



Morphett Vale Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Number 05: Term 1 – 15th April, 2016

MONDAY 2 MAY (FIRST DAY OF TERM 2)
STUDENT FREE DAY

School commences : Tuesday 3/5/16

SCHOOL NATURE PLAY GARDEN

Many of you will have noticed that we have a new fence behind the Red Centre.

Please accept my apology for the inconvenience while the fence was being erected and with the gates which will be tied open before and after school to allow

easier access to the rear classrooms.

The fence has a dual purpose. Firstly, it was necessary to support students in our Junior Primary Regional Special class. Secondly, the Governing Council are organising the development of the lawn area into a nature play garden for our students. The area will be a great resource for our Junior Primary classes during class activity, an additional yard play space and an outdoor classroom.

I am hoping to form a nature play garden group who will work with students to oversee the development of this play space. If you would like to be part of this group, please leave your name and a contact email with Julie in Reception.

Alternatively you may be able to help by donating materials needed, for example: soil, stumps, pebbles, a sink, pots, pans, spoons, timber, edging, an old tinny boat, etc. We hope to have the garden completed for the children as quickly as possible.

Thank you.
Rachel McLennan

DATES TO REMEMBER IN TERM 2

WEEK 1

Monday May 2 – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday May 3 – Term 2 - school resumes
Wednesday May 4 – Athletics Carnival

WEEK 2

Monday May 9 – Finance Meeting 9am
Tuesday May 10 – NAPLAN
Wednesday May 11 – NAPLAN
Thursday May 12 – NAPLAN

WEEK 3

Tuesday May 17 – School photos
Wednesday May 18 – Assembly, Governing Council Meeting

MATERIALS AND SERVICES LEVY

Materials and Services charges, Special events fees and Pre-school Term 1 fees are now **OVERDUE**. This account was due by the 15/4/16.



Debt collection process will commence if you have not made arrangements to make payment.

School Card applications must be filled out at the beginning of each year. If you need a School Card application please collect one from the front office. Can these please be returned as soon as possible for processing.

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

Jan Kalnins – Finance Officer

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken **Week 3, Term 2 on Tuesday 17th May**.



Envelopes for ordering photos were given out yesterday. If you

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

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

Envelopes will need to be returned with correct money inside before or on the day of photos.

SWIMMING - Reception's – Year 5

Notes for swimming have just gone home. Please make a note of when your child's class will be going as the school has been split into two groups this year. Reception's – Year 2's going in term 2 and Year 3's – 5 in term 3.

Term 2, Week 7: 14th – 17th June. Classes: Bailey, Creeper, Mundy, Hayter, McKinnon and Thomson (Yr 2's)

Term 3, Week 5: 22nd – 26th August. Classes: Thomson (Yr 3's), Taylor, Schultz, Mitchell (Yr 5's)

Please return the slip to indicate that your child will be participating, with the deposit of \$5.00 as soon as possible.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Chris Ryan and Lisa Brown
who have both been
nominated for a Public
Teaching Award.

FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE - WEEK 11

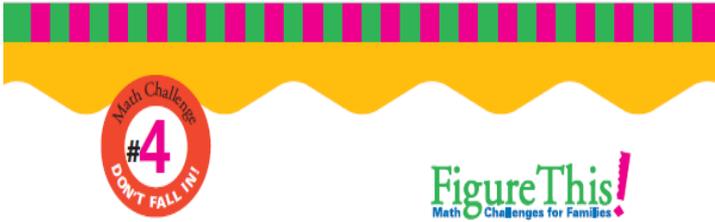


Figure This!
Math Challenges for Families

Why aren't manhole covers square?



Figure This! Why are most manhole covers round?

Hint: Investigate different shaped covers to see if they can fall through their corresponding holes.

The shapes of many objects relate directly to their uses. Tools are designed with shapes that are easy to hold, furniture is designed with shapes that are comfortable, and race cars are designed to reduce wind resistance.

FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE WEEK 9 WINNERS

Thank you to the families who took the week 9 challenge. The winners drawn from the box were Lilly and Kye Nicholson. Please collect your canteen voucher from the front office.



We are pleased to announce that Morphett Vale Primary School has become part of the Diabetes SA Donate & Educate Schools Program - Blue Crew.

A blue bin has been placed next to the front office for donations of pre-loved goods – clothing and other items.

Blue bags are available from the front office to take home to fill, then can be returned to be placed in the blue bin. The bin will then be collected and emptied on a monthly basis.

All donations will be gratefully received and thank you for your support.



WIRREANDA SECONDARY SCHOOL SPECIALIST SPORT PROGRAM

Applications are still open for 2017
The application package for the Specialist Sports program for year 7's going into year 8 in 2017 are open. You can get these through the Wirreanda Secondary School website by going to the Specialist Sports link where it says to apply for 2017 or the sports office by contacting Heather on 8329 7230 or via email Heather.Lee54@schools.sa.edu.au.
Applications for the SSC program close on Friday May 13th 2016.

