School Fees (M&S)

On 25th August 2016 families with outstanding School Fees were sent a final statement including notice of debt collection.

Please contact Mia in the Finance Office if you require a school card application or would like to set up a Direct Debit Payment Plan.

School Card Applications should be in each year at the end of Term 2 however we have been able to grant extensions up to the end of Term 3, this year.

A Reminder that School Card Applications MUST be submitted each and EVERY YEAR.

All fees not paid, or being paid on a payment plan, will be put forward to Governing Council at their next meeting, and if approved, families will be sent to Debt Collection in Term 4, 2016.

Breakfast Club

Kick Start for Kids are running a Breakfast Club in The Arts Centre every Wednesday morning. Students can arrive at school and join them for Toast, cereal and fruit each Wednesday from 8.15am. Entry to the school before 8.30am is through the office. Come along and join in the fun – All welcome.

Pupil Free Day

– Monday 17th October –

Term 4 Starts Tuesday 18th
Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

Lateness Counts
This year we have discovered a concerning trend and need your help to reverse that trend and in doing so, improve the learning outcomes of our students.

The above graphs demonstrate what our concerns are. Far too many of our children arrive at school after the bell sounds at 8:45am. This is a crucial time in the school day. It is when students are getting ready for the day; organising themselves and their equipment, establishing routines and developing positive habits for learning.

We have noticed that Reception, year 2, year 4 and year 5 children are most frequently late to school. This creates bad habits both for families and for children themselves. They can easily view this as ‘normal’ behaviour which it is not.

We understand that occasionally things happen in families to cause students to be late; however most of those are one off events. Walking into a classroom after the lesson has begun is disruptive for both the late arrival and the students who are settled and working. Often it is difficult for the child to catch up and this impacts on their learning. Dentist and specialist appointments to be scheduled wherever possible during school holidays and it is certainly not appropriate to take students out of school for birthday celebrations and the like which can easily be arranged for after school or on weekends.

Except under extenuating circumstances, attendance at school should be a priority as ‘every day counts’. Please come and speak to your child’s class teacher or a senior staff member if you are having difficulties getting your child to school.

So, what can you do:
• Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
• Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
• Don’t let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or head ache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
• If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counsellors, or other parents for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
• Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent.
• Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Rob Thornton
Canteen Committee

The canteen committee is a group of students who have an interest in cooking and running the school canteen on ‘special meal’ days. It was this group of students from Year 3 through to year 7 that planned, organised and ran the recent community breakfast before the book week parade. With help on the day from the parents & friends group, the egg and bacon sandwiches, snags and juice was a big hit with the school community. The students who ran the BBQ all learnt valuable lessons in planning, budgeting, cooking and money handling.

Keeping us “in the know”

Have you recently moved house, changed jobs or perhaps got a new phone? We understand that at such times little things get forgotten, but it is this sort of information that we need to be advised of so that all details on our computer system are always up to date. Forms for change of details are readily available in the office.

Absences

Thank you all for your patience whilst we got the new “Sentral” system up and running. We are confident that everything is now working well. We really appreciate it when you take the time to reply to the SMS we send you about your child being marked absent or late. As this system is automated can we ask that you reply to each message so that each child has the correct reason for absence recorded? When you only send one reply it is only that child’s records that is updated.

Enrolling for 2017

The time for us to start planning classes for 2017 is fast approaching. If you know of anyone that is intending to send their children to our school next year please check that they have handed in the enrolment forms?

Alternatively, if you are planning to move your child to another school can you please let the office know so that we have this information for planning purposes.

What have Room 9 been doing??

Room 9 have been working on an Olympic project this term.

We had to complete 6 different tasks about the Olympic Games, surrounding some of the curriculum areas. We learnt about how the Olympic games are sustainable in numerous ways as well as learning limericks, information report writing, planning our individual holidays to Rio with a budget, art and design. The children all designed a torch for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Many hours were spent getting them just right and some of them light up.

A great effort was put into their entire projects - some high quality work was shown.

From Room 9 & Mrs van Hattem
Jump Off
Since the launch in week 5 Morphett Vale East School has been doing the Jump Rope for Heart program. The aim of the program is to raise awareness of the importance of having good heart health and to help raise funds for The Heart Foundation. All of the students have been learning some skipping skills (for some, learning how to skip has been a wonderful achievement!), pushing themselves and each other to try new tricks, and simply having fun with skipping. The most pleasing thing to see is every recess and lunch lots of students are picking up a skipping rope and skipping with friends.

