

# MORPHETT VALE EAST NEWSLETTER



Morphett Vale East School



Government of South Australia

Department for Education

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2!

I hope all families had a restful and enjoyable break. As we begin a new term together, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful way we concluded last term with our Colour Run. What a fantastic success it was! The energy, laughter and sense of community on the day was truly special. Our students had an incredible time and I must admit, there was plenty of hilarity in watching the leadership team get well and truly slimed! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fundraising effort and supported the event—your involvement makes experiences like this possible.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our Parents & Friends Committee for their ongoing dedication, particularly in supporting our Mother's and Special Person's Day Stall. Opportunities like this are so meaningful for our students, allowing them to thoughtfully select gifts for their loved ones. We are very fortunate to have such a committed and generous parent community.

It is my pleasure to formally invite all families to attend our upcoming Special Person's Day Open Morning on Friday, 15th May. The morning will begin with an assembly in the gymnasium at 9:00am, after which families are warmly welcomed into classrooms to spend time learning alongside their children and enjoying a range of fun activities. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

This term, teachers have provided families with a Term Overview, outlining the key learning areas and focus topics that students will be exploring. These overviews are a valuable way to stay informed and engaged with your child's learning journey, and I encourage you to take the time to review them together.

I am also excited to introduce a new initiative that we have recently commenced at our school—the 'Success Bell'. This initiative celebrates student achievement in a visible and joyful way. When students accomplish a personal goal, they are invited to the office to receive a certificate, have their photo displayed on our Success Wall, and proudly ring the bell to share their success. It has already brought great enthusiasm and pride among our students and we look forward to seeing this initiative continue to grow!



Finally, I would like to remind families that Monday, 18th May will be a Pupil Free Day. On this day, our educators will be continuing our school improvement journey, with a focus on literacy development, Positive Behaviour for Learning, and further implementation of the South Australian Curriculum.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our wonderful school. We are grateful for the strong partnership we share with our families and look forward to another productive and rewarding term ahead.

Kind Regards,

Anthony McIver  
Principal - Morphett Vale East School



WEEK 3, TERM 2 - 2026

ISSUE: 4



## LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Anthony McIver**  
*Principal*

**Ellen Barr**  
*Deputy Principal*

**Rick Whitbread**  
*Student Wellbeing Leader*

## DIARY DATES

### May

- Wed 13th - Early Finish 2:10pm
- Fri 15th - Special Persons Day
- Mon 18th - Student Free Day

### June

- Mon 1st - 5th - R-4 Swimming
- Wed 3rd - Early Finish 2:10pm
- Mon 8th - Kings Birthday
- Wed 24th - Early Finish 2:10pm



# SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we commence Term 2, we would like to remind families of our school uniform policy at Morphett Vale East School. Wearing the correct uniform helps our students feel a sense of belonging and pride in our school community.

Our uniform expectations are:

- Polo Shirts: Navy and teal collared shirt
- Dresses: Teal, navy and white check
- Skirts: Navy netball skirt or skort
- Shorts: Navy shorts for girls and boys (no logos, stripes, or patterns; no denim or black)
- Pants: Navy track pants or trousers (no logos, stripes, or patterns; no denim or black)
- Windcheater/Jumper: Navy, teal and white 1/4 zip windcheaters or striped rugby jumpers
- Hats: Navy wide brim hats (required for all students in Term 1)

Plain navy blue bottoms (shorts, skirts, pants) can be purchased from any store—just ensure they are free from logos, stripes or patterns.

Uniform items and hats are available for purchase at the school this week. Please note, students without a navy wide brim hat will be asked to play in the shade.

# STAFF CARPARK

We have recently noticed an increase in parents and caregivers using the staff carpark during drop off and pick up times. For the safety of all students and staff, we kindly remind families that the staff carpark is reserved for staff members only.



Please ensure you park outside the school grounds when bringing your child to school in the morning or collecting them at the end of the school day. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

# SWIMMING - WEEK 6

Swimming lessons for all Reception to Year 4 students will take place during Week 6 of this term. These lessons are a valuable part of our Health and Physical Education program and provide students with essential water safety skills.



EdSmart permission forms have been sent home to families. Please ensure these forms are completed and returned as soon as possible. Payment can be made directly to the finance office.

# STUDENT FREE DAY

A reminder to families that Monday, 18 May is a student free day. On this day, staff will be participating in professional development to continue enhancing teaching and learning programs at Morphett Vale East School.

OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) will be available for families who require care. If you need to book your child into OSHC for this day, please do so as soon as possible to secure a place.

# 2:10 EARLY FINISH

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

- 13<sup>th</sup> May
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- 24<sup>th</sup> June



End of Term early finish is on the 3rd of July at 2:00pm.

