

MORPHETT VALE EAST NEWSLETTER



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Dear Families,

Term 4 is always filled with excitement, as we celebrate our students' learning, growth and achievements. There's so much to look forward to – from special events and performances to our end-of-year celebrations and preparations for 2026.

As I write this newsletter, there's a wonderful buzz of excitement outside my window – families, staff and students are busily preparing for our **Outdoor Movie Night!** The smell of popcorn, the sound of laughter and the sight of our community coming together, reminds me just how special our school really is. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped make this event possible – from our amazing staff and volunteers to the families who have supported behind the scenes.



On Monday, 13th October, our staff participated in a **Student Free Day** focused on professional learning and school improvement. The day provided an important opportunity for teachers to strengthen their understanding of the South Australian Curriculum, review our recently completed PAT Reading and Mathematics assessment data, and begin developing our 2026 Site Learning Plan. This planning ensures that our teaching and learning continues to evolve and meets the needs of every learner at our school.

Just like last term, all families will soon receive a **Term 4 Overview** via Class Dojo, outlining the key areas of learning and focus for each class. These overviews are a great way to stay connected to your child's learning journey and see the fantastic work happening across our school.



As the weather begins to warm up, it's a good time to remind families about the importance of adhering to our **school uniform** policy. Wearing our uniform helps create a sense of pride, belonging and equality among students. We ask that families please ensure their children are coming to school in the correct uniform each day – including appropriate footwear and hats for outdoor play. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our high standards and school identity.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our school has begun implementing the **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)** framework – an evidence-based approach that supports positive student behaviour and wellbeing. Over the past few weeks, we have been busy collecting feedback and data from staff, students and families to identify our new school values. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey and share their thoughts. Your input has been invaluable. We're now in the final stages of refining our values and look forward to unveiling them in the coming weeks. These values will form the foundation for our shared expectations and guide how we learn and interact as a community.

Kind Regards,
Anthony McIver
Principal



LEADERSHIP TEAM

Anthony McIver
Principal

Sonia Cooke
Deputy Principal

Rick Whitbread
Student Wellbeing Leader

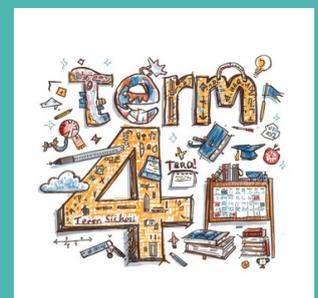
DIARY DATES

October

- 31st - Halloween Disco

November

- Thurs 6th - Choir Performs
- Wed 19th - Early Finish 2.10pm
- Wed 10th - Early Finish 2.10pm



ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 NOW OPEN

Enrolments for the 2026 school year are now open. To assist with our preparations, we kindly ask that if you, or anyone you know, intends to enrol at our school in 2026, please collect an enrolment pack from the front office. Completed enrolment forms should be returned before the end of Term 3.

Your prompt attention to this matter will greatly assist us in planning for the upcoming school year. Thank you for your cooperation.

EARLY FINISHES TERM 4

To support families in planning ahead, please add the following early finish dates to your calendar or phone reminders. On these Wednesdays, school will conclude at 2:10 pm.

The early dismissal dates for Term 4 are:

29th October

19th November

10th December

End of Term 4 early Finish 2pm on the 12th of December.

LOST PROPERTY

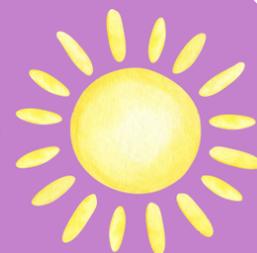
We have collected a significant number of unlabelled jumpers and drink bottles in lost property this term. To help us return items quickly, please ensure your child's school clothing (including hats) and drink bottles are clearly labelled with their name. The lost property box is conveniently located in the front office for easy access

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENTS NOT RETURNING 2026

As we begin planning for the 2026 class structures next term, it is essential to know the number of enrolments in each year level. To assist with this process, we kindly request that you inform us of any students who will not be returning in 2026.

Your timely notification will greatly aid us in organising classes effectively for the upcoming school year. Thank you for your cooperation.

HAT REQUIREMENT REMINDER



Starting from the 1st of September, we expect all students to wear a hat during outdoor activities, as well as during recess and lunch breaks. Students without a hat will need to play in a shaded area. This expectation aligns with the guidelines set by the Department for Education and the Anti-Cancer Foundation. Thank you for your understanding and support in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students.



BIKES SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS

For the safety of all students and families, bikes, scooters, and skateboards must be walked—rather than ridden—through the courtyard before and after school. Thank you for helping us keep our school grounds safe.



UPDATING CHANGE OF DETAILS

It is important that we have the most up-to-date information for your child on file. If your contact details or any other personal information has changed, please complete a change of details form, available at the front desk. Alternatively, you can update your child's information by emailing the school at dl.1188.info@schools.sa.edu.au or by sending me a message on Class Dojo. Thank you for helping us keep our records current.

A vibrant Halloween-themed poster for a disco event. The background is purple with orange and white spider webs, a white ghost, a black bat, a black cat, and a witch on a broom. At the bottom are several orange jack-o'-lanterns. The text is centered and reads:

**HALLOWEEN
DISCO**

Friday 31st October

Junior primary R-2, 5pm until 6pm

Upper primary 3-6, 6:30pm until 7:30pm

Tickets \$5 including glow stick

Purchase your tickets from Monday the 20th
October from the Finance office

MOVIE NIGHT



THANK YOU!





Room 17 Poetry

Please enjoy a selection of
Haiku and Cinquain Poetry

Spring

Flowers are growing
Trees are no longer empty
Bees pollinating
By Imogen

Football

Rough, fun
Tackling, sliding, defending
It's super fun sport
FOOTY!
By Alaylah

Sleep

Relaxing recovering
Snoring, dreaming, drooling
Makes you feel refreshed
Doze
By Riley

Japan

Beautiful long views
Mountains that are really high
Pink cherry blossoms
By Liam

Basketball

Exciting, fun
Running, shooting, defending
Fun to play with friends
Sport
By Jasper

Water

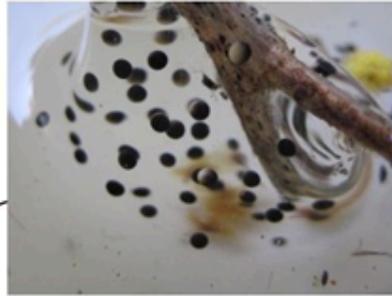
Light blue hushing waves
School of fish swimming slowly
Red fish passing by
By Archer



Room 16's Tadpoles and Frogs

In Room 16 we have been learning about tadpoles and frogs. Mrs Cooke gave us some tadpoles. We fed them fish food and plants. They started to grow fat. Then they grew back legs. Next they grew front legs. When they have legs they are called froglets. Over the holidays they turned into frogs. Now they eat crickets and stay out of the water longer. Here are pictures of our tadpoles that turned into frogs. The egg picture is from the internet as we didn't get to see them as eggs. Maxx and Stephen

Frog's Life Cycle



Eggs

Did you know that the brown tree frog can lay between 500-700 eggs?



Tadpoles

They hatch from the egg after 4-6 days. They stay a tadpole for 5-9 weeks.



Frog

The last 24 hours is when the froglet metamorphosis to a frog. The tail shrinks and it transforms to a frog.



Froglet (Front & Back Legs)

Front legs start to grow at about 9-12 weeks. The froglet will stay in this stage for about 1-2 weeks



Froglet (Back legs)

Back legs can start to grow from 5-9 weeks.

Metamorphosis

Metamorphosis is a big change in an animal's body as it grows. It looks very different from when it was a baby to when it is an fully grown. The tadpole metamorphosed into the frog. It had a complete transformation. Arhliya

Camouflage

Frogs can be different colours like green, brown and even red, yellow and blue. They will often camouflage in with things in their tank. Camouflage means they blend in with things in their tank and you can barely see them. Our frogs camouflage with the water, rocks, sand and dirt in our tank. Can you spot our frogs hiding in these pictures? Layla



Fun Frog Facts

There are over 7,500 different frog species in the world and 250 of them live in Australia? Tyson

Frogs can jump more than 20 times their height. Jack

Frogs don't just use their mouth to swallow they also use their eyeballs. too. They do this by retracting their eyeballs into their skulls to help them push food down. Seb

Frogs eat leftover tadpole eggs. Tadpoles have external gills to help them breathe. Their tail gets shorter and shorter as they grow and is absorbed by it's body. Frogs have lungs and breathe through these. Ryder

Did you know frogs moult? This means they shed their skin. This usually only takes a few minutes and they eat it as it has lots of good nutrients in it. Layla



The frogs can jump around. They jumped out of the tank. We had to put mesh at the top of their tank and they still got out. We even have to tape the mesh down now so they can't escape. One of them jumped out of my hand it felt weird. Ayva, Amelia and Johnny

