



### Welcome back!

#### Leadership Team

Carolyn Mildrum  
*Principal*

Sonia Cooke  
*Deputy Principal*

Steve Hetherington  
*Student Wellbeing  
Leader*

#### Diary Dates

##### February

- 13 Early Finish
- 13 Gov Council AGM
- 28 Rm 16, 17, 18 Excur

##### March

- 1 Assembly
- 5 Rm 13,14,15 Excur
- 6 Early Finish
- 8 Pupil free day
- 11 Public Holiday
- 18 Yr 3-5 swimming wk
- 27 Early Finish
- 29 Yr 6/7 aquatics

##### April

- 5 School photos
- 12 End of term

It's been a great start to the year with all classes settling into their new routines.

We will have a little disruption to one of our classes as Peter McMaster takes some time off in term one to be with his wife and children as they welcome their third child into the world. We wish you all the best Peter. We welcome back Dale Vanstone to our school who will be taking Peter's class for the rest of term 1.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March we will have our first Pupil Free Day for the year. Staff will join with Pimpala, Reynella South, Reynella and Coorara staff to further develop their skills in teaching their students to critically think, to be curious and inquire into unknown areas. Our OSHC will be available should you need their services on this day. Ring and book in with Amanda our OSHC director on 0418 422 350.

Thank you to everyone who turned up to our Acquaintance Night last night it was great to see so many of you. Thank you also to all those parents who came to our Governing Council AGM and for those who have stepped up to be councillors, it's great to see so many new faces.

I will be out of the school for the next week as I fly to Indonesian Borneo to present a talk on what makes excellent early childhood education. I'll be sharing the practices that we have in place at Morphett Vale East.

I trust that everyone will have an excellent year, every class is planning an excursion this year and I look forward to hearing all that you have learnt!

**Carolyn Mildrum**

### 2019 Early finish dates

Please put these dates on your calendar, phone or diary to ensure that your child is collected when we finish early on the following dates.



	<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Term 4</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	13 Feb	15 May	7 Aug	30 Oct
<b>Week 6</b>	6 Mar	5 Jun	28 Aug	20 Nov
<b>Week 9</b>	27 Mar	26 Jun	18 Sep	11 Dec
<b>End of Term</b>	12 Apr	5 Jul	27 Sep	14 Dec



## Materials & Services Charge

Materials and Services charge is the official name for School fees. It explains that the money you pay to send your children to school is used to pay for the books, pencils, paper, internet, computers, etc that they use on a daily basis.

We will be raising the M&S invoices over the next week which will come home with every child in the school. The Government understands that some families may struggle to pay these fees so they offer financial assistance through the School Card Scheme. Depending on your circumstances you may qualify for this assistance. Please check the schedule below as a quick guide.

Number of dependent children	Gross annual income limit	Gross weekly income limit
1 child	\$59,432	\$1,143
2 children	\$60,493	\$1,164
3 children	\$61,554	\$1,185
4 children	\$62,615	\$1,206
5 children	\$63,676	\$1,227
More than 5	Add \$1,061 for each dependent child	Add \$21 for each dependent child



A "how to apply" for school card sheet is available from the office or the easy to follow process starts at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) - search for "school card scheme"

Families who do not qualify for school card will be expected to pay these invoices by the end of Term 1. Payment options include direct debit into our bank account (see details on the invoice), payway, centerpay or cash / card at the school office.

Please note that all fees being paid in instalments (as above) must be scheduled to be paid for **in full** by the end of Term 3.

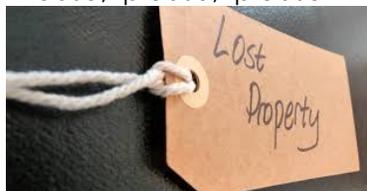
## Lunch Orders

The price list for Adams Deli, who supply our lunches, can be accessed on the School website. Lunch orders should be placed in an envelope, paper bag or zip lock plastic bag. A bag is in each foyer and is sent to the office for collection. Please check the price of your child's

order as there have been a few increases. Thank you.

## Name your uniforms

Please, please, please make sure that all your children's uniform items are named. We can't return them if we don't know who they belong to.



## School Photos



Our 2019 school photo day is booked for **Friday 5th April**. We can't wait to see everyone in their school uniforms with big smiles on the day. We will send home more information as soon as it comes through to us.

## Gates & Bells

The first school bell goes at 8.30am each morning and this is when the gates will open for students to come onto the grounds. Students should not arrive without parent supervision before this time. This is also when staff will be on duty. Students need to be in class by 8.45am when the second bell will ring. Parents are asked to leave the school grounds as soon as possible after this bell to allow the gates to be locked for safety reasons at 9am.