PATHWAYS AND CHOICES A FORUM FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 7 TO 10 5:30-9pm Wednesday 18 May

Host : Katrine Hildyard, Member for Reynell

Speakers : Verity Kingsmill, Careers Centre, Flinders University Brad Gotch, Senior Coach, South Adelaide Football Club Amber Bailey, Education Manager, Encounter Youth Dave Flanagan, comedian and mentor.

Location: Peter Darley Function Room, South Adelaide Football Club, 1 Lovelock Drive, Noarlunga Downs

A light meal and refreshments will be provided. Flinders University, The Smith Family, Encounter Youth and South Adelaide Football Club present a relaxed and informative forum to discuss some of the issues faced by students in middle and secondary school, including:

- Careers in a changing market
- Choices and decision making
- Legalities and tips for hosting parties
- Leadership

Please RSVP by 6 May to karissa.clare@thesmithfamily.com.au or phone 8384 8654 / 0428 259 217

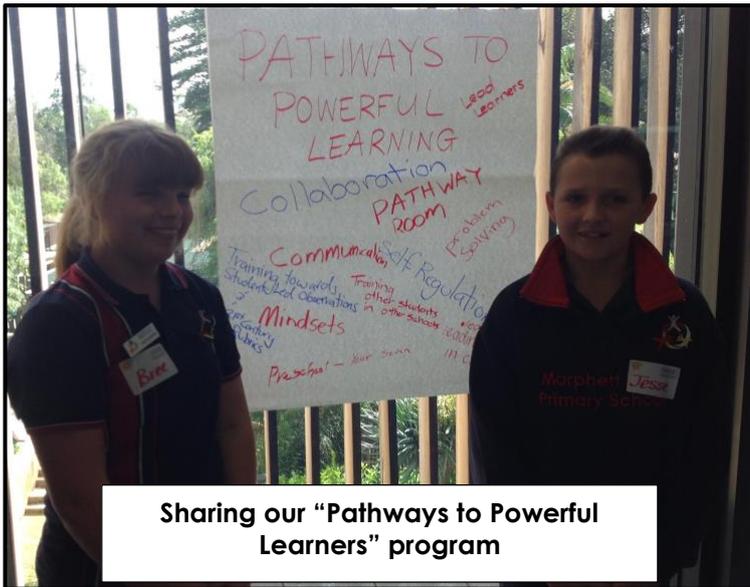
Rugby League Holiday Clinic

During the upcoming holidays the NRL is holding a Coaching Clinic on

To register: Go to Playnrl.com and look for Find a Holiday Clinic or check PlayNRLSA on Facebook

More Info: Contact Dave on 0411 159 465

LEAD LEARNERS PLANNING AT THE ADELAIDE ZOO



Sharing our "Pathways to Powerful Learners" program

On Thursday the 7th of April, Jesse and I went with Ms McLennan, Mr Koutsoukos and Mrs Taylor to a Social Ventures Australia Planning day at the Adelaide Zoo. We were helping the Leaders to plan the "Thought Leadership Gathering" which will occur in June.

A "Thought Leadership Gathering" is when School Leaders from NSW, Victoria and South Australia come together to share excellent practice which is happening in their schools and to do some learning together.

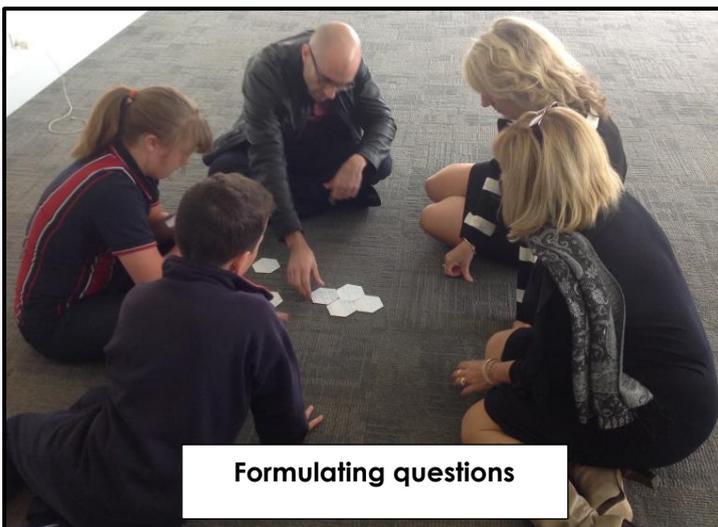
For the first time ever, South Australia is hosting the conference in June and student leaders will be learning alongside school leaders.

The School Leaders in Victoria and NSW are keen to hear how teachers in SA are giving their students some power over their learning and Jesse and I are going to share the work we are doing at M.V.P.S.

We both had a lot of fun working with school leaders and I liked the fact that us students are coming up with the questions for the leaders to explore in June.

I also liked hearing what's happening with Student Voice in the other TfEL schools. A really good idea I heard which I would like to do at MVPS is where students do observations of classes to find examples of stretch thinking and they give feedback to the teachers on what they observed.

Bree-Ana (Year 7)



Formulating questions



The view from our meeting room