

# MORPHETT VALE EAST NEWSLETTER



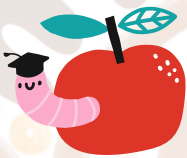
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School



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WEEK 6, TERM 2 - 2025

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## TERM 2 UPDATE



We're now officially past the halfway point of this term. There's truly never a dull moment at our school, with exciting events and experiences always on the horizon. Recently, our students engaged in quality activities in recognition of Reconciliation Week. A crucial time for children all over the country to reflect on our shared history and culture, importantly considering how we can all positively contribute to reconciliation. Our Junior Primary classes are currently in the midst of their school swimming lesson program. These sessions are crucial in order for the children to develop their understanding of safety, as well as strengthen their confidence being in the water. In a few weeks, our students will be fortunate to enjoy the next Musica Viva performance entitled, 'Timmy and the Breakfast Band'. Leading up to the show, teachers will access a digital music program (supplied by Musica Viva), allowing students to be exposed to activities that develop their understanding of rhythm, beat and tone. The performance will help 'bring all the learning together' in a fun and interactive way.

I am pleased to share some exciting news about the future of language learning at our school. After a thoughtful and collaborative process involving staff consultation, Governing Council discussion and a successful trial period with our dedicated classroom teachers, we are delighted to announce that Auslan (Australian Sign Language) will become our school's official reportable language. All students will engage in a 50-minute weekly Auslan lesson with their classroom teacher. This decision reflects our commitment to inclusivity, communication and providing meaningful learning experiences that equip our students with valuable life skills. We also remain deeply committed to our connection with the Kaurna culture and language. Kaurna will continue to be respectfully shared with students throughout the year in a thoughtful and purposeful way, guided by our Aboriginal Community Education Officer, Liam. We are grateful for Liam's knowledge and the rich cultural learning he brings to our school.

All teachers have spent the last few weeks strengthening their students' understanding of the Zones of Regulation. All classes have a large display set up in their rooms, with the children 'checking in' throughout the school day. The zones categorise feelings/emotions into four colours - blue, green, yellow and red. The aim is to help students learn to manage their emotions and develop the ability to self-regulate. Easy for some, not easy for many! It's so helpful having the students hear their teachers and SSOs actively refer to the zones, when describing how they themselves are feeling. The important message I wish for all students to understand is that, 'everyone gets angry and upset, but we need to choose the correct response, so that we don't negatively impact our teachers, classmates and those around us'.

Keep warm and stay healthy,  
Anthony McIver



### LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Anthony McIver**  
*Principal*

**Sonia Cooke**  
*Deputy Principal*

**Rick Whitbread**  
*Student Wellbeing Leader*

### DIARY DATES

#### June

- Week 6 (starting 2nd of June)  
R-2 swimming
- Monday 9th - Public Holiday

#### July

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> End of term early finish

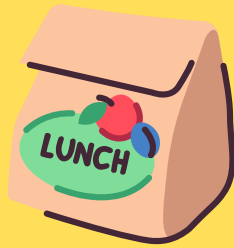
# Ice blocks

Ice blocks are for sale on Fridays at lunch time \$0.50cents for half and \$1.00 for a whole one.



# LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders can be ordered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



# Early finishes

Please enter these into your phone calendar, etc. to help you remember to collect your child on time.

The dates of the 2:10pm early Wednesday finishes for Term 2 are;

4th of June

25th June

End of Term early finish is on the 4th of July at 2:00pm



# FOOD Hampers

We are pleased to offer food hampers every alternate Tuesday in the courtyard. Please note that each family is eligible for one hamper only, and we kindly ask that an adult is present to collect it. Thank you for your cooperation.



# ROAD SAFETY



We kindly remind all parents and caregivers that the staff car park is designated for staff use only. For the safety of our students and staff, please ensure you park outside the school grounds when dropping off or picking up your child. We ask that you refrain from driving through the staff car park during these times. Your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment is greatly appreciated.



# RECONCILIATION WEEK

On Thursday, our students participated in a culturally meaningful Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country as part of our Reconciliation Week activities. These events provide a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with and learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

In addition to these ceremonies, students will take part in various classroom activities designed to foster understanding and respect. With the theme being "Bridging now to Next".



