



Morphett Vale Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back for Term 3

It was lovely to see everyone back at school this week. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break. Staff spent Monday this week planning for the term and it's going to be another busy one with lots of exciting learning!

From the 16-20th of July, Year 7 students, Jett and Kaylee, participated in the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) STEM Explorer program.

More than 100 students were invited to participate in the program which included a week-long camp, based at Mylor, focussed on exploring careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

While on the camp students visited a range of South Australian educational institutions and organisations such as the new Natural Resource Management Water Testing, Cleland Wildlife Park, Flinders University and the University of South Australia.

Students got to try their hands at water quality testing and building their own interactive games, discovered how Olympic torches work and presented a group project to South Australian Education Minister John Gardner.



Students met and engaged with leading scientists, technologists and engineers and learnt about their research.

They also discovered a whole range of new career opportunities.

Everyone agreed that the camp was a great experience and they would recommend students follow the NYSF so they can participate in future camps and other great science opportunities.

The Program is a collaborative initiative between the [South Australian Department of Education](http://www.southaustralia.gov.au/education) and the NYSF.

Visit here for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/NYSFoz/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 2 – Spelling Bee Heats

Tuesday 31/7

OSHC Meeting 6:30pm

Friday 3/8

Pre-school Meeting 9am

WEEK 3

Tuesday 7/8

Spelling Bee Finals

Wednesday 8/8

Assembly 9am

Governing Council 6:30pm

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY (No school or OSHC)

Tuesday 4th Sept

Governing Council News

Our Governing Council have voted to have a Show Day Holiday for our day of local significance this year in line with other schools in our partnership. A day of local significance is a day when the school closes (including OSHC). Each school is allocated one of these days per year. Our show day will be Tuesday 4th September (lower price day at the show). We wanted to give you plenty of notice so working families can make alternate arrangements.

Welcome to MVPS

We welcome Mr Liam Janssan to our school. Mr Janssan is filling in for Ms Newbold for the first few weeks, teaching PE and the Year 1/2 class. This Term we have 3 Pre-service teachers working with us for the first 4 weeks.

SPELLING BEE IS BACK!

After the popularity of our 2017 Spelling Bee, our Lead Learners are on a mission to get everyone excited about spelling again in 2018!



We are planning a school spelling bee and we are inviting every student in the school to be involved.

We have made up some word lists and organised them into HEATS. The R-2 students will be invited to learn the words for Heats 1-3 and the years 3-7 students will be asked to learn the words from Heats 4-6.

Firstly, we will hold heats to find the best speller in each class, then in each year level and finally in the school. The Grand Final will see our best spellers compete against each other to spell our secret list of very tricky words.

Lists went home yesterday. Heats will be held next week and the Grand Final will be held on Tuesday August 7th.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Parents can help your children to learn the words on their lists.

SAPSASA Basketball

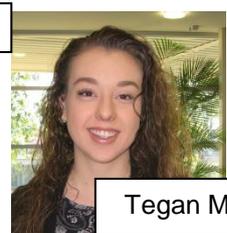
Yesterday 7 of our Year 6/7 boys competed in the SAPSASA Basketball Carnival. Ryan, Nik, Oscar, Jai, Kye, Dylan and Taj represented our school and Kelly Tuckwell was their fabulous coach. The team played 6 games throughout the day, winning two. Congratulations to all who competed.



Eleni Zorba



Tegan Mildrum



Aiden Miller



Liam Janssan



Welcome Back Ms Creeper and Ms McKinnon

We are very happy to have these two fabulous educators back working with our students this term. Ms Creeper is running a special writing program with the Reception to Year 2 classes. Ms McKinnon is back with her R/1 class. We thank Ms Rice who ably took care of this class last term. Ms Rice is still with us, filling in for Ms Taylor one day a week and for Ms Smith 3 days a week for the first 4 weeks of term.

Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics. The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Noarlunga GP Plus Dental Clinic Phone: 8384 9244

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental

Great Achievements with 3D Printing

Last term our school was represented by our 5/6 classes, Mr Mitchell and Mrs Mathews at a huge showcase for 3d printing in primary schools. Wyndscent, Ashlee, Bayleigh, Aedhan and Dylan showcased our learning in the shark tank project. We had such positive feedback from students and teachers from over 40 primary schools and all the students represented our school fabulously. The students were articulate, enthusiastic and professional while explaining the design process, great work again to everyone for this fantastic learning experience.

We were so excited to win people's choice award for our video, submitted after our enterprise day last term. Our school has won a brand new 3d printer thanks to the hard work everyone put into our shark tank project last term. We're so proud of our students and the learning they have achieved. What a lovely way to end term 2!

"It was really interesting to see everyone else's work and what they have printed"-Bayleigh

"It was an amazing experience to see how many schools had done 3d printing"-Ashlee

"Everyone's imagination was so big, I loved to see what things were similar to ours"-Aedhan

"It was fun and incredible to see how many schools were participating. I loved seeing the 3D printed objects." - Wyndscent

Penny's Spot

I hope you all had a nice break from routine in the holidays. I had fun going Ice Skating with my younger son at Glenelg (only fell over once!) I had to laugh when I heard on a TV show last week.

"What is something we run out of in school holidays?"

The answers were: patience, money, ideas, and food; all of which we ran out of at one point. I can especially relate to the food one as my 14 year old son has hollow legs and keeps asking, "What else can I eat?"

I will share a recipe that my brother gave me to help fill up the gaps. It's cheap and easy. If you have a quick and easy recipe to share please send it to me by email to penny.davies866@schools.sa.edu.au or drop it in to school. Thanks so much!

Baked Rice

1 tbsp rice (any kind), 1 desert spoon sugar or honey, 1 cup of milk.

Sprinkle ¼ tsp nutmeg or cinnamon 15 mins prior, times by 4 for a family of 4. Bake in oven for 1 ½ hours @180

You can reduce time by cooking in the microwave for 20 mins. Then put in oven for 30-40 mins until desired softness. The longer it cooks the softer it will be. You can remove the skin before serving.

Next week I have organised for the 5/6 classes to have a seminar on Relationships / Friendship / Bullying titled, "For or Against" by Life Matters Education team from Schools Ministry Group. It should be great and I'm looking forward to seeing their interactive and innovative approach. I found a good quote relating to this;

The mouth should have three Gatekeepers:
Is it true? Is it kind? Is it Necessary?

Penny D PCW Tues/Thurs



Mrs Mathews and Mr Mitchell

Zoo Excursion!

On Tuesday 19th of June Mr Johns, Michelle's, Bu Kelly's and Ms Wells classes went to the zoo for an Art Experience with Flinders University students. The children experienced some Drama, Music, Dance, Visual Arts and Media Arts whilst learning about environmental sustainability of our world particularly looking at ecosystems and protecting habitats.

We also had the opportunity to experience the animals in the zoo with a focus on our Geography for animals from South America and Africa. Here are some snap shots of our day!

