

# MORPHETT VALE EAST NEWSLETTER



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School



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A message  
from the

# PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

We now enter the home stretch of the term, with school holidays on the horizon. Since commencing here as Principal, I've endeavoured to follow the 'every second counts' philosophy, ensuring our educators continue to inspire the students and bring joy and positivity to each school day.

Over the last few weeks we've welcomed many new students to our school. We've also had the pleasure of supporting transitions for our new Reception mid-year intakes. I've been involved in many discussions with our Governing Council and Parents + Friends Committee, highlighting the importance of growing our school community. We have a beautiful learning environment at Morphett Vale East School and it's always a pleasure to show it off on school tours. Thank you - **Emali Early Learning Centre** (Morphett Vale), **Goodstart** (Onkaparinga Hills), **Eden Academy** (Huntfield Heights) and **Brentwood Drive** (Kindergarten) - for allowing me into your centres to promote our school to your families. Early next term, we look forward to hosting a three-day marketing stand at Colonnades Shopping Centre. We'll let you know closer to the date so you can drop by and say 'hi'! More excitingly, our school will be hosting a free outdoor community movie night. It's going to be HUGE! 😊 (Refer to poster later in newsletter, for more details).

**Student mid-year reports** will be going home during the final week of this term. The below chart, indicates the various levels that students are assigned for their 'academic grade' and 'effort', for each taught subject. A friendly reminder that families and students should never be disheartened with a '**C**' grade, as this indicates satisfactory achievement for what is expected at that year level. During the first two weeks of next term, we will encourage families to book an interview time with their child's teacher, if they have any concerns or questions they wish to discuss.

The Australian Curriculum Learning Standards can be accessed at [www.australiancurriculum.edu.au](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au)

These provide information on the learning area skills and understandings.

The following table provides the levels assigned to effort and descriptions for the A - E grades used in reporting on student achievement:

The levels assigned to effort:		The nationally agreed word equivalents for the grades A-E are:	
E	Excellent	A	Your child is demonstrating <b>excellent</b> achievement of what is expected at this year level
G	Good	B	Your child is demonstrating <b>good</b> achievement of what is expected at this year level
S	Satisfactory	C	Your child is demonstrating <b>satisfactory</b> achievement of what is expected at this year level
P	Partial	D	Your child is demonstrating <b>partial</b> achievement of what is expected at this year level
M	Minimal	E	Your child is demonstrating <b>minimal</b> achievement of what is expected at this year level

Enjoy the school holidays everyone!  
Anthony McIver



## LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Anthony McIver**  
*Principal*

**Sonia Cooke**  
*Deputy Principal*

**Rick Whitbread**  
*Student Wellbeing Leader*

## DIARY DATES

### July

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> End of term early finish
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> First Day for Students Term 3
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Wyniss Aboriginal Performance

Enjoy  
the  
Holidays

# POSITIVE Behaviour FOR Learning

I strongly believe an essential quality of a good Principal is HONESTY. I'm so proud of the progress that has been made this term, particularly regarding student support and the way we manage and work with student behaviours. There is however, still work to be done.

I'm genuinely excited to announce that Morphet Vale East School has been selected to implement a highly effective school-wide framework: Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL).

## **What is Positive Behaviour for Learning?**

- PBL is a framework that supports equity and improved learning outcomes for students.
- PBL brings together the school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture.

## **Our school will:**

- develop school-wide values and behaviour expectations.
  - explicitly teach these expectations to all students.
  - acknowledge positive student behaviour.
  - consistently and fairly respond to behaviour of concern.
  - monitor student outcomes and use data to inform decision making.
- The PBL framework helps schools teach behaviour and social skills, and respond to behaviours of concern consistently and support students by teaching them what to do instead.
- We will seek input from parents/carers, students and community about what expectations are important to help all children learn and thrive.

