

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Morphett Vale Primary and
Preschool

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As we move through this term, I'm filled with pride at the vibrant life of our school community. It's been a bustling few weeks, marked by successful events and significant developments that have brought us closer together and enriched our learning environment.

A New Chapter for Our Preschoolers: We were absolutely thrilled to unveil our new preschool playground and natural play area. This transformation has created a magical space where our youngest learners can immerse themselves in nature, ignite their imaginations, and embark on endless adventures. The integration of the natural environment with creative play spaces has turned our preschool area into a haven of exploration and joy.



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Our Whole School Collaboration Day: was a testament to the spirit of teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience among our students. Watching them tackle challenges with enthusiasm and collaboration across different age groups was truly inspiring. Reflections from Mr. Plush's and Mrs. Creepers' classes capture the essence of the day, highlighting how activities like 'Balloon Tennis' and 'The Floor is Lava' not only brought fun but also encouraged students to step out of their comfort zones. This day reinforced our commitment to learning through collaboration and was a memorable success thanks to our dedicated teachers and amazing students.



Join Our Governing Council: In the spirit of community and collaboration, we invite you to consider joining our Governing Council. Our **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for next Tuesday evening at 6pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the shaping of our school's future. Chat to Melissa or myself if interested.

Upcoming Dates: Please mark your calendars for our **next assembly on Wednesday, 28/02/2024**. It's a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements and catch up on school news. Also, a reminder that **Friday, 8/03 is a Pupil Free Day** - plan accordingly for an extra long weekend of rest and rejuvenation for our students.

The term has been filled with moments that remind us of the strength and vibrancy of our school community. From the laughter and learning in our new preschool playground to the teamwork and triumphs of our Collaboration Day, we are building a culture of inclusivity, learning, and growth.

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in our school's journey. Here's to more success and collaboration in the days ahead!

APRIL 2024 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Bookings close March 22nd, 2024

Week 1

<p>Monday 15th</p> <p>Art Attack Day</p>  <p><u>Details</u> In- Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Picasso Painting * Marbling * Tie Dye Socks * Air Dried Clay Creating <p><u>Please provide:</u> Recess and Lunch</p>	<p>Tuesday 16th</p> <p>Biscuit Bake Off</p>  <p><u>Details</u> In Centre</p> <p>Group cooking experiences</p> <p><u>Please provide:</u> Recess and Lunch</p>	<p>Wednesday 17th</p> <p>Superhero Day</p>  <p><u>Details</u> In Centre</p> <p>Come dressed in your favourite superhero.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Charades * Mask Making * Superhero Challenges <p><u>Please provide:</u> Recess and Lunch</p>	<p>Thursday 18th</p> <p>Belair National Park Excursion</p>  <p><u>Details</u> Excursion</p> <p><u>Departing Centre:</u> 9:00am sharp</p> <p><u>Returning to Centre:</u> 3:00pm</p> <p><u>Transport:</u> Charter Bus</p> <p>Ratio: 1 staff: 8 children</p> <p><u>Please provide:</u> Recess in disposable snap lock bag BBQ Lunch Provided</p>	<p>Friday 19th</p> <p>Nature Play Day</p>  <p><u>Details</u> In Centre</p> <p>Old clothes are a must today as we may get messy</p> <p><u>Please provide:</u> Recess and Lunch</p> <p>** Please send spare clothes for children to be able to change.</p>
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Week 2:

<p>Monday 22nd</p> <p>Sports Day Incursion</p>  <p><u>Details</u> Incursion.</p> <p>Soccer Life Mastery will be visiting the service to teach a soccer skills workshop.</p> <p>Come dressed in your favourite sports attire.</p> <p><u>Please provide:</u> Recess</p>	<p>Tuesday 23rd</p> <p>Messy Play Day</p>  <p><u>Details</u> In-Centre</p> <p>Old clothes are a must today as we may get messy</p> <p><u>Please provide:</u> Recess and Lunch</p> <p>** Please send spare clothes for children to be able to change.</p>	<p>Wednesday 24th</p> <p>Anzac Day</p>  <p><u>Details</u> In- Centre</p> <p><u>Please provide:</u> Recess and Lunch</p>	<p>Thursday 25th</p> <p>Anzac Day</p>  <p>Morphett Vale Primary School OSHC Closed</p>	<p>Friday 26th</p> <p>Pizza and Movie Day</p>  <p><u>Details</u> In-Centre</p> <p><u>Please provide:</u> Recess</p> <p>Lunch and Movie popcorn provided.</p> <p>** Please advise of any dietary requirements or special needs on booking.</p>
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Hello All.

