



Morphett Vale Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school to all of our children and their families. Week 1 has been fabulous!

We welcomed 34 new reception children, 30 pre-school students and 14 children across the school in years 1-7. We also welcomed some new staff who are introduced on the next page.

Starting a new school year, in a new class can be a challenging time for some students but this week I observed the "Growth Mind set" of our students who faced the change with a positive "I can" attitude, have made new friends, adjusted to new routines and settled back into their learning in record time.

For the past two years, we have provided an extended transition program for our students moving from Pre-school to Reception and their start this week confirms the success of that program.

Our Lead Learners are working especially hard over these first two weeks of term, teaching their five "Pathways to Powerful Learning" lessons to all of our classes, Pre-school to Year 7. The student leaders have prepared the lessons and made all of the resources needed. This is a great example of "student voice" here at MVPS.

Our 5 Pathways to Powerful Learning are:

MINDSETS **SELF-REGULATION** **COMMUNICATION** **COLLABORATION** **PROBLEM SOLVING**

IN 2018

- We are still dedicated to focusing on learning and ensuring learning growth for every student in our school.
- We are still a Lead Learning site across SA in STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering and Mathematics).
- We are still committed to giving our students a voice in their learning, to co-design learning in partnership with our kids and to use see-saw to share online learning portfolios with you.
- We are committed to making MVPS a "**PLACE OF LEARNING**" for the whole community and a hub for our community.
- We are working hard to make our school values of **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY and CARING** visible in our school.

If I haven't met you yet, please come and introduce yourself in the yard before or after school or drop in to the office to say hello. We are all looking forward to a fabulous 2018.

Rachel McLennan (Principal)

WEEK 3 ASSEMBLY

Our Year 7 students will be introducing our new Reception students at our first assembly which will be hosted by our student leaders.

NEWSLETTERS/NOTES

Please note: there will be a change in the distribution of all newsletters and notes this year. These will be sent home with the youngest child at school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 2

WEEK 3

Years 3-5 Swimming all week

Wednesday 14th Feb: Assembly 9am, followed by Parent morning tea (all welcome)

NEW STAFF

Ms Onika Newbold has joined our staff for 2018. Ms Newbold is teaching PE on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and is sharing Ms Smith's Year 1/2 class on Thursday and Friday.

Ms Katrina Mathews is sharing Ms Taylor's year 3/4 class and Ms Mundy's Reception Year 1 class



MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES

Materials & Services charges of \$235 & the Special events fee \$40 are due by 30/3/18.

School card applications can be completed online or an application is available in the front office if not received in the fee information.

Please note that school card income eligibility limits have increased, allowing more families to apply. For more information please see Jan in the front office.

SWIMMING - Year 3 - 5

Term 1 - Week 3 (12/2/18 to 16/2/18)

As there is only 1 week until swimming for Years 3-5, payment is required and notes must be returned by **FRIDAY 9/2/18**

Principal's Tour of the School

We will be having a tour of the school on **Wednesday, February 28th at 9.30am.**

If you know of anyone who wishes to be included please advise the Front Office



**WHOLE SCHOOL
ASSEMBLIES TERM 1**
Week 3 - 14 February
Week 6 - 7 March
Week 9 - 28 March

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

We are **opening the classrooms** for parents to visit on Wednesday the 21st February from 5.00 – 5.30pm. This is a chance for your child to show you their room and introduce you to their teacher.

From 5:30 – 6:30pm, you are invited to join the staff for a **barbecue dinner** (sausages or patties in bread) on the lawn near the sandpit.

The **AGM** follows at 6.30pm in the PD room opposite the Library.

To give us an indication of numbers for the BBQ could you please return the tear off slip on the last page, to the front office before Friday 16th February.

We hope to see you there.

BREAKFAST CLUB - HELP WANTED

We will start up the Breakfast Club for students again on **Thursday mornings from week 3** and look forward to your support.



This is a great opportunity to help the school community and meet with new people. It was highly successful in the past and I would love it to continue to be a great service to our school community.

If you have time, on a Thursday morning and you have a DCSI Clearance, please let me know via the front office.

Thank you so much,
Penny Davies-Pastoral Care Worker (

CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

Due to the earlier eating time orders on the Qkr app close at 8.45am otherwise order at school by 9.00am.

EASY SECURE CONVENIENT

Accept payments 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Download the Qkr app on the App Store or get it on Google Play. With Qkr you can order and pay: School Lunches, School payments Order uniform, Excursions and OSHC fees.

FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

On behalf of the Governing council we would like to extend a very special welcome to all the new families joining us this year, and warm welcome back to our existing ones. We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to a positive and successful year ahead.

In week 4 we will be holding our acquaintance night and a family barbeque. Following the barbeque, we will also be holding our schools AGM meeting in the PD room - building 2.

It would be wonderful if you could join us. We will be sharing some highlights from 2017, some plans for 2018 and electing our new Governing Councillors.

We are very proud of our school community, and strive for continual improvement and we highly regard our school community feedback.

Again a very warm welcome and we would hope for an opportunity to meet with you personally on Acquaintance night.

Kind Regards
Jan Dicker
Chairperson – Governing Council
Chaplain) 😊



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SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Book orders to be returned to the front office with full payment by **Wednesday 14th February, 2018.**



Please return tear off slips to the front office

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Wednesday 21st February (week 4) at 6:30pm.**

Please come along and enjoy a coffee while we present the school report for the 2017 school year.

Vacancies for membership on the Governing Council exist. Please consider joining this group and help MVPS move forward in a positive and productive manner – making a difference for students.

Please complete the nomination form below if interested in joining our Governing Council.

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GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

I/We _____ will be attending the AGM and would like to book my/our children into the free crèche. Please list children's names and ages.

I _____ am interested in nominating for membership on the 2018 Governing Council.

Signature: _____

Contact No: _____

Child's class/es _____

Please return nomination forms to Rachel McLennan via the front office before the AGM on **Monday 19th February, 2018**

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT BBQ

I will / will not be attending the Acquaintance night BBQ on Wednesday 21st February.

There will be (number) _____ attending the BBQ.

Family Name: _____