Our official ‘Jump Off’ day is the last Friday of term, straight after our regular Friday Assembly. The Jump Off is where the whole school gets to showcase the skills they have learnt during the five weeks. Parents and families are welcome to come along to see the skills in action and even pick up a rope if you like.

The Jump Off day also marks the close of our fundraising period. For those that have been busy fundraising online you have until the last day of term to fundraise. For those that have been collecting cash can you please return your completed sponsorship form and money to the Finance Office before the end of Term 3 so we can process it and send it to The Heart Foundation.

Finally I want to wish all of the Morphett Vale East School Community an enjoyable holiday and remember to try and keep active.

Mr. Hume

Sport Presentations Day
Last Saturday, September 17th we had our Soccer/Netball Presentations. Was a great day seeing all the kids be rewarded for their efforts this season. This year, amongst other awards, we honoured students with our Lindon Alvey Incentive Trophies.

Soccer winners:
U8  Tenzin Byrne
U9  Emily Potts / Amelia Hartwell
U10 Jason Peters- Goldner
U11 Odessa Stewart
U13W Logan French
U13B Brandon Potts

Netball winners
B Grade - Tanaya Duckford
C Grade - Hayley Brown

All these students were worthy winners, congratulations to all of you.

It was a great day in the canteen. We had a guest appearance from Marty from Amart Sports and many happy people won prizes in our raffle.

Thanks to everyone who helped on the day. Big thanks to our students who play Soccer/Netball. See you in 2017.

Christine Hartwell
Soccer/Netball Coordinator

2016 MVES choir
Congratulations to our choir on their recent public performance at the Festival Theatre as part of the Festival of Music Choir. Congratulations also to Sarah Pollard who was selected to perform as part of the Southern Troupe which supported numerous performances through dance and song. The hard work and determination was definitely worth it.

Absent: Lachlan McLean
Twelve of our Year 7 students are having the opportunity to make a meal each lesson and are shown techniques that develop their skills.

- Nutritional information – Learning about the food that we consume and understanding the quantities we should be consuming.
- Budgeting – demonstrating how healthy eating can be affordable and being able to tailor to your budget.
- Meal planning – learning to organize to help maintain the lifestyle change.
- Shopping tips – Where and when to buy the best produce.

The places were initially given to Year 7 students who were on the canteen committee with the other spots being drawn for those who nominated an interest in participating. The students will learn these new skills and next term they will be passing on some of the knowledge to their peers in the school kitchen.
Our book week parade saw an amazing display of costumes. Students and Staff gathered to enjoy the morning assembly in the quadrangle joined by parents who wanted to get a look at just how good the costumes were.

Mrs McHendrie led the National Anthem when we had a problem with the CD and it was heart-warming to hear the students sing the two verses without faltering.

Our comperes for the parade did an awesome job helped out by Mr de Roode and Ms Hibberd.

Here is just a “snapshot” of the “amazing characters” that inspired us on the day – see if you can recognise anyone you know?
20/09/16

Dear Principal,

I am writing on behalf of Wirreanda Secondary School to inform you of some key transition dates scheduled for term 4, 2016.

- **Year 7 Principal/Teacher Meeting**
  Wednesday 26th October (Week 2, Term 4) 3:45 - 4:30pm in the Learning Hub Boardroom
  Year 7 teachers and principals are invited to meet with key year 8 staff to discuss individual student needs. Please RSVP to Sue Bogumil (Promotions and Community Connections Officer) Sue.Bogumil831@schools.sa.edu.au

- **Year 7 to 8 Parent Information Evening**
  Wednesday 9th November (Week 4, Term 4) 6pm in the New Gymnasium
  Parents/caregivers and students are invited to attend the Year 7 to 8 Parent Information Evening to meet Year 8 staff and to receive key information for 2017.

- **Year 7 Student Transition Day**
  Friday 2nd December (Week 7, Term 4) 8:30pm in the New Gymnasium
  Students are invited to attend the Year 7 Student Transition Day to experience a day in the life of a Wirreanda Secondary School Year 8 student. Students will engage in a variety of learning experiences with peer year 7-8 students and key staff.

Please publish the events to your year 7 staff, parents/caregivers and students.

Should you have any queries regarding 7-8 Student Transition please contact Caroline Redding at Wirreanda Secondary School via phone (83829555) or email Caroline.Redding133@schools.sa.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you and your students at the upcoming events.

Kind regards,

Caroline Redding
Senior Leader