



# Morphett Vale Primary School NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 2

Welcome back to school. I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and fun filled holiday break. This term already looks like a busy one, with the calendar filling fast. This term we welcome four new students to our school; Zalia and Benjamin in year 7, Cooper in year 2 and Olive in Reception. These children and their families are all new to our school community and I would like to extend to them, a very warm welcome.

## ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of April, Morphett Vale Primary School was represented by three students at the Anzac Day Youth Vigil. Year 7 student, Paige proudly sang the national anthem to the enjoyment of all in attendance. Sara and Lilly placed wooden crosses at the



Morphett Vale War Memorial which displayed messages of remembrance, which had been brainstormed by students in Mrs Harris and Mr Johns' class. All three students displayed respect and humility at the important community event. We thank them for representing our school so positively.



## SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY HUBS

On Wednesday May 3, a film crew from the DECD office came to our school to capture on film some of the great community connections we nurture and value here at Morphett Vale Primary. They interviewed Smith Family, Our Governing Council Chair – Jan Dicker, two of our Lead Learners – Faith and Paige and me. The footage will go on the DECD intranet to be used as a resource for other Site Leaders and Governing Councils. It was great to be recognised for our positive community connections.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### WEEK 2

- 8/5 Monday – Bike Ed, OSHC meeting 6:30pm
- 9/5-11/5 Tuesday – Thursday – Year 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN testing
- 11/5 Thursday – Mother's Day Stall
- 12/5 Friday – 22 Rural Primary Principals visiting

### WEEK 3

- 15/5 Monday – Bike Ed
- 17/5 Wednesday – Assembly 9am, Pre-school excursion, Governing Council 6:30pm

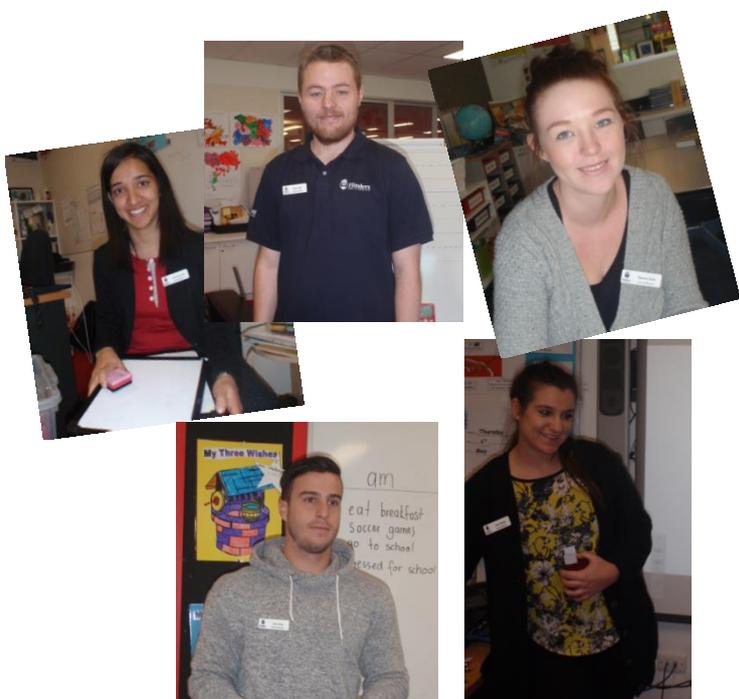
## WELCOME TO OUR PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS

Morphett Vale Primary School has welcomed six Pre-Service teachers to our school recently; they are here to complete a 6-week practicum placement.

The students from Flinders University have been with us during Term 1 on a fortnightly basis building relationships with their classes and observing teaching practice, but now undertake the last part of their placement with their respective classes.

The students who joined us; they are (pictured below): Shannon Smith, Abby Hurtado, Ambreen Sarwar, Andrew Ware, Luke Caruso and Julie Edmonds.

We hope that all 6 students enjoy their time in Morphett Vale Primary School and benefit from the opportunity to develop their teaching skills with us. Welcome aboard!



