

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Morphett Vale Primary and
Preschool

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to the long weekend. We have some exciting updates from Morphett Vale Primary School!

Quality Feedback and Student Engagement:

You might have heard us talking about "engaging students with quality feedback." But what does that mean? Simply put, we're making sure our students not only receive information but also understand it and can use it to improve. We're even conducting student surveys to see how they feel about their learning. Questions like "Did you feel okay to ask questions?" and "Did you try new ways of thinking?" help us ensure every student feels they belong and are supported in their learning journey.

Phonics in Junior Primary:

In our R-2 classes, there's a strong focus on Phonics – the relationship between sounds and letters. This helps our young learners decode words, which is crucial for reading and writing. Our staff continually revisits previously taught letters and sounds, check understanding, and extend students through reading and spelling. Why does this matter? Because mastering the alphabetic code is key to reading independently and confidently.

Cultural Day Morning – A Global Adventure:

Our Cultural Day was a smashing success! Classrooms transformed into a kaleidoscope of cultures, with students exploring the traditions, music, and stories of countries like Kenya, Mexico, Scotland, and more. The energy and excitement were off the charts, and the hard work of our students truly shone through. Be sure to check out the photos from this fantastic day!

Reminders:

- **Whole School Interviews** are coming up in Week 11.
- Our school assembly, hosted by Mrs. Mathews and Ms. Rice, will be on **Wednesday, 10/4**.
- Don't miss our "Community Breakfast" on **Friday, 12/04**, starting at 8:20am, followed by **early dismissal at 2pm** before the school holidays.

Here's to a term filled with learning and community spirit!

Morphett Vale Primary and Preschool

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HARMONY DAY

Our recent celebration of Harmony Day was a beautiful reminder of the importance of diversity and unity in our school community. Last week, we came together in a colourful display of cultures, traditions, and values. We enjoyed classroom learning activities where students shared insights into their backgrounds, fostering understanding and connection and emphasised the significance of respect and acceptance, urging us to stand against discrimination.

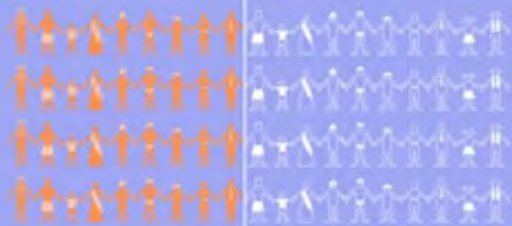
On Thursday our staff and students dressed in orange (the official colour of Harmony Day) or in traditional cultural clothing that represented personal cultural backgrounds. We came together as a school to sit beneath the old gum tree and ate lunch as one.

On Friday we held our first International Cuisine day. Through delicious foods, artistic expressions, and engaging activities, we celebrated the richness that diversity brings to our lives.

Let's carry this spirit of unity and inclusivity forward, creating a world where everyone feels valued and embraced for who they are.

Thank you to all who made Harmony Day a success. Your dedication to fostering harmony and acceptance is truly commendable.

-Mr Reid



Almost half of Australians were either born overseas or have a parent who was

More than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia since 1945



We identify with around 300 ancestries



Over the past 70 years, more than seven and a half million migrants have made Australia home





Book Fair

*TUESDAY 28TH MAY -
THURSDAY 30TH MAY*

Everyone is invited to take a look

*Classes will also get the opportunity to view
the books during class time.*

*Open for parents/carers 8:30 to 9.30am
and 2:30 to 3.30pm near the library.*

*A large % of money from sales is given to
the school by Scholastic to purchase new
resources for our school!*

Early Finish

End of Term

Friday 12th April

2pm