Be SAFE

# Wellbeing

Be Kind

## New Wellbeing Officer

We are delighted to welcome Alex, our new Wellbeing Officer, who will be supporting our school community on Tuesdays and Fridays. Alex brings a compassionate, calm, and approachable presence to our team, with extensive experience supporting primary-aged children and their families. Alex focuses on building trust and emotional safety, providing age-appropriate wellbeing conversations, and offering practical support for students experiencing challenges such as anxiety, grief, or change. Alex works collaboratively with staff and families, maintaining professionalism, confidentiality, and a commitment to respect every child's background and beliefs.

## Attendance

### BENEFITS OF GOING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY



more likely to stay on track and progress academically



opportunities to take part in social and learning activities organised by the school



more likely to have stronger social and peer connections



learning positive life skills



safe in the care of school staff with access to support and services when needed



will reach their full potential and have a range of opportunities in life

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

### Next Steps at Morphett Vale East School

We are excited to share that our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program is moving into its next stage, focusing on teaching the positive behaviours we want to see in our school community.

On our PBL journey so far, we have identified our core values—Be Kind, Be Safe, and Be Responsible—which reflect how we want to be seen as a school. We have also developed clear school expectations that outline the specific behaviours connected to each value. We are now teaching these behaviours directly to all students using our behaviour matrix. This approach helps students:

- Learn new, positive ways of behaving by developing social skills and appropriate responses
- Retain these behaviours through specific, positive feedback and regular practice across different school settings
- Understand that good behaviour is an important life skill, just like reading or writing

This term, our focus is on using manners and kind words, which are essential for building respectful, positive interactions. Manners cost nothing, but have a big impact on building relationships and a harmonious school environment.

You can support our work by modelling polite language and kind words at home. By working together, we can help every child learn and grow in a supportive, respectful community.

### SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

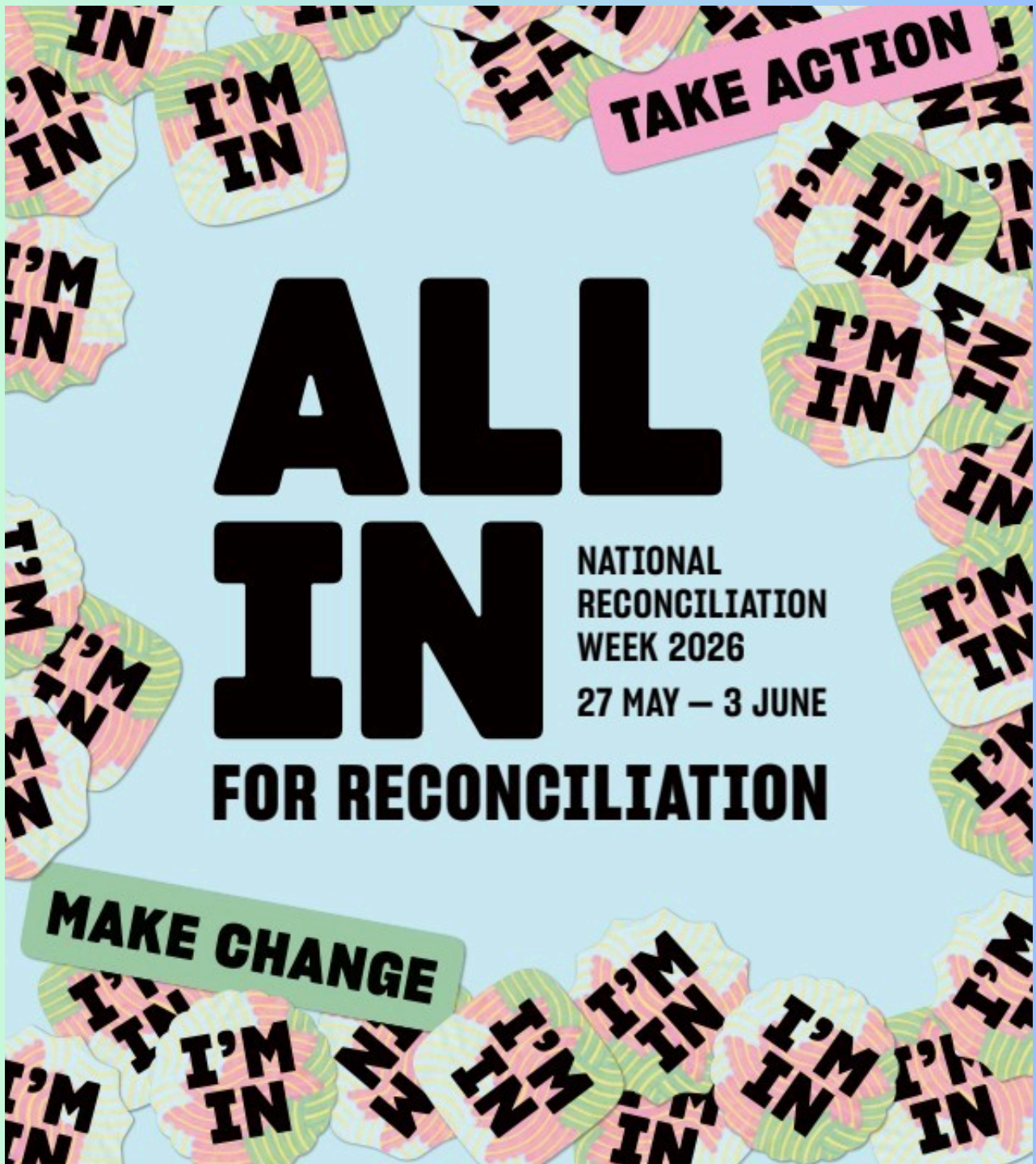
Morphett Vale East School	BE SAFE	BE KIND	BE RESPONSIBLE
<b>Classroom</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I ask permission if I need to leave the classroom (e.g. toilet, drink)</li> <li>• I walk calmly and quietly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I use manners (please, thank you)</li> <li>• I take turns when working or playing with others.</li> <li>• I wait patiently for my turn to speak</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I follow classroom routines</li> <li>• I finish all learning tasks and jobs I am given</li> <li>• I am always ready for learning</li> </ul>	
<b>Outside</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I wear my shoes and hat</li> <li>• I report unsafe behaviour to adults</li> <li>• I stay within the school boundaries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I include others to join in my games</li> <li>• I share play equipment and take turns.</li> <li>• I put my rubbish in the bin before I go outside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am SunSmart</li> <li>• I go to class when the bell goes</li> <li>• I play games by the rules</li> </ul>	
<b>Always</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I look after school equipment</li> <li>• I listen to and follow adult instructions</li> <li>• I use safe hands and feet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I use nice words</li> <li>• I listen when someone is speaking</li> <li>• I treat people the way that I want to be treated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I ask for help if I am unsure what to do</li> <li>• I own my actions and learn from my mistakes</li> <li>• I choose actions that allow everyone do their best learning</li> </ul>	