A Smoking Ceremony is a traditional Aboriginal custom that involves burning native plants to produce smoke. This smoke is believed to have cleansing properties, helping to ward off bad spirits and promote the well-being of participants. It is often used to welcome people to a new place, celebrate special occasions, or acknowledge significant events. The ceremony is a powerful way to connect with the land, culture, and community, honouring the rich heritage of Aboriginal peoples.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

## Bridging Now to Next

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

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## SOCCER CLINICS

Students from Rm 2, 3, 16 and 17 will be participating in a soccer clinic every Monday morning for the next 4 weeks. This exciting opportunity allows our students to develop their skills, learn teamwork, and enjoy the benefits of physical activity in a fun and supportive environment.



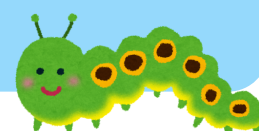
## ENHANCING STUDENT WELLBEING & ENGAGEMENT

We're excited to share our School Wellbeing Timetable, packed with activities designed We encourage all students to participate and make the most of these wonderful opportunities to learn, grow, and have fun!

### SCHOOL WELLBEING TIMETABLE



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b> Where: Student kitchen Time: 8.10-8.45am	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b> Where: Student Kitchen Time: 8.10-8.45am	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b> Where: Student Kitchen Time: 8.10-8.45am	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b> Where: Student Kitchen Time: 8.10-8.45am	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b> Where: Student Kitchen Time: 8.10-8.45am
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LUNCH	<b>MINECRAFT CLUB YRS 3-6</b> Where: Library Time: 12:40-1:10pm	<b>CRAFTS</b> Where: Library Time: 10:40-11:00am			<b>CRAFTS</b> Where: Library Time: 10:40-11:00am
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AFTER SCHOOL		<b>FREE FOOD HAMPERS</b> Where: Quad Time: 2:45-3:10pm *even weeks only	<b>FREE BAKERS DELIGHT BREAD</b> Where: Front of office TIME: 2:45-3:10PM	<b>ASD LEGO CLUB</b> Where: Library Time: 3:00-4:00pm *weeks 3, 6 & 9 only *carogiver must attend, siblings welcome	
		<b>LEARNING CLUB</b> Where: Drama Room Time: 3:00-4:00pm			





# SCHOOL netball



I just want to take a moment to express how incredibly proud I am as a coach. Last year, we had just one netball team representing our school in the SUNA competition—made up entirely of Reception and Year 1 students, the youngest in the league. While we didn't win a game, that never stopped these kids from showing up each week with enthusiasm, resilience, and determination.

This year, most of the same players have returned, along with a few new faces who are new to the game. In our first game of the season, they secured a win! They remembered the rules, played fairly, and demonstrated incredible respect and sportsmanship towards the opposing team. I couldn't be prouder. In our second game of the season, we ended in a draw. A big shout out to Lewis for his resilience and determination. Lily F scored her first goal, and we all enjoyed her fantastic happy dance. Lily also displayed excellent teamwork by consistently sharing the ball with her teammates.

I also want to give a special shoutout to our umpire—my 14-year-old daughter and a former student of the school. She brings patience and understanding to the court, not only guiding the players but also helping other umpires and coaches understand the rules of the game.

Congratulations to our team—Morphies East! I'm so excited to watch you all grow and improve throughout the season.



## Year 5 and 6 Aquatics

In term 1, rooms 2 and 3 went to port noarlunga beach to do aquatics.

There were different groups doing different activities. A few of the groups were doing snorkelling and surfing while others did water safety and body boarding

While we snorkelling under the jetty we saw lots of fish. We were also very close to touching them.

The year 5s learnt about the dangers of the water and about rips and what you do if you need help.

We all used resilience especially when we fell off of the surfboards we didn't give up and we kept going.

By Allirah Reynolds



# UPPER PRIMARY

## PT NOARLUNGA AQUATICS

## GLA Art

In the GLA we've been doing art. We've made zentangle animals. They look really good! Zentangles are made out of lots of patterns and bright colours! We've also made pop art! It's made by putting lots of layers of paper on top of each other using foam squares so it looks like our word is popping out of the page. We have also made optical illusion art, explored blind contour drawing and done some artist studies.

