



Morphett Vale Primary School NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

On Wednesday 7th March we hosted staff from Woodcroft Primary and Hackham East Primary for tri-school moderation. Teachers planned rich learning experiences in Numeracy together. They will go back and do the learning with their class and then collect portfolios of student work to moderate together. This will help teachers with assigning A - E grades.



GROUNDS/FACILITIES

We have \$10,000 to spend on Samsung products this year, which we will use for 3D glasses and the supporting software/phones.

This money is due to our involvement as a Spotlight School for Social Ventures Australia.

As you know, we are a state Lead Learning site in STEM and the school gets a special grant of money in 2017 and 2018 to support this program.

Some of last year's STEM grant was spent on purchasing two 3D printers which have just arrived. This technology will allow our students to demonstrate learning in the "ICT" and "Critical and Creative Thinking" capabilities in new and improved ways. We also bought new laptops for the Year 7's who now have a one-to-one device.

A DECD facilities upgrade grant will see us replace carpets in some classrooms in the next holidays and paint the exterior of the Instrumental Music Building.

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STEM ACTION TEAM:

We have seven, Year 7 students remaining from our 2017 STEM Action Team and they travelled with me and 10 Wirreanda Secondary students to Hahndorf for a State conference on Wednesday 7th March. Their 2017 project resulted in our "Play First, Eat Second" plan and I'm excited to see what they decide to focus on this year.



We will go through the process of recruiting some new group members next term.

STEM OPEN DAY: On Friday March 2nd, we hosted our first "STEM Lead Learning Site Open Day". We were booked out with 9 teachers and Leaders from around the state attending.

FOCUS ON LEARNING IN STEM

Our Year 5, 6 and 7 students are trialling a STEM program designed by a company called "Elevate". They have had 3 sessions now and the excitement and learning in the room was palpable! We are really looking forward to seeing how far some of our students can take their learning using this medium. This is an example of powerful partnerships we are developing for the benefit of our school community.

"Elevate is rolling out a **primary school STEM curriculum** developed by Carnegie Mellon University, a world leader in robotics and computer science. The curriculum combines proven pedagogical methods, rigorous curricula and educational technologies to deliver high quality STEM education that prepares students to succeed in the 21st century. In its full iteration, the two curriculum streams - **Robotics & Computer Science** - start at a Year 2 or 3 level and build sequentially through each year of primary school."



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INCURSION

This week, I have booked a free Incursion for our children run by a group from "Defence Science and Technology". They will be at school Thursday and Friday and they will demonstrate some exciting science including elephant toothpaste and rocket launching.

Ms Rachel McLennan

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

Our Governing Council has a number of sub-committees made up of parents on Governing Council and other interested parents. Have you thought about joining?

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Our new Fundraising Committee is Nicky Taylor, Ami Rauch, Carissa Cook, Belinda Gale and Jeanette Mumford. The first job this committee are undertaking for 2018 is to organise a wonderful Mother's Day stall for your children. Donations of cards, wrapping paper or gifts can be left at the front office.

3-WAY INTERVIEWS

Parents will be invited to attend an interview with their child and the class teacher in the week after Easter (Tues April 3 to Thurs April 5). Our students will present to you their learning goals and talk about the progress they are making toward those goals. This is an important aspect of our Oral Language and Student

Voice for our students so please make an effort to get an adult along to represent the family.

Notes have come home today and need to be returned by next Friday the 23rd March please.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

15 and 16 STEM Incursion (no cost)
23 Interview notes due back
30 Easter – Good Friday

April

2 Easter Monday
3, 4, 5 3-way Interviews
13 Last day of Term 1 – Early dismissal
2.00
30 First day Term 2

NUNGA TAG 2K18

On Wednesday the 7th of March our ATSI year 6/7 Students, Nik, Dylan and Kye joined with students to form an NRL TAG RUGBY team. They met at Christies Beach High School and to say they were excited was an understatement. On arrival they got ready for the opening and acknowledgement to country from Aunty Georgina. They also heard from Dean Widders (NRL Indigenous ambassador and former NRL player) who came down from Sydney to be an ambassador. He gave the players a few pointers on how to play the game.

Our team played against Christies Beach, Christies Downs, O'Sullivan's Beach, Flaxmill and Hackham West Primary Schools. The entire event was non-competitive and focused on being a fun day for all but... it was cool that we won 4 games and drew with another school.

The students showed exceptional manners, sportsmanship and a general attitude of kindness, respect and helpfulness throughout the day. Their inclusivity with students from other schools was awesome as well.



Lyle Sansbury AEW

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT MVPS with MS NEWBOLD

My name is Onika Newbold and I am the new PE Teacher. I would like to welcome you to an exciting term filled with fun and engaging Physical Education lessons! The program will include specialist 'Sporting Schools' clinics focussing Tennis and Athletics, SAPSASA competitions and active engagement in curriculum content that encourages students to live happy, healthy and active lives, every day.

Below is the **Term One Overview** and states the specific Australian Curriculum content that will be focussed on throughout the term.

I look forward to continuing the fantastic work the students have been doing in PE so far!

Year Levels	Moving Our Body	Understanding Movement	Learning Through Movement
Reception-Two	Participate in games with and without equipment (ACPMP009) Create and participate in games with and without equipment (ACPMP027)	Identify and describe how their body moves in relation to effort, space, time, objects and people (ACPMP011) Incorporate elements of effort, space, time, objects and people in performing simple movement sequences (ACPMP029)	Cooperate with others when participating in physical activities (ACPMP012) Use strategies to work in group situations when participating in physical activities (ACPMP030)
Three-Four	Cooperate with others when participating in physical activities (ACPMP012) Use strategies to work in group situations when participating in physical activities (ACPMP030)	Combine elements of effort, space, time, objects and people when performing movement sequences (ACPMP047)	Adopt inclusive practices when participating in physical activities (ACPMP048)
Five-Seven	Propose and apply movement concepts and strategies with and without equipment (ACPMP063) Practise, apply and transfer movement concepts and strategies with and without equipment (ACPMP082)	Manipulate and modify elements of effort, space, time, objects and people to perform movement sequences (ACPMP065) Demonstrate and explain how the elements of effort, space, time, objects and people can enhance movement sequences (ACPMP084)	Participate positively in groups and teams by encouraging others and negotiating roles and responsibilities (ACPMP067) Practise and apply personal and social skills when undertaking a range of roles in physical activities (ACPMP086)

TENNIS AUSTRALIA INCURSION

On Tuesday 13th March 2018 we had the pleasure of having Ryan, from Sporting Schools, visit us and conduct a Tennis clinic for 6 lucky classes. They learnt some basic tennis skills like forehand, backhand, correct body movement and special awareness around a tennis court. Not only did we have great fun, we now have some brand new tennis equipment to use! It was an excellent day! Look out next week for a visit from Athletics Australia.



HAVE YOU FLIPPED YOUR LID?

Our brains are made up of different bits that are good at doing different things. The top half has a Left Computer that's great at putting things into words, thinking about different times and being logical. It also has a Right Computer that is good for being creative, feeling emotions and focussing on right now. When we have both sides fired up we can solve any problem that comes our way!

The trouble is, we also have a bottom half which includes a Watch Dog area called the Amygdala. It's one job is to look out for danger. It doesn't wait around for the whole story, it jumps into action at the slightest hint it might be needed. It only has a few tricks in it's bag too, like freeze, shout, run, hit! It can save our necks in a real life danger situation but it can also get it wrong! Maybe the threat was someone looked at us rudely, the teacher asked us to read our answer out loud or a dropped book made a really loud BANG! Our watch dog can flip our lid and jump into action. Then we don't have access to our awesome left and right computers. We can't think straight until we turn our top computers back on.

I have been working with all the children to understand these concepts that cognitive neuroscientists have been discovering. We know we've flipped when we start thinking with words like 'always,' 'never,' and 'everyone!' Our body might give us clues too, like if our mouth goes dry or our fists clench. We need to flip back down, not flip out! If we try to do things only our top computers know how to, our Watch Dog area is forced to turn them back on. So we bounce a ball from one hand to another, use our words and tell what's happening in a story or use our breath to re-centre.

By knowing how our brain works we can make sure our clever computers are in control, not our emotions or our Watch Dog area. Like my big sister used to tell me,

"Don't believe what you think and don't flip your lid!"

Danielle Windsor (Senior Leader-Wellbeing)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Book orders to be returned to the front office with full payment by **Monday 19th March, 2018.**



Meet our School Community Rewards representative...

Lucy Brooks

You will be seeing Lucy around our school, supporting events.

Lucy is happy to answer any questions you have about School Community Rewards - plus she can assist you with your banking so you can do more with your money!

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Morphett Vale Vacation Care

Bookings now being taken for the holidays.

Programmes available from the front office

3-WAY INTERVIEWS

Booking forms home today.
Please fill in your preferences and return by Friday 23rd March.

CONGRATULATIONS

Year 6 student Kiah who has been selected for District softball team. We wish you well for the competition in Week 11 Kiah.

STEM INCURSION -

"Defence Science and Technology"