PLEASE

THANK YOU

Be Responsible

YOU'VE TOTALLY GOT THIS!



## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is an important time for us all to learn more about Australia’s shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to consider how each of us can help achieve reconciliation in our country. NRW is held each year from 27 May to 3 June, dates which mark two important milestones: the 1967 referendum, when Australians voted to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the national census, and the 1992 High Court Mabo decision, which recognised native title.

This year’s theme, “All In,” is a call for every Australian to fully commit to reconciliation—every single day. It is a reminder that reconciliation is everyone’s responsibility. The journey is not a spectator sport; each of us must step in and take positive action, both in our school community and beyond.

During National Reconciliation Week at Morphett Vale East School, students will have the opportunity to learn about the history and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through classroom discussions, storytelling and art projects. We encourage all families to continue these conversations at home and reflect on the small changes we can make, as individuals and as a community, to contribute to reconciliation.



## Autumn in the School Garden

Autumn has well and truly arrived at Morphett Vale East School, and our garden space is reflecting the changes in the season. The apple trees have been shedding their leaves, creating a colourful display around our grounds.

We're pleased to let families know that the garden space is now open during lunch times for students to enjoy and explore. Our greenhouse is in full swing, with a variety of plants growing well thanks to the students' ongoing care and enthusiasm.

Our chickens continue to produce fresh eggs, providing wonderful learning opportunities and excitement for our students. The garden is a fantastic space for hands-on learning and connecting with nature as we move through this beautiful season.

We encourage all students to take part in looking after our garden during lunch breaks and enjoy all that autumn brings.



# Netball

What a fantastic start to the school netball season! 🏐❤️

I'm so proud to share that our two Year 3 teams, Morphies East Koalas and Morphies East Geckos, kicked off the season brilliantly.

A huge congratulations to the Geckos on their first win, 11-9! The joy and excitement from the team was incredible to see. They should be so proud of themselves.

And a big shoutout to the Koalas, who put in an amazing effort in their first game. While they didn't come away with a win this time, they played their hearts out and made coach Taylor super proud. One special moment that warmed my heart was a player running off court to tell me it was her very first game and she was absolutely loving it — that is what it's all about.