Cody Brumfield



# UPPER PRIMARY

## ART



# MORPHETT VALE EAST VACATION CARE PROGRAM

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 7<sup>th</sup> July- 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025



## MOVIE DAY AT THE CINEMA

Join us as we head to the cinema for a movie. Bring your favourite snacks and drink as you relax with friends whilst enjoying the movie cinema style. We will be travelling on private charter bus to and from the venue.

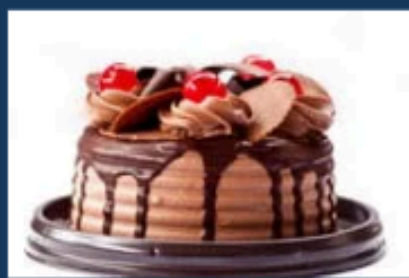
**\*Cost \$14 per child**

Outcome 5: Children and young people are effective communicators

**MONDAY 7/7/25**



**TUESDAY 8/7/25**



## IT'S ALL ABOUT CHOCOLATE DAY

Come along and join in for a day of chocolate. We will be making a range of different foods that are all made with chocolate. If you have a favourite recipe please bring it along and share it with us in OSHC.

Outcome 4: Children and young people are confident and involved learners

## POPEYE AND PICNIC ON THE TORRENS

Join with us as we head to the River Torrens to enjoy a boat ride on Popeye. We will then have a picnic lunch and enjoy the surrounds from the Rotunda. We will be travelling on private charter bus to and from the venue.

**\*Cost \$15 per child**

Outcome 2: Children and young people are connected with and contribute to their world

**WEDNESDAY 9/7/25**



**THURSDAY 10/7/25**



## GLENTHORNE PARK PLAYGROUND

Come along for the day as we head over to a local community playground for a fun filled time before we head back to OSHC. We will be travelling on private charter bus to and from the venue.

**\*Cost \$5 per child**

Outcome 3: Children and young people have a strong sense of wellbeing

## VR HEADSET DAY AT OSHC

Join us as we have VR headsets come to OSHC. There are a variety of games to play when you get your turns to enjoy the VR headsets. Always great fun and loads of entertainment for all who come on the day.

Outcome 3: Children and young people have a strong sense of wellbeing

**FRIDAY 11/7/25**



Remember to check your approved hours per fortnight for CCS

# MORPHETT VALE EAST VACATION CARE PROGRAM

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 7<sup>th</sup> July- 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025



### ROLLER SKATING AT BLACKWOOD

Come to OSHC as we head to Blackwood for a fun filled time roller skating. Children have a great time and learn skills if you're a beginner and enhance you're skills if you're a seasoned skater. We will be travelling on private charter bus to and from the venue.

**\*Cost \$13 per child**

Outcome 4: Children and young are confident and involved learners

**MONDAY 14/7/25**



**TUESDAY 15/7/25**

# GAME TIME

### MINUTE TO WIN IT DAY AT OSHC

Join us at OSHC as we have a day of minute to win it games. Test your skills and see how you go against the educators as well as your peers to see who comes out on top. Plenty of fun and giggles to be had with a range of games

Outcome 2: Children and young people are connected with and contribute to their world

### QUENTINS INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

Come and join us as we head into the Quentin Inclusive playground in the city for some new fun. We will be travelling on private charter bus to and from the venue.

**\*Cost \$10 per child**

Outcome 1: Children and young people have a strong sense of identity

**WEDNESDAY 16/7/25**



**THURSDAY 17/7/25**



### CUPCAKE & BISCUIT MAKING DAY

Our yummy cupcake and biscuit making day is back at OSHC. We will have a range of different recipes, or you can bring your own if that's what you want to share with everyone at OSHC.

Outcome 5: Children and young people are effective communicators

### MOVIE DAY AT THE CINEMA

Its movie day at OSHC. Bring your favourite snacks with a drink and enjoy a movie at the cinema with your friends. We will be travelling on private charter bus to and from the venue.

**\*Cost \$14 per child**

Outcome 1: Children and young people have a strong sense of identity

**FRIDAY 18/7/25**



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