as wing design. The Upper Primary Classes created a fun method to pass the time while making butter. Students developed little games to share the physical demands of turning cream into butter.

The Junior Primary classes experimented with fin designs on balloon powered rockets. Students found that 3 and 4 fin designs outperformed two fin models.

Here are some quotes from some of the students.

Junior Primary "It was fun making the balloon rockets and I learnt that fins make the rocket stable whilst in flight". Zaylee Peboeck and Kaden Hall

Middle Primary "I really enjoyed participating in a design challenge, I learnt that a simple paper plane works the best" John Bravery and Kail Johnson.



Upper Primary "Our strategy of a hot potato game worked really well. It was entertaining while we were turning cream into butter". Elliana Pearce, Chelsea Batters and Ella Scuteri.



Performing Arts

Performing Arts has been so busy this term! Choir is madly getting ready for their concert early next term where we have a soloist and 2 choreography leaders and Wakakirri was a hit! 62 of our amazing students performed the Addams Family highlighting how important family is to all of us and we as a school are incredibly proud of them all! A special shout out to all the staff and helpers we had on the day – without you all it wouldn't have happened! Other students have been working on creating stop motion movies which they have been posting on Seesaw for you to enjoy!



Auslan

In Auslan last week we celebrated International Week of the Deaf highlighting a world where deaf people can sign anywhere and have the ability communicate with all! The students wore headphones simulating HOH (hard of hearing) and realised how important hearing and speaking is to them. They also worked in their classes doing lessons without speech! I thank all the staff for supporting this challenge!



Employment Opportunity

Morphett Vale Primary School OSHC are looking for an enthusiastic, caring unqualified educator to join our amazing team.

Are you looking for a Traineeship in Diploma of School Aged Care and Education or do you someone who might be interested?

Our Traineeship position will be part time for 15 hours a week on the job.

Shifts will vary depending on service needs.

Our OSHC operating hours:
Before School Care - 7am till 9am
After School Care - 2:45pm till 6:30pm
Vacation Care - 7am till 6:30pm

Applicants must have:

- Working with Childrens Check through DCSI
- RRHAN-EC certification
- HLTAID012 Childcare First Aid

If interested, please email our OSHC director with your resume and documentation to - michelle.wallace895@schools.sa.edu.au.

Student home internet program

The student home internet program can provide internet access to students who do not have reliable home internet, so they can continue to learn and study at home.

Find out more about the program and how parents and carers can apply by visiting the department's website:

https://www.education.sa.gov.au/students/curriculum-and-learning/student-home-internet?shorturl_student-home-internet-program

Future Seekers

Year 4/5

Children start thinking about jobs at an early age. Usually career related learning is reserved for secondary students. Over the last 6 weeks students in years 4 and 5 have been participating in the Future Seekers program run by The Smith Family. Future Seekers addresses this gap in learning and seeks to provide students with opportunities for career exploration and reflection.

During these sessions students explored their own skills and interests in the context of the world of work, soft skills required in future workplaces and possible careers they aspire to. Students looked at the 6 C's that they will need to be successful in their lives and workplace: Communication, Creativity, Collaboration, Critical thinking, Character, and Community. Sessions were led by Rebecca Fenbow and Hayley Wilmer from The Smith Family.

To conclude the sessions, we had special guests come and speak to the group about their careers. We had a statistical physician and a biomedical engineer. We cannot wait to see what our students will become.



School Netball

Congratulations to all of our champions that participated in school netball this year! It was our first year participating in the competition. All students should be very proud of their team-work, determination and growth throughout the season. A massive congratulations to our upper primary team that made it to the grand final, although it was a brilliant game to watch and our team looked fierce we missed out on the big win.



Market Day

Early next term our year 4/5/6 classes will be hosting a market day. Our creative entrepreneurs have been hard at work thinking of some amazing products and services! Here is a sneak peak of some advertisements for some of the things you will be able to purchase!



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