

MORPHETT VALE EAST NEWSLETTER



Morphett Vale East
School



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff and students for their flexibility, organisation and positive attitude during our recent **Swimming Week**, held in the opening week of June. With our usual venue (Noarlunga Swim Centre), currently undergoing renovations, students travelled to the Marion Swim Centre throughout the week. While the additional travel time certainly added to the logistics, everyone embraced the change exceptionally well. The week was a tremendous success, providing valuable swimming and water safety experiences for our students while also showcasing their excellent behaviour and resilience. Thank you to all staff, students and families who helped make the week such a positive experience.

As part of our ongoing commitment to **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**, we have recently shifted our focus to explicitly teaching and reinforcing the expectation that we are "Ready for Learning." This expectation is fundamental to student success and encourages students to arrive prepared, organised, focused and ready to engage in their learning. Being ready for learning means having the correct equipment, following routines, listening attentively and approaching each lesson with a positive mindset. When students are ready to learn, classrooms are calmer, learning time is maximised and students are better positioned to achieve their personal best. By consistently teaching and recognising this expectation, we are helping our students develop valuable habits that will benefit them both at school and beyond.

We have also been delighted with the success of our three transition sessions for our **mid-year Reception intake**. These sessions have provided a wonderful opportunity for our newest students and their families to become familiar with our school environment, before officially commencing their schooling journey. I would like to sincerely thank our teachers, support staff, families and our partners from The Smith Family for their dedication and support throughout the transition process. Their collective efforts have helped ensure our new students feel welcomed, confident and excited about starting school.

In the final week of this term, students will receive their **mid-year reports**, reflecting their grades and achievements for Semester 1, 2026. South Australian public schools have been encouraged to utilise the new Education Management System (EMS) to create electronic reports that are easier to read, store and distribute. **Families will therefore receive student reports electronically this semester**. If, for any reason, you require a paper copy of your child's report, please notify the front office and we will be happy to arrange one for you.

To support our **2026 Winter Appeal**, we will be holding a **Casual Clothes Day** on the last day of **Term 2, Friday, 3rd July**. Students are invited to wear casual clothes to school as we celebrate the end of another successful term. There will be an **early dismissal at 2:00pm** on this day. We encourage families to support those in need during the winter months by donating items.

School will recommence for Term 3 on **Monday, 20th July**.

Thank you to our students, staff and families for a fantastic Term 2. Together we have achieved so much, and I look forward to continuing our positive momentum throughout the second half of 2026. Bring on another awesome six months of learning, growth and success!

Kind Regards,

Anthony McIver
Principal – Morphett Vale East School

READY
TO
LEARN



LEADERSHIP TEAM

Anthony McIver
Principal

Ellen Barr
Deputy Principal

Rick Whitbread
Student Wellbeing Leader

DIARY DATES

July

- Fri 3rd – 2pm End of Term early finish
- Mon 20th – First Day of Term 3



2026 WINTER APPEAL - CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

To support our 2026 Winter Appeal, we will be holding a Casual Clothes Day on the last day of Term 2.

Date: **Friday, 3 July 2026**

Details: **Students are invited to wear casual clothes to school.**

How You Can Help

We invite families to donate any of the following items to support those in need during the winter months:

Toiletries and sanitary items

Animal food

Blankets

Cleaning and household products

New socks and beanies

Non-perishable foods

We are collecting items from now until the end of Term 2. All contributions will go to the **2026**

Winter Appeal to help those in need in our community.

2:10PM EARLY FINISH

The dates of the 2:10pm early Wednesday finishes for Term 3 are:

5th August

26th August

16th September



End of Term early finish is on the 25th September (sports day) at 2:00pm.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property is overflowing! Please visit the office to check for any missing items before the end of term. All uncollected items will be donated to charity during the holidays.

THE IMPORTANCE OF WEARING OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Wearing a school uniform helps everyone feel a sense of belonging and pride in our school community. Uniforms promote equality, minimise distractions, and help keep students safe. They also make mornings easier by removing the stress of choosing what to wear.

Recently, we have noticed more students not wearing the correct uniform, especially when it comes to shorts and pants. To help everyone, here's a reminder of our uniform requirements:

Polo Shirts: Navy and teal collared shirt

Dresses: Teal, navy, and white check

Netball Skirt/Skort: Navy

Shorts: Navy (no logos, stripes, etc.)

Pants: Navy track pants or trousers (no denim)

Windcheater/Jumper: Navy, teal, and white 1/4 zip windcheaters or striped rugby jumpers

Hats: Navy wide brim

Uniforms are available from the front office or directly from our supplier, DLC.

Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining our school's uniform policy.

ICE BLOCKS

Ice blocks will be available for purchase during lunch this Friday. Prices are very affordable — just 50c for a half and \$1 for a whole ice block.

Don't forget to bring your change.



Reconciliation Week:

Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony

On Friday, 29th May, our school community was honoured to welcome Senior Elder Uncle John Lochowiak, who led us in a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. These important ceremonies mark the beginning of National Reconciliation Week and provide us with an opportunity to respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land.

Both the Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony—centred on respect, connection, cleansing, and welcoming—help to keep Aboriginal culture strong by sharing it with others. Uncle John also shared traditional songs with students and staff, creating a valuable opportunity for everyone to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture and traditions.



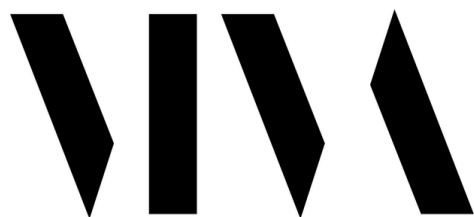
Throughout National Reconciliation Week, students at Morphett Vale East School have been learning about the significance of reconciliation, and exploring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures, and perspectives. We thank Senior Elder Uncle John for generously sharing his culture, knowledge, and wisdom with our school community.

🖤🟡❤️ National Reconciliation Week – All In ❤️🟡🖤

Musica Viva ('Game Day!')

We extend our sincere thanks to the Musica Viva team for their wonderful performance of Game Day! for our students.

The engaging and interactive presentation captivated our children, providing a memorable opportunity to experience live music and learn about the power of performance and storytelling through music. We are grateful to the talented musicians for inspiring our students and enriching their learning through this outstanding cultural experience.



Musica Viva Australia

How to Use the Kiss and Drop Area on Monarch St

To help keep our school community safe and ensure smooth traffic flow, we would like to remind families about the correct use of the **Kiss and Drop area on Monarch St, Morphett Vale**.

- The Kiss and Drop zone is for quick drop-off and pick-up only.
- Please remain in your vehicle at all times.
- Move your car forward as spaces become available to avