

MORPHETT VALE EAST NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has truly been a year filled with joy, connection and shared achievement. Our school has continued to grow not only in learning, but also in spirit, inclusivity, and community pride—and that is something we can all celebrate together.

From the excitement of our Colour Run Fundraiser to the vibrant celebrations of Harmony Day, our students embraced each opportunity to learn, laugh and show kindness. Autism Awareness Day and our Yarning BBQ were standout moments of unity and understanding, reminding us how important it is to honour every child's story, identity and uniqueness.

This year we were also thrilled to welcome families into the school for events such as Special Person's Day, which showcased the incredible support network surrounding our students. Our learners shone on stage and in the spotlight throughout the year—whether during the inspiring Musica Viva performances, uplifting choir events, or the festive joy of our Christmas Concert.

We continued to champion wellbeing, with Bullying 'No Way' Week empowering students to speak up, stand together and foster a culture of kindness. Creativity and imagination were on full display during the Book Week Parade, while our Outdoor Movie Night and Halloween Disco brought pure fun and a strong sense of community connection.

Beyond the gates of our school, students enjoyed amazing camps and excursions, where they deepened friendships, developed resilience and created unforgettable memories.

I would also like to extend a HUGE thank you to all our volunteers and to the parents who have generously served on our Governing Council this year. Your time, energy, and commitment make an enormous difference—from strengthening school-community partnerships to helping guide the strategic direction of our site. You play a vital role in ensuring our students have the best possible opportunities, and your support is deeply valued and appreciated by our entire school community.

Your child's End of Year Report will be coming home shortly. These reports provide a summary of your child's learning progress, achievements and growth throughout the year, in line with the Department for Education reporting requirements here in South Australia. We encourage you to take the time to read through the report together with your child and celebrate their efforts and successes.

Thank you for another successful, uplifting and joyful year. I wish all our families a safe and relaxing holiday break. I look forward to seeing everyone return refreshed and ready for another great year ahead.

Kind Regards,
Anthony McIver
Principal



**Morphett Vale East
School**



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Department for Education

WEEK 9 , TERM 4 - 2025

ISSUE: 12



LEADERSHIP TEAM

Anthony McIver
Principal

Sonia Cooke
Deputy Principal

Rick Whitbread
Student Wellbeing Leader

DIARY DATES

December

- Wed 10th - Yr6 Graduation
- Wed 10th - Early Finish 2.10pm
- Fri 12th - End of Year Early Finish 2.00pm

January

- Tue 27th - Term 1 begins





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APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL

Dear Morphett Vale East School Community,

It is with great pleasure that I announce Anthony McIver will continue as Principal of Morphett Vale East School in 2026. We extend our sincere appreciation to Anthony for his leadership, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to supporting students, staff, and the wider school community. His dedication to ongoing improvement ensures that every child has the opportunity to learn, thrive, and prosper.

On behalf of the Local Education Team, I wish the entire Morphett Vale East School community a successful conclusion to Term 4 and a safe, enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to working together in 2026.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Makris".

Heather Makris
Education Director

5 December 2025

STAFF FAREWELLS

Good luck to Hannah Moon, our Speech & Language teacher, as she prepares to celebrate the wonderful arrival of her baby.

A sincere thank you to Lyn Fernandez, who kindly stepped in to teach a Junior Primary class this year. We are incredibly grateful for her calm, caring manner and the outstanding work she has provided.

Thank you to Scott Clark, our hardworking Groundsman, who will now be full time at his other school—we are so incredibly grateful for everything he's contributed to our grounds and community.

We thank Sharie Taylor, who has done an outstanding job stepping in as our Aboriginal Community Education Officer, building strong and inspiring relationships with our students.

Best wishes to Peter McMaster, who will be taking a well-deserved break in 2026 to travel around Australia with his family. We thank Peter for everything he has contributed to our school community and wish him safe travels and a wonderful year of adventure.

And finally, we offer a HUGE and very heartfelt farewell to our retiring Deputy Principal, Sonia Cooke. After 40 years of dedicated service to the Department for Education, Sonia leaves us as an extraordinary educator and an inspirational person. She has touched the hearts of thousands of students and families. Her legacy will remain a cherished part of our school's story.



