



Morphett Vale Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Wirreanda STEM 2018

Mr Whittaker and Mr Rowe are two STEM and technology teachers from Wirreanda Secondary School who visited us two weeks ago.

They presented us with a problem to research and design a new life jacket. This is to encourage people to wear them more often, with the new water safety regulations. Part of this process was to create our own surveys for both students and adults.

On Wednesday the 28th of February we visited Wirreanda along with three other schools. First of all we brainstormed using the crazy eight techniques to come up with new designs, then we used a design template and focussed on one problem (comfort, price, materials etc). We also went to workshops to learn how to use Tinkercad, Imovie and how to make apps (coding program). We also had a chance to attend a Science lesson on buoyancy and construction to help with our designs. Our next task is to present our completed designs and pitch it to the Wirreanda staff when they visit later this month, similar to the TV show Shark Tank.

Bethany, Layla, Ryan & Riley - Mr King's Year 7



1st Play Fun Activities

Hey Mum's and Dad's! We are now offering the students some fun lunchtime activities in the 1st play break each day! The students are free to come in and enjoy the fun!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TBA	Student Driven Challenges –ie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cartoon Comps • Paper Plane Challenge • Science Spectacular 	Sing Song Sung! Junior Choir – Rec to year 3	Amazing Art Antics! MVPS Ninja Challenge (on Equipment) Fantastic Elastics!	Games, Games, Games! Board game challenge!

Ms Harris' Year 5/6 class sharing their memory bags with their Rec/Year 1 buddies (Ms McKinnon's class)



Junior Choir - Wednesday



Year 5-7 classes working on their STEM enquiries



2018 GOVERNING COUNCIL

Thank you to all the families who attended Acquaintance Night last week. The children really enjoy showing you their classes and talking about their learning. After the Acquaintance Night and barbecue we held our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**. We had a great turn out and are very excited to have a number of new members join Governing Council for 2018.

I have great pleasure in introducing to you our 2018 Governing Council members.

CHAIRPERSON: Julia Mustac
VICE CHAIRPERSON: Jan Dicker
SECRETARY: Ami Rauch
TREASURER: Kaitlyn Maxwell-Davis

OTHER MEMBERS: Kristy Sammut, Belinda Gale, Rebecca Brokenshire, Michelle Wallace, Tammy Pass, Jeanette Mumford, Carissa Cook, and Donna Davenport.

These parents have students spread from Occasional Care and Preschool, across all grades to Year 7. Our Council members will work closely with the school on our Site Improvement Plan Priorities and to help the staff to make MVPS a great place for our children to learn and grow together. They are your voice so if you have a great idea for improving our school, please chat to one of our council members.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Wednesday 7th – 9am Assembly – Hosts - Years 5-7
Monday 12th - Public Holiday
Wednesday 14th - 6:30pm Governing Council meeting
Friday 30th Easter – Good Friday

APRIL

Monday 2nd - Easter Monday
Tuesday 3rd to
Thurs 6th - 3-way interviews
Friday 13th - Last day of Term 1 – Early dismissal 2.00pm

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY, 2018

9am-11.00am & 5.00pm-8.00pm School tours during opening times

WIRREANDA SECONDARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY, 22 MARCH, 2018

4.00pm-7.00pm

BREAKFAST CLUB

A huge thankyou to the parent helpers and **Kickstart For Kids** volunteers who help out each week. It has been well attended with around 55 students coming each week. If anyone has any spare time to help on Tuesday morning I'm sure Kickstart would appreciate it. A big **thankyou** also to Miss Onika Newbold for her time to help out on our Tuesday Brekkie!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

If anyone can spare some time to listen to children read or if you would like to be involved in helping out in any way, please see either myself (Penny) or Danielle Windsor. It is wonderful to be part of our students' lives and enrich ours in the process!

"One hundred years from now it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in my bank account, nor what my clothes looked like. But one hundred years from now the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child." Author Unknown

Penny Davies.☺ Pastoral Care Worker.
Tuesday/Thursday

ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Thank you to everyone who notifies us when your child is absent. This helps us to know how to best support your child and enables us to meet DECD legal requirements to keep up-to-date and detailed records of all student absences.

If we don't hear from you, it is our policy to follow up with a phone call.

You can help by notifying us by:

- Using the Skoolbag app to send a message (preferred method)
- Phoning the school on 8186 5064
- Emailing the school at dl.1906_info@schools.sa.edu.au
- Writing a note to your child's teacher before the absence if it is pre-planned.

Please note: we are not allowed to assume a child's reason for being away eg if you ring the school on Monday to say your child is sick, we cannot assume they are sick on Tuesday if they are not at school. We need a further communication from you on Tuesday.

Alternatively, if you know on Monday that your child will not be at school Tuesday, let us know when you contact us on Monday.

Thank you so much for your support with this.