

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Morphett Vale Primary and
Preschool

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Principal's Message

We've kicked off the term with fantastic weather and even more fantastic energy from our students, filled with excitement and enthusiasm. It's the perfect backdrop for learning and growth.

A highlight was certainly the opening of our new preschool space, officiated by Uncle Trevor O'Brien and the Honourable Amanda Rishworth. Their contributions made the event memorable and underscored our community's spirit and commitment.

An essential focus this term has been on the **power of positive reinforcement in the classroom**. As educators and parents, understanding and using behaviour-specific praise can profoundly impact our children's development. This approach isn't just about saying "good job"; it's about recognising specific actions. For example, acknowledging a student's patience and thoughtful participation with a comment like, "Well done, Tillie, for waiting so nicely to share your thoughts!" This practice not only reinforces the behaviour we want to see but also builds a child's self-esteem.

To maximize effectiveness, teachers are adopting a **4:1 praise to correction ratio**. This strategy involves giving four positive affirmations for every corrective feedback, aiming to enhance not just individual behaviour but also to cultivate a positive classroom atmosphere where students feel valued and motivated.

In the spirit of fostering positive behaviors and uplifting atmospheres both at school and at home, we challenge all parents and caregivers to try the 4:1 praise to correction ratio. This practice involves providing four positive comments for every one corrective comment to your child, helping to nurture a supportive and encouraging environment. We invite you to track this approach for a week and share any changes you notice in your family dynamics!

Mark Your Calendars:

Join us for our assembly on Tuesday, 14/05 at 9 am.

Preschoolers will be visited by Woodcroft Library on 21/05 and 23/05 — a great opportunity for storytelling and fun.

School Photos are scheduled for 11/06, so get those smiles ready!

Cheer on our girls at the SAPSASA Netball Carnival on 13/06.

Encouraging positive behavior and celebrating every small success sets the foundation for a supportive and thriving school environment. Let's continue to work together to foster this positivity throughout the term.

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Crossing the Road Safely

Mrs Schnetler's

Class

This week, we've been learning about how to stay safe when we're out on the roads. It's super important for us to know how to keep ourselves and everyone else safe while we're walking around. We see lots of different signs and markings on the streets, and it's important to know what they mean and how to use them correctly. Mrs Schnetler's reception class have been learning a fun song called, Super Cat's Road Safety rap, and they want to share what they've learned with you! They hope you'll remember these important steps when you want to cross the road: First, STOP and LOOK from side to side, then LISTEN and THINK, is it safe to cross the road?



Patterns

Recognise, copy and continue repeating patterns with receptions.



This term we have been learning all about patterns!

We started by copying patterns in different ways! With shapes, colours and objects. We then moved on to repeating patterns in different ways! With shapes, colours and objects

WE MADE OUR OWN PATTERN PAPER CHAINS!



Responding to Behaviour



Breaktime Reteach Lessons

At Morphett Vale Primary School we use 'Reteach Lessons' in response to repeated behaviour errors. The purpose of these lessons is to support students to relearn the expected behaviours that align with our school values to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.



BREAKTIME 10-MINUTE RETEACH LESSON

- 1 ARRIVE AT THE RED CENTRE STRAIGHT AFTER PLAY BELL
- 2 ACTIVELY AND RESPECTFULLY LISTEN TO THE TEACHER
- 3 NAME AND OWN THE BEHAVIOUR ERROR YOU MADE AND COMMIT TO CORRECTING IT
- 4 PRACTICE THE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
- 5 REFLECT ON HOW YOU CAN USE THIS POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR MOVING FORWARDS
- 6 TELL THE TEACHER THE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR YOU HAVE RELEARNT
- 7 USE THE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FROM NOW ON!

When: Monday - Thursday, First break 11:30-11:45

Where: Red Centre

Who: Any student referred by a teacher

What will this look like? The teacher on duty will facilitate a community circle conversation with attending students. Together they will identify behaviour errors and reteach the expected positive behaviour according to the procedure pictured to the left.



AT MVPS, we respond to behaviour by teaching, using appropriate consequences when required

"If a child doesn't know how to read, *we teach.*"
"If a child doesn't know how to swim, *we teach.*"
"If a child doesn't know how to multiply, *we teach.*"
"If a child doesn't know how to drive, *we teach.*"
"If a child doesn't know how to behave, *we...
...teach? ...punish?*"
"**Why can't we finish the last sentence as automatically as we do the others?**"

A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring various school supplies: books in blue, orange, and grey, yellow folders, and green leaves. The items are scattered around the edges of the page.

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!*

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER

Would you like to be involved in our school, have a laugh or two and wear some highly fashionable green gloves?

Then helping in the Canteen is for you!

I'm looking for several volunteers, if you're interested, pop by the canteen or shoot me an email with your availability

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Volunteers will be required to attain WWC check and RRHAN cert, which can all be handled with assistance from the front office



Volunteer hours are Wed, Thur, Fri 9am to 12pm



RECYCLE AT THE CANTEEN

JUICE BOXES, MILK BOXES,
WATER BOTTLES



HAPPY MEAL

THURSDAY MAY 23



\$6

SAVE \$3.60

+ Stickers



ORDER BEFORE 9am MONDAY MAY 20th
(OFFER AVAIL FOR JUNIOR AND PRIMARY STUDENTS ONLY)

School Dates to Remember

- Whole school assembly **Tuesday** the 14th of May- Hosted by Pre-School and the Reception classes
- Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 - orders due by **Friday** 17th May
- School Photos will be **Tuesday** 11th of June- Forms to come
 - Year 6's to nominate high school preferences by **Week 4**