



# Morphett Vale Primary School NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

12 <sup>th</sup> April	Community Breakfast
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day term 1
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Start term 2
16 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photos
13 <sup>th</sup> –16 <sup>th</sup> June	Rec-Year 1 Swimming

## TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS

There have been so many wonderful highlights and personal achievements this term including: sporting schools, SAPSASA cross country, Years 3-5 swimming, Nunga tag, Harmony Day, Breakfast Club, the movie SRC made, Social Ventures Australia Hub

Day, our lessons with Danielle on being “Tiger Tough” and using “Kelsos wheel of choice” and the Police Band Performance, just to name a few. I would like to share with you a little about 4 new initiatives we have implemented this term which I believe are great examples of how MVPS is leading the way in “Student Agency”

## MASTERY WRITING

In the first week of term, all of our year 1-7 students completed one or more pieces of writing and then accessed the writing against the Australian Curriculum standards. With a little help from their teachers, the students worked out what they could already do and what they needed to learn next.

Our Mastery class groups have focused in on this next step in the learning. We have had 7 out of our planned 8 Mastery Writing classes so far. Students have worked in cross age groups, often with a different adult. Our intention has been clear – to work hard to improve our writing as much as we can.

The first thing I observed was that the students were really excited about their writing class and the staff were putting a lot of effort into preparing highly engaging and challenging lessons.

As anticipated the progress has been pleasing for all and outstanding for some. Our trial, which was based on research, has been a great success. Well done to everyone involved.



## DISCOVERY TIME

This Term, I have working with Ms Hayter’s Year 1 class and Ms McKinnon’s Reception/Year 1 class each Friday morning doing **Discovery Time**, a special learning time which promotes student voice, play based learning and “Passion Projects”.

Discovery Time incorporates Oral Language (sharing time) and Enquiry Based Learning – **Think, Plan, Do, Reflect**. Our focus has been on STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering and Mathematics).



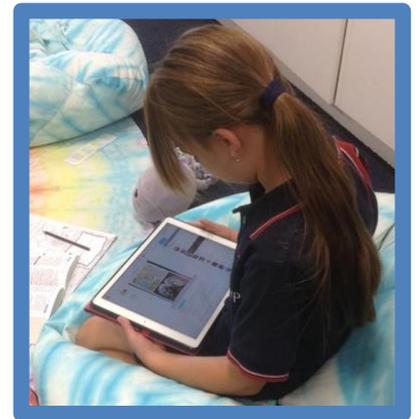
Discovery Time promotes the belief that Learning can take place anywhere, not just in the classroom and to encourage this concept, each child has their own passport. They can use their passport to get permission to learn in areas of the school other than their class room, e.g: the garden, library, another class.

As the learning in Discovery time is student led, adults take on a support role by helping to find resources, giving advice when requested and doing mini lessons when a common learning need arises, for example, how to use google to find information.

The class teachers, parents and I have been amazed with the learning and will be continuing with Discovery Time next term, extending to another two classes.

### 3-WAY INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all of the parents who made the time to attend a 3-way interview this week. Please reschedule if you haven't had one yet as this is an important part of your child's oral language development and student voice here at MVPS. Congratulations to all of the students. I have had a sample of students share their presentations with me and I was pleased by their ability to talk in detail about their learning goals and challenges.



### SEE-SAW

Many of you are engaging with the new app which we are using to share your child's work with you. We would love to have all parents (and Grandparents) on see-saw and invite you to provide feedback on the work which is uploaded.



### POLICE BAND

On Tuesday we had a free incursion – the South Australian Police Band came and performed for us. They shared messages about keeping ourselves safe and when to dial 000.

The band was very talented and played tunes the students all knew. The children sang along and got up and had a dance to a couple of songs. It was a fun show.



## OCCASIONAL CARE

Occasional care is a great introduction into socialisation for children.

We have been inundated with new enrolments this term and our sessions are filling very fast.

We have vacancies in the following sessions:

Monday and Tuesday 12:15 – 3:00 for children who are over 2 years of age.

We expect they will fill quickly.

If you have a child over 2 years old or know someone who has, please contact us on 81865064 and secure your place today.

Sessions are \$5.00 or \$1.50 with a Health Care Card.

## MATERIALS AND SERVICES LEVY

Materials and Services charges and Special events fees are NOW DUE. These accounts are due by the **13/4/17**.



If you have not completed a School Card application please do so urgently. These forms can be collected from the front office.

Pre-school fees are now also due.

School fee payments can be made by cash, credit card, EFTPOS or direct bank transfer.

Jan Kalnins – Finance Officer

## YEAR 7 NEWSLETTER TEAM

This year a group of year 6/7s' have chosen to be a part of the newsletter team. We will be helping the teachers make the newsletter and making some articles about school upcoming events. The students in our group are Jasmine, Rebecca, Cheyenne, Kyle and Jackson.

We will be endeavouring to provide interesting articles and pictures about events happening around our school. We hope you enjoy our input into future newsletters.



## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

We had another great turn out last week at Breakfast Club. It's a fun time for students to connect with each other and parents are always welcome to stay and have a cuppa and a chat with us too.

A huge thank you to our lovely mums who spend time serving and organizing it with us! We really appreciate you! 😊

In the final week of term we will have our first **Community Breakfast**. It will be on **Wednesday 12th of April at 8am**. It is a lovely time for the whole school to eat together and enjoy each other's company. Parents and Carers are most welcome to join us! We would also appreciate some volunteers to help serve and tidy up if you have some time to spare. It is a really fun time and the students look forward to it each term.

For your information we have a **Morning Tea** put on after each Assembly by the Governing Council. All parents and carers are welcome to come and join us. We look forward to seeing more of you there next time!

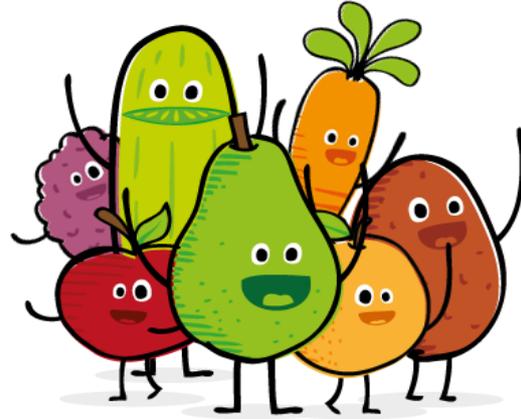
Thought for the day:  
*Love is not what you say.  
Love is what you do.*

Penny Davies, Pastoral Care Worker 😊

**END OF TERM 1**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Early dismissal:**  
**2.00pm**

## CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be open on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April for lunch orders, counter sales - lunch and recess.



The Lions Club of Noarlunga-Morphett Vale

### Shed Sale

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 9.00am till 12noon  
Lions Shed, Brian Road, Lonsdale (follow signs from Sherriffs Rd.)

The range of treasures to be found includes:

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|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| ○ Plants      | ○ Jewellery             | ○ Glassware      |
| ○ Books       | ○ Accessories           | ○ Kitchen Items  |
| ○ Furniture   | ○ Records, CDs and DVDs | ○ Pictures       |
| ○ Craft Items | ○ Electronics           | ○ Toys and Games |
| ○ Automotive  | ○ Household Items       | ○ Collectables   |
| ○ Tools       |                         | ○ Memorabilia    |

**Bring the whole family along and invite your friends**

For further information Contact:

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