## **What do you need to do?**

- You will receive updates about how we are implementing the PBL framework at our school and the outcomes and benefits for your child/children.
- Next term, we will reach out to students, parent/carers and community to hear from you about your values, expectations and skills that help your children to learn and be safe at school.
- We will welcome your feedback and input to help shape our school culture and future direction.

For more information about the Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework, visit [www.education.sa.gov.au/PBLframework](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/PBLframework)

Anthony McIver

## Thank you Woolworths Woodcroft.

We are thrilled to announce the continued support from Woolworths Woodcroft, who have been generously donating fresh fruit to Morphett Vale East School on a weekly basis. This ongoing partnership plays a vital role in promoting healthy eating habits among our students.

Each week, our students enjoy a variety of fresh fruits, providing them with nutritious snacks that help sustain their energy and focus throughout the school day. This initiative not only supports our health and wellbeing programs but also encourages students to make healthy food choices.

We are incredibly grateful to Woolworths Woodcroft for their unwavering commitment to our school community.



## *Term 3* **RECEPTION INTAKE**

We are delighted to welcome five new Reception students to Morphett Vale East School, starting in Term 3. Over the past few weeks, these young learners have successfully transitioned into school life, and we are thrilled to have them join our school community.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this transition a positive experience.

## END OF TERM CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

Friday the 4th of July is casual day.

For this casual day we are not asking for a gold coin donation. The Student Leadership team has decided we will support Amanda Rishworth's **Annual Winter Appeal** as they thought it was a good way of supporting the local community.

Therefore, we are asking for donations of any of the following items

- non-perishable goods e.g. tinned foods
- new warm socks or beanies for adults or children
- toiletries – soaps, deodorants,
- animal food and blankets – no quilts or blankets with stuffing

Please note they are unable to accept second hand garments

If you can help, please send in any items between now and the last day of term. Items can be dropped off at the front office or left with your child's teacher. We will then deliver them to Amanda's office where they will be distributed to a variety of local charities.

Thank you,

Olivia on behalf of the Student Leaders





# MORPHETT VALE EAST SCHOOL

## PRESENTS...

### FREE OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT



**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

GATES OPEN 5:00PM,  
MOVIE AT 6:30PM



**MORPHETT VALE EAST SCHOOL**

1 MONARCH STREET,  
MORPHETT VALE



FREE ENTRY - BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY!



BYO PICNIC RUGS & CHAIRS



FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



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**@MORPHETTVALEEAST**



\*This is a smoke & alcohol free event\*

\*Screening will be on rain or shine!\*



## Morphett Vale East School

Learn & Grow with us!

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN - Book in a school tour today

- NATURE GARDEN & GREENHOUSE
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# NETBALL



As we near the end of our first term of the netball season, it's been incredible to watch the team come together and grow both on and off the court. The players have shown fantastic teamwork, listened well to their coaches and umpires, and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship throughout.

A special moment this term came when the opposing team was a player short—four of our amazing players stepped up and filled in for them. Huge shout-out to Penny, Lily, Dallas, and Kiari for their great attitudes and impressive play while supporting the other team. That's the kind of spirit we love to see!

We've had some great wins over the past few weeks and just one loss—but as I always remind the team, it's not about the score. What matters most is that we have fun, keep pushing ourselves, and continue to build our skills together. A loss now and then is a healthy part of growth and development—and I'm incredibly proud of how we've handled every challenge.

Also, a special shout-out to Zoe from Room 8, who has battled through a few on-court injuries this season but continues to show determination and resilience every game. What a champ!

Well done, Morphies East—keep up the fantastic work and let's finish the term strong!

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## IMOGEN HELPS RESCUE BABY POSSUM!

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**BREAKING** LIVE  
**NEWS**



While we were walking near the bridge, I noticed something in the middle of the bridge. We went over to check, and guess what I found? A tiny baby possum! He was cold, shivering, and all by himself. Mum and I gently wrapped him up in some warm cloths and took him to the Morphett Vale Animal Hospital. The kind vets there said he was probably blown out of a tree during the storm. Poor little thing!