In the afternoon the gates will be opened again for parent access for collection at 2.45pm. For access at any other time parents will need to report to the office.

## Accidents happen



Even children who haven't had toileting accidents since they were toddlers can still have a mishap at school. Can we please remind families of all our JP students to ensure that they have a change of clothes in

their school bags just in case. This will allow us to get your child sorted quickly and easily rather than having to call you away from work to bring them clothes. Thank you

## Important message from Council re school parking



With the new school year commenced, I am writing to all School Principals within the City of Onkaparinga to reiterate our expectations with regards to parking outside or near to schools during their hours of operation.

The 'Australian Road Rules' give direction on parking restrictions and that which drivers of vehicles are required to comply with. The rules that are most prevalent to school parking and those which our Community Safety Officers enforce compliance with are as follows:

- Vehicles must **not** stop in a **NO STOPPING ZONE**, even for a few seconds to pick up your child.
- Vehicles **may** stop in a **NO PARKING ZONE** for three minutes or less to pick up a child who is waiting nearby. You must **not** park or leave the vehicle.
- Vehicles must **not** double park, or stop in the line of traffic, to pick up or drop off a child.
- Vehicles must **not** stop in a bicycle lane.
- Vehicles must **not** stop in a Bus Zones
- Vehicles must **not** stop within 20 metres before a crossing or 10 metres after a crossing.
- Vehicles must **not** stop within 10 metres of an intersection or junction without traffic lights.
- Vehicles must **not** park over driveways
- Vehicles must **not** park on the verge

Community Safety Officers recognise that vehicle movement around schools create high risk zones for pedestrian safety and will engage and educate drivers, along with issue fines for illegal parking if appropriate in the circumstances.

We wish everyone to have a successful and safe school year and ask parents to be mindful of their own behaviour around schools, whether in relation to where they park or the respect shown to our Officers trying to ensure safety of others.

If you have any queries or questions regarding compliance with the road rules please contact the Team Leader or a Senior Ranger from our Community Safety team  
8384 0666.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the placement of existing or new parking controls please contact the Traffic Engineers from our Traffic Management team  
8384 0666.

Ben Shimeld

**Senior Community Ranger - Community Safety**

[www.onkaparingacity.com](http://www.onkaparingacity.com)





Welcome back to another exciting year in our school library.

My name is Penny Taylor and I am so glad to be stepping into my new in my first year at Morphett Vale East School.

At previous schools I have been a classroom teacher in a variety of year levels, as well as specialising in Health and PE and Digital Technology.

This year I will be working at MVES on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The library will also be open on Mondays and Fridays so students to browse and borrow with their class Teachers. Each class will have a block of lessons with me throughout the year to explore literacy and literature while linking these to our modern technological world.

As always our time in the library will be filled with lots of enjoyable reading experiences and time to engage with books, stories, information and technology as a group. There will also be opportunities to explore independent interests.

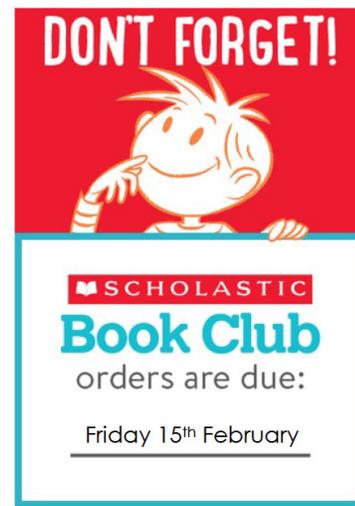
### **LIBRARY OPENING HOURS**

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

**8.45am – 9.00am**

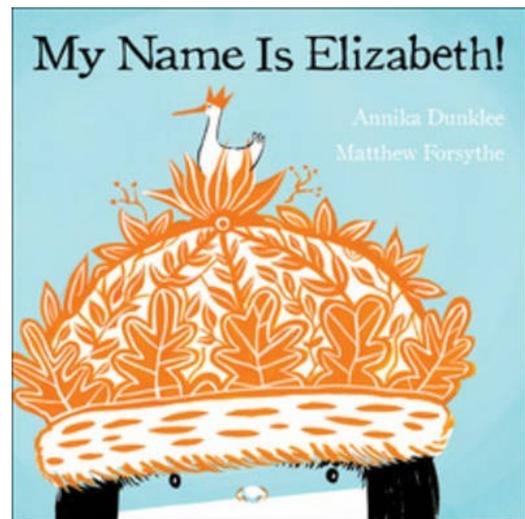
**For returns, browse and borrow**

There are over 8000 titles available in our school library, all of which are meant to be shared with our entire school community. Please be respectful of our library books and be sure to return them on time and in the same state as when you borrowed them.