## FINANCE NEWS

Statements were send home to families this week. Please make payment of overdue fees as soon as possible or arrange to pay by instalments/centrepay/direct debit.

Debt collection processes for Materials & Services charges will begin soon. If you have any queries regarding your account or arranging payment please contact Jan in the front office.

Jan Kalnins  
Administration/Finance Officer

## BREAKFAST CLUB

It was a great turn out at our first Community Breakfast for 2017!!

A huge thankyou to all the volunteers who came to help on the day! It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and a great chance to meet new families to our school. We hope to see more of you at our next one at the end of the term.

## Lunch Time Activities

I will be running some lunch time activities in the library and sometimes outdoors for children in Years R-2 Wednesdays and Years 3-7 Thursdays! We have many games to choose from and also some crafts from time to time. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Call for Volunteers

If anyone has a skill to share or has a relative or friend with some time to spare once a week for 20 mins I would love to hear from you. We are looking for people to help with a small group or one or two children at lunch to learn a skill or simply spend time with them with a board game in our library. It is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of our vibrant school community!

Penny Davies- PCW

## SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB NEWS

Orders and money to the front office by **FRIDAY 12 MAY, 2017**

## SWIMMING NEWS

Junior Primary Swimming Reception – Year 2  
Noarlunga Swimming Centre 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017  
Cost \$30.

**Full payment by 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**\*\* Invoices for Ms Hayters class were incorrectly charged \$20 please note full cost \$30 apologies for any inconvenience \*\***



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken **Week 3, Term 2 on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

Envelopes for ordering photos have been given out.

Please return these envelopes with correct money inside before or on the day of photos. (Change will not be able to be given on the day from the front office).



If you require any extra envelopes or envelopes for family photos please collect them from the front office.

Parents can either send the money to the school in the envelope supplied or can order on-line.

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

A variety of gifts will be available for students to purchase for their mothers.

No more than \$6 per student.  
Maximum of 2 gifts per student.

Money to be given to the class teacher between now and Thursday.

*All gifts kindly donated and made by volunteers of the school.*

# Meet Mrs Harris



| Questions                                                   | Answers                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What is your full name?                                     | Penelope Claire Harris                                                         |
| Where were you born?                                        | Rose Park                                                                      |
| What primary school did you go to?                          | Hackham East Primary school                                                    |
| What high school did you graduate from?                     | Wirreanda                                                                      |
| What is something you feel very strongly about?             | All kids should have the right to do and learn amazing things.                 |
| A book you love?                                            | The Harry Potter series                                                        |
| 2 Pet peeves?                                               | People calling out and my husband/Sean drinking the last of the milk.          |
| How important do you think education is?                    | Very, very important                                                           |
| How many people do you have in your family, including pets? | Me, my husband/Sean, Paddington/puppy, Tyrion the rabbit and Angus the Turtle. |
| What is something you're proud of?                          | My students in my class because they really try hard all the time.             |
| One thing you're excited for?                               | Travelling                                                                     |
| What quote do you live by?                                  | Dream, believe, create, succeed                                                |
| What are 3 things you love?                                 | Animals, my family and my friends                                              |
| What's your Favourite movie?                                | Beauty and the Beast                                                           |
| What's your Favourite Song?                                 | Marry Me by Jason Derulo                                                       |
| Do you prefer Television or Computer?                       | Watching TV                                                                    |
| Do you speak any other language/languages?                  | French                                                                         |
| Have you taught at other schools?                           | Yes, all around the state for 10 years                                         |
| What is your favourite holiday you have ever been on?       | New Zealand for my Honeymoon                                                   |
| What is your favourite animal?                              | Elephants and Galapagos turtle                                                 |
| What is your favourite colour?                              | Yellow                                                                         |
| Would you rather relax at home or go out?                   | Go out                                                                         |
| Do you prefer getting up or sleeping in?                    | Sleeping in                                                                    |
| What is your favourite type of jewellery?                   | Tiffany jewellery (necklace)                                                   |