Just a quick message to remind all families of the upcoming Pupil Free Day
for Term 1

This is a whole school closure day so Preschool will not be open.

Friday 08/03/2023

Morphett Vale Primary School OSHC
Will be OPEN for care
from 7:00am till 6:30pm.

Should you require full day care for that day can you please let me know as
soon as possible.

Thank you in advance.

Kind regards,

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COLLABORATION, KINDNESS, POSITIVE MINDSET, SELF REGULATION, STAMINA



Our Learning Community has welcomed four new students this year. We have had a focus on kindness. It has been lovely to see the positive interaction between students, demonstrating our class values.

I would like to introduce you all to the newest members of Morphett Vale Primary School!

After 3 weeks of learning new routines and making new friends, they are all adjusting very quickly into their new environment. I am excited to see what this year holds for them.

A special note for the new receptions and all students at our school: As you embark on this exciting journey of learning, I extend my warmest greetings and heartfelt wishes for your success. Your presence enriches our school community, and I am thrilled to have you join us. As you settle into the rhythm of our routines, remember that each day is a new opportunity to explore, discover, and grow. Embrace the challenges with courage, for they are the stepping stones to your future achievements. Here, in our classrooms, you will find not only knowledge but also friendship, support, and endless possibilities.

Your curiosity and enthusiasm inspire me, and I am eager to witness your progress and accomplishments. May your time at Morphett Vale Primary School be filled with joy, laughter, and a love for learning that will accompany you throughout your lifetime.







Welcome to School

The reception students in Ms Jess and Ms Rice classes have had a fantastic start to school and have been enjoying building friendships and creating a positive class culture. We are all working hard on hearing phonic sounds and counting to and from ten. They have also been very busy doing lots of art and learning about themselves and each other in the class. Excitement is high for our Woodhouse Challenge Hill excursion where there will be a range of team building activities and fun to be had together.



Does your child have a chance of being successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing at grade 4

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Every minute and everyday counts at school. We all want the best for our children but anytime away from classroom learning means students are at risk of missing out. Missing out on social connections, understanding classroom culture and, most importantly, engaging in learning. This can quickly add up to large gaps in a child's education.

To get off to best start to the year, set up good routines to be ready and at school on time each and every day. Illnesses and appointments do happen. In this event, please be sure to contact the school and, if absent for more than three days in a row, please provide a certificate to avoid further questions.

Wirreanda Secondary School - Specialist Sports Course

Wirreanda Secondary School offers the unique opportunity for students to extend their sporting abilities through the Specialist Sport Course, a recognised Department for Education Special Interest Program.

The Specialist Sports Course is offered to students (both within and outside of the Wirreanda Secondary School zone) who demonstrate athletic and/or sporting potential and passion. The Specialist Sport Course is designed to support the student athlete in working towards being the best they can be. Through internal and external support from a number of affiliated organisations, students will access the following throughout the course:

- Sport specific coaching
- SASI talent ID testing
- Strength and conditioning programs
- Sports psychology and nutrition coaching
- A range of other sport related experiences

In order to be considered for the program for 2025 and beyond, students must complete the application process either online or through hard-copy available via Wirreanda Secondary School. The applications for entry into the program for 2025 are due on **Friday 12 April 2024**. Following the application process, students will be invited to attend a trial in early term 2 where we work with the students through a range of different movement, team and skill sequences.

Leading into this, it would be great for the Specialist Sports Course team to present to the year 5 and 6 students at your site this term. The presentation will take approximately 20 minutes. If there is a particular day or time that would suit your school for a visit, please email Jasmin on jasmin.mooney947@schools.sa.edu.au

The Specialist Sport Course team very much appreciates the time and effort in supporting our Specialist Sports Program at Wirreanda Secondary School. If you have any questions regarding any aspects of the course, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards



Dan Gale
SSC Leader



Karla Pobke
Principal