### **Penny's book recommendation**

Each newsletter I will be recommending a book from our library that is great for all of our readers. See if you can read each one as a family.



*Meet Elizabeth. She's got an excellent pet duck, a loving granddad and a first name that's just awesome. After all, she's got a queen named after her! So she's really not amused when people insist on using nicknames like "Lizzy" and "Beth." She bears her frustration in silence until an otherwise ordinary autumn day, when she discovers her power to change things once and for all. In the process, Elizabeth learns about communication and respect - and their roles in building better relationships with family and friends.*



### First Aid for kids

Is your son/daughter interested learning First Aid?

St John – Noarlunga has a vibrant Cadet group who meet every Friday during School term. It is an award based program in which badges are earned, while learning the life skills of First Aid.

The Cadet program is open to students from the ages of 8 to 17. It is free of charge for normal activities, although occasional, special events may incur a charge.

To get an application form, phone 8306 6999 between 8:30am to 5pm Monday-Friday or go online to [stjohnsa.com.au](http://stjohnsa.com.au)



## Chat 'N' Chew

Are you free Tuesday's between 8.30 & 9.15?

Would you like to meet other parents and caregivers over a cup of tea or coffee?

Often, we don't have much time to simply talk and get to know each other. We always seem to be busy, rushing about, doing this, that and the other. We would like this to be a time when we can simply catch up and talk. So if you would like to *stop* and take time get to know others like yourself better, come to the Kid's Matter room for coffee/tea/biscuits.

Join Judy (PCW)



Winmante Medical Centre

An initiative of

**Community GP**

### Official Launch & Opening

*Community GP* invites all community members to attend the official opening of

**Winmante Medical Centre**

Join us and meet our official ambassador, Adelaide Crows star

**Eddie Betts**

*Winmante Medical Centre* is a not-for-profit GP clinic, focussing on high quality medical care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people based in the south of Adelaide.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Arrive at 10am for a 10:30 start

2/230 Main South Road Morphett Vale

**Join us after for Nunga lunch!**

**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH TRANSPORT?  
PHONE US OR SEND A TEXT TO 0499 008 906**



LKG Community Ltd. T/A 'Community GP'  
P 08 7228 5888 | F 08 8376 7395  
2/230 Main South Road, Morphett Vale SA 5162

SA Dental Service

## 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](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental)

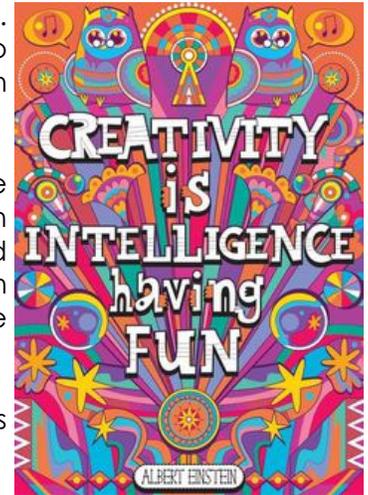
## Performing Arts

The Performing Arts are very important to student's development and well-being. Music ignites all areas of child development: intellectual, social and emotional, motor, language, and overall literacy. It helps the body and the mind work together. Exposing children to music during early development helps them learn the sounds and meanings of words. Drama allows students to express themselves and gives them a voice in the world. Dancing to music helps children build motor skills while allowing them to practice self-expression. For children and adults, music helps strengthen memory skills. You're never too old!

Who am I? I am a teacher and learner in the area of Performing Arts. I have been teaching in schools for the past 16 years having been involved in choirs, conducting for over 30 years. I myself still participate in choirs and have sung in cover bands over the years. I am a level 1 dance coach (Calisthenics) for the past 8 years and performed as a member of a dance troupe for over 15 years.

I love the Performing Arts and the way that it can build children's confidence in themselves to be able to do the seemingly impossible!

If you have any questions or queries please always feel free to ask!



**Michelle Tromp**

## I Hola Todos!

Bienvenidos to the new year at our school. This term we are looking at the school values (valores escolares). Optimism is the school value that we will be focussing on this month in Spanish.

**Optimismo (say: op-tim-ees-moh)**

Why do we learn Spanish? (Por que aprendemos Espanol?)  
Learning Spanish gives us the opportunity to engage with  
the language and the cultural diversity of hunaity.  
Pretty cool huh?

I ask that all students, both junior and upper primary, start collecting bread tags and bring them to school to be collected and brought to Spanish class. The tags will be used later this term to support our learning. . ¡Adiós! ¡Muchas Gracias!

**Señora Clarke**



We are working on achieving the possible. Spanish does not need to be impossible!