It's been so wonderful seeing some children take the court for the first time, while others return for their third year, all showing enthusiasm, effort and respect. I'm proud of each and every player.

A special mention to one of our new players, Aaliyah, who had a smile on her face the entire game and gave 100% out on court — beautiful to see.

Well done to both teams. I'm so excited for the rest of the season and all it will bring! ❤️🏐🏠

**Its also not too late, if your child is in year 2 or 3 they are welcome to join a team.**



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

At Morphett Vale East School, we value the leadership potential within every student and believe in providing meaningful opportunities for them to develop their skills, voice, and agency. Nurturing leadership is a key part of our school community, and we are committed to empowering students by encouraging them to take on responsibility and contribute positively.

At the end of Term 1, we invited students to apply for our 2026 Student Leader positions. The response was remarkable, with an unprecedented number of enthusiastic applicants. The selection process was highly competitive, and we are pleased to announce our 2026 Student Leadership Team: Bonnie & Aaron (Green Frogs), Adele & Kaleb (Red Kangaroos), and S.J & Cody (Blue Sharks).



I am  
a  
LEADER

We are extremely proud of all students who showed initiative and a willingness to lead, not just those appointed to the leadership team. It has been inspiring to see such commitment, and we look forward to observing our student leaders grow in confidence and make a positive impact throughout the year. The 2026 Student Leadership Team will be formally introduced at this week's assembly.

Additionally, this year we are introducing Class Leaders in Reception to Year 4. These roles provide younger students with opportunities to build confidence, responsibility, and teamwork skills within a supportive environment. By involving students from all year levels in leadership, we continue to nurture a culture of respect, collaboration, and growth, helping our learners become capable and compassionate members of the community.



NATIONAL

# VOLUNTEERS

WEEK

## CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

National Volunteers Week will be held from Monday 18 to Sunday 24 May, offering us a special opportunity to recognise and honour the essential contributions volunteers make in our school. This event not only celebrates the positive impact of our current volunteers but also encourages others who may be interested to get involved.

We are truly fortunate to have an outstanding community of volunteers who enrich the life of our school in countless ways:

- Our fundraising committee works tirelessly to generate vital funds, recently helping us purchase new decodable reading resources for our students.
- The Governing Council provides valuable guidance and support to our leadership team and plays a key role in organising and running special events.
- Dedicated classroom helpers give their time to assist teachers and support student learning.
- Volunteers also accompany our students on excursions and camps, creating memorable experiences beyond the classroom.

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

**SPECIAL PERSONS DAY**

**8:30 AM - 10:40 AM**

**ASSEMBLY AT 9AM**

**CLASSROOM VISITS  
CHECK OUT ALL  
THE WONDERFUL  
WORK OUR  
STUDENTS HAVE  
DONE**

**Bake Sale  
and photo booth.  
In the kitchen area**



**Morphett Vale East  
School**

**STUDENT  
FREE DAY  
MONDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**OSHC WILL BE OPEN**



**BAKE SALE**

We will be holding a bake sale on Special Persons Day, if you would like to donate any baked goods please bring them to the front office on Friday.



**Special Persons Day  
Friday the 16th of May**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY - 8 JUNE**

Please note that Monday, 8 June is a public holiday in recognition of the King's Birthday.

The school and OSHC will be closed on this day.



# Term 2, 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b>	27/4 First Day of Term 2				
<b>2</b>	4/5 Wellbeing Engagement Collection (Years 4-6)			Mothers + Special Person's Stall	School Photos
<b>3</b>	11/5 Middle Primary Zoo Excursion		 2:10pm - Early Finish		Special Persons Day (Assembly @ 9am)
<b>4</b>	18/5 Pupil Free Day Book Club Orders Due		Cup Stacking Incursion (Today + Tomorrow)		Governing Council @ 8:45am Musica Viva Performance
<b>5</b>	25/5 Reconciliation Week (starts Wednesday)				
<b>6</b>	1/6 Swimming Week R-4	→	NO Early Finish →	→	Assembly - hosted by Year 5/6 (@ 9am) →
<b>7</b>	8/6 Kings Birthday Public Holiday	Reception (Mid-Year Intake) Transition #1 (8:45am - 10:30am)			
<b>8</b>	15/6	Reception (Mid-Year Intake) Transition #2 (8:45am - 11:30am)			Governing Council @ 8:45am
<b>9</b>	22/6	Reception (Mid-Year Intake) Transition #3 (8:45am - 12:00pm)	 2:10pm - Early Finish		Assembly - hosted by JP (@ 9am)
<b>10</b>	29/6			Mid-Year Reports (Distributed)	Last Day of Term - Early Finish @ 2:00pm