The vet is now making sure the baby possum is safe and healthy. He'll be sent to a special wildlife carer who will look after him until he's big and strong enough to go back to the wild. And when he's ready, he'll be returned right to the same spot where Imogen found him.

**Great spotting, Imogen! And thank you to the vet and wildlife carers who help look after our furry friends.**

# DEVELOPING STUDENT LEADERS

Developing leadership skills is an important part of student learning at Morphett Vale East.

**Through leadership roles students learn and develop essential skills such as**

- communication
- teamwork
- problem-solving
- building confidence and self esteem
- responsibility
- organisation skills
- initiative

Most importantly it fosters a sense of belonging and encourages students to take pride in their school.

All of these skills connect very strongly with our disposition work – self-esteem, discussion, taking responsibility, collaboration and resilience.

**In the early years, students are introduced to leadership through simple classroom roles:**

- line leaders
- classroom helpers
- group jobs.

**Middle Primary students are offered more structured leadership opportunities:**

- helping organise class events and learning activities
- classroom jobs – computer monitor, lunch order monitors
- whole school jobs – flag monitors, gate monitors

**Upper Primary students are encouraged to take on more significant leadership roles:**

- House Captains
  - supporting and leading a House Team
  - organising team try outs
  - supporting the teachers in the running of the events
  - organising house lunchtime events to encourage team work
- Student Leadership team member
  - Organising lunchtime activities
  - Organising and presenting assemblies
  - Supporting special days and events
  - Providing feedback to school staff on students' point of view

So far, our Student Leadership team have been involved in organising the end of term casual day fundraising event for a local charity, running regular lunchtime activities and will be working together with other students to develop chants and mascots for our new house teams.





### **Cricket Club**

Cricket club was run on Thursday lunchtimes for any year 3-6 students. It was run on the BRAND NEW CRICKET PITCH!.

So far it has been running successfully. We worked successfully with other people we don't normally work with.

Jayden and Vaander



### **Lego Club**

Lego club was held in the library on Wednesday lunchtimes. This was a chance for people to play with other people and build with Lego. Although it was only a small group of students who joined in it was good to see people having fun at lunchtime. I felt very successful with the club as everyone had lots of fun. It was a good thing to start out with this club as a student learner so I can learn from my mistakes and make the next club even more successful

Aaron



### **Book Club**

In book club we have been working on designing book covers for our books and writing our stories and poems. Book Club is about finding a passion in bookmaking. I started this club because I absolutely LOVE books and I wanted to make my own and share my passion with others. I thought it was quite successful even though there were only a few students sometimes. We pushed on, we had fun, and I was very proud of what I did to help our students at lunchtime.

Adele



### **Art and Craft club**

During arts and crafts club on Tuesday lunchtime we made caterpillar desk pets, woolly stars and paper chain necklaces. The kids loved making them and the end results were amazing. I thought it was quite successful because the kids were focussed and they were intrigued and curious with what we were doing and they left the session happy. It also made me very happy because I could see how happy they were.

Olivia



### **Dodgeball**

Dodgeball was held on Wednesday lunchtimes. It was a very popular activity for all students. It went really well, and everyone had a great time. It was a fun way to spend lunchtime with our friends. We felt proud to know that we had helped kids in our school by giving them something fun and different to do at lunchtime. We think will be continuing with Dodgeball next term.

Allirah and Aleah





# 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.

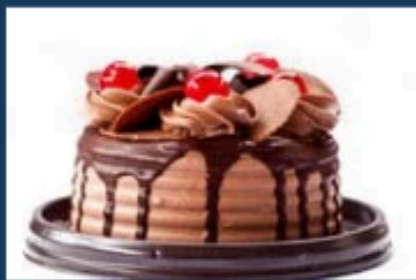
**\*Cost \$14 per child**

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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