2026 STAFFING

LEADERSHIP

Principal – Anthony McIver
Deputy Principal – Ellen Barr
Wellbeing Leader – Rick Whitbread

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Speech & Language (Room 5):
Steph Petersen (M-W) / Angie Hibberd (Th-F)

Reception (Room 7):
Michele Hargreaves (M-Th) / Steph Petersen (F)

Year 1 (Room 8): Peter De Roode

Year 2/3 (Room 16): Sarah McClure

Year 2/3 (Room 17): Tammy O'Donoghue

Year 4 (Room 19): Tristram Wildy

Year 5/6 (Room 2): Stephen Brine

Year 5/6 (Room 3): Peter Berry

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

The Arts – Adam Lock (Tu + W)
Digital Tech – Steph Petersen (Th)
PE/Health – Alexandra Schnaars (W-F)
HASS – Rebecca Taha (Tu + W)

SUPPORT STAFF

Erin (Business Manager), Christie (Front Office), Annette (Speech & Language), Dave (Groundsperson), Michele K, Carol, Jenni, John, Brooke, Jack, Sasha, Amanda M and Courtney.



WELL DONE TO OUR CONCERT PERFORMERS!

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our End of Year Concert! Each and every student demonstrated great enthusiasm, talent, and perseverance in preparing for their performances. The concert was a fantastic showcase of our students' creativity and confidence, with lively drumming performances and a fun-filled Chicken Dance bringing plenty of smiles and applause from the audience.

We are extremely proud of the effort and teamwork shown by every class. Thank you to our wonderful students for making the concert a memorable celebration, and to all the families and staff for your ongoing support throughout the year.

Well done, everyone!



LUNCH ORDERS 2026

Exciting Changes to Our School Lunch Orders for 2026 🍏

We are pleased to announce that, starting from Week 4 next year, our lunch orders will be provided by Express O Café 🍰.

From now on, all lunch orders must be placed using the Qkr! app 📱, as cash payments will no longer be accepted. Please find instructions attached to help you set up your Qkr! account, along with the new menu 📄.

A few key points to note:

- ⌚ Orders must be placed no later than 8:30am on the day.
- 📅 You can pre-order in advance.
- ✅ Our school account is now live, and orders can be placed from today for next Tuesday's trial.
- 🙌 We encourage all families who regularly order lunches to participate in the trial next Tuesday, so everyone is ready for the official start in Week 4, 2026.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we welcome Express O Café to our school community! ⭐



EASY > SECURE > CONVENIENT

Accept payments 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Step 1. Download Qkr!

On your Android phone or iPhone.
iPad users must download iPhone app.

Step 2. Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register.

Step 3. Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of our school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4. Register your child

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child/children. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Now you can pay for:

School Lunches, anywhere, anytime!

View your receipts on the app and
get them sent by email if required.



Available on the
App Store



GET IT ON
Google play



Lunch Time

ORDER TODAY





2025 SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

CONTACT US ON

Claire@express-o.com.au or 8382 2212

HOT LUNCH CHOICES

Meat Pie - \$5.00
Sausage Roll - \$5.00
Half Hot Dog - \$4.00
Full Hot Dog - \$7.00
(3) Fish Fingers with oven chips - \$5.50 or wedges - \$6.00
(3) Chicken Nuggs with oven chips - \$5.00 or wedges - \$5.50
(6) Chicken Nuggs with oven chips - \$8.00 or wedges - \$8.50
(2) Chicken Tenders with oven chips - \$7.50 or wedges - \$8.00
(3) cocktail franks with garlic bread - \$6.50
Bolognese Pasta with garlic bread - \$8.00
Mac & Cheese - \$6.50
Butter Chicken, Rice & Naan - \$8.50
Lasagne & Garlic Bread - \$8.50
Nachos from \$7.00 add sour cream, cheese, avocado
Baked Potato from \$5.50 add cheese, pineapple, ham, Bolognese (Gluten Free)
Ham & Pineapple Pizza slice - \$6.50
Beef Pattie Burger from \$7.50 add cheese & sauce
Chicken Tender Burger from \$7.50 add cheese & sauce
Veggie Burger from from \$7.50 add cheese & sauce
Hot Chicken & Gravy or Mayo Roll - \$7.50
Hot Ham & Cheese Roll - \$7.50
Two Minute Noodles - Chicken or Beef - \$3.50
Cheese & Tomato Croissant - \$5.50
Ham & Cheese Croissant - \$6.00

GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS

(3) Nuggets & chips - \$5.50
(6) Nuggets & chips - \$8.50
Bolognese Pasta - \$8.00
Butterchicken & Rice - 8.50
Mac n cheese - \$6.80
Sausage Roll - \$5.50
Beef Mince Pie - \$5.50
Garlic Bread - \$3.00
Cheese & Crackers - \$2.50
Vanilla Cupcake - \$2.50

COLD LUNCH CHOICES

Sandwiches, Wraps or Rolls - Fresh or Toasted
Variety of spreads, fresh meats, cheese & salads
- price varies on choices - Gluten Free Available

Salad packs -(Gluten Free)
Garden Salad - lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot - \$4.80
Greek Salad - lettuce, feta, red onion, olives, tomato, cucumber - \$7.80
Rainbow Chicken Salad - lettuce, beetroot, carrot, cucumber, mayo - \$7.80

SNACKS

Fruit Salad - \$5.50 (Gluten Free)
Popcorn - \$2.00 (Gluten Free)
Cheese & Crackers - \$2.50
Veggie Cup - Cucumber, Carrot sticks - \$3.00 (Gluten Free)
Corn Cob - \$1.50 (Gluten Free)
Hashbrown - \$2.00
Garlic Bread (3 pieces) - \$2.50
Banana Bread - \$4.00 (fresh or toasted)
Chocolate Chip Cookie - \$2.50
MnM Cookie - \$2.50
Chocolate Chip or Blueberry Muffin - \$3.00
Jelly cup - \$2.50 (Gluten Free)
Yoghurt pouch - \$2.50 (Gluten Free)
Zooper Dooper - \$2.00 (Gluten Free)

DRINKS

600ml water - \$3.00
200ml chocolate milk - \$2.50
200ml strawberry milk - \$2.50
200ml apple juice - \$2.50
200ml orange juice - \$2.50

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE
20c extra for sauce in any packs



Onkaparinga Libraries

SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

Visit any Onkaparinga library during the summer school holidays to enjoy a range of fun, free activities!

Onkaparinga Libraries will also host the Big Summer Lounge from 5–23 January, offering free, family-friendly spaces with games, crafts and relaxing summer vibes at every branch. Drop in during opening hours to check it out.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS



SUMMER EVENTS



BIG SUMMER READ





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JANUARY EVENTS



BIG SUMMER READ



MORPHETT VALE EAST VACATION CARE PROGRAM - DECEMBER 2025 / JANUARY 2026

WE ARE CLOSED FROM THE 15th OF DECEMBER 2025 THROUGH TO THE 5th OF JAN 2026.



WALLIS NOARLUNGA

Join us for a movie at the cinema with your friends. Bring along some snacks to enjoy whilst watching the movie. Private charter bus will take us to and from the venue.

***Cost \$14 per child**

Outcome 5: Children and young people are effective communicators.

MONDAY 15/12/25



TUESDAY 16/12/25



WILFRED TAYLOR & WHEELS DAY

Come with us as we head over to the nature playground at Wilfred Taylor reserve. Lots of things to do with your friends from OSHC as well as our local community. We are walking to and from the venue.

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

CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS DAY

Join us as we will be having a fun time making and decorating Christmas arts and crafts. Lots of fun to be with friends and take home your art & crafts

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

WEDNESDAY 17/12/25



THURSDAY 18/12/25



CHRISTMAS BAKING DAY

We are baking a range of Christmas snacks for you to take home to enjoy over Christmas. Bring your favorite recipes for us to try at OSHC.

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

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Come along for our last day before we head off on our Christmas break and let's enjoy our OSHC Christmas lunch together. We will have roast chicken, ham and some salad and a yummy dessert.

***Cost \$5 per child**

Outcome 5: Children and young people are effective communicators

FRIDAY 19/12/25



Remember to check your approved hours per fortnight for CCS

MORPHETT VALE EAST VACATION CARE PROGRAM

JANUARY 5th - JANUARY 23RD 2026



SMOOTHIES AND WATER PLAY DAY

Bring your own favorite smoothie recipes and for water play remember to bring your bathers, and a towel for our day of fun at OSHC.

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

MONDAY 5/1/26



TUESDAY 6/1/26



TYE DYE DAY AT OSHC

What a great way to spend a day at OSHC. You will have a great time designing your very own tie dye creation to take home and enjoy. You can also bring your wheels for use throughout the day.

Outcome 5: Children and young people are effective communicators.

TREASURE HUNT & FAMOUS OSHC QUIZ DAY

Will you and your team become our next quiz master champions, come along and see how clever you are at our famous OSHC quiz. We will also be having a treasure hunt for you to use your navigating skills to find the hidden objects.

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

WEDNESDAY 7/1/26



THURSDAY 8/1/26



ADELAIDE OVAL DAY & PICNIC LUNCH

Join us as we head into the Adelaide Oval for a behind the scenes tour. We will have a picnic lunch at the Rotunda and a play on the lawns before heading back to OSHC. Private charter bus will take us to and from the venue.

*Cost \$15 per child

Outcome 5: Children and young people are effective communicators.

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE DAY AT OSHC

Come along for a fun filled day of cooking at OSHC. We will be cooking a range of different cuisines for you to enjoy all day.

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

FRIDAY 9/1/26



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MORPHETT VALE EAST VACATION CARE PROGRAM

JANUARY 5th - JANUARY 23rd 2026



VICTOR HARBOUR PLAYGROUND AND BEACH DAY

Join us as we head off to Victor Harbour's nature playground and a stroll along the beach. Private charter bus will take us to and from the venue.

*Cost \$5 per child

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

MONDAY 12/1/26



TUESDAY 13/1/26



BAKING DAY AT OSHC

Have you any favorite sweet recipes for us to bake at OSHC. Sweet treats will be made throughout the day with all baking being tasted at snack time.

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

WATER PLAY, BALLOONS AND PIZZA DAY

Come to us with your water balloons, water squirter and yummy pizza ideas for our day at OSHC. We will have water play activities throughout the day with lots of activities to participate in.

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

WEDNESDAY 14/1/26



THURSDAY 15/1/26



WHEELS AND DEVICES DAY AT OSHC

Come to us with your wheels for the day. We will have timeslots throughout the day where you will get to have time on your devices.

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

WALLIS NOARLUNGA

Join us for a movie at the cinema with your friends. Bring along some snacks to enjoy whilst watching the movie. Private charter bus will take us to and from the venue.

*Cost \$14 per child

Outcome 5: Children and young people are effective communicators.

FRIDAY 16/1/26



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MORPHETT VALE EAST VACATION CARE PROGRAM

JANUARY 5TH - JANUARY 23RD 2026



WILFRED TAYLOR RESERVE & POPCORN DAY

Come with us as we head over to the nature playground at Wilfred Taylor reserve. Lots of things to do with your friends from OSHC as well as our local community. We are walking to and from the venue.

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

MONDAY 19/1/26



TUESDAY 20/1/26



WATER PLAY and WHEELS DAY

Join us for the day as we have a fun filled day of water play activities at OSHC. Bring your bathers and a towel and a board game to play in the afternoon

Outcome 5: Children and young people are effective communicators

VR HEADSET DAY AT OSHC

What a great way to spend a day at OSHC. We have the VR headsets coming for the day. We have the arcade games here for you to play when the VR games have departed OSHC.

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

WEDNESDAY 21/1/26



THURSDAY 22/1/26



TIE DYE DAY AT OSHC

What a great way to spend a day at OSHC. You will have a great time designing your very own tie dye creation to take home and enjoy. You can also bring your wheels for use throughout the day.

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

PARTY AND PIZZA DAY AT OSHC

Come and join us as we celebrate the last day of the holidays. We will be Domino's pizza for lunch.

*Cost \$5 per child

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

FRIDAY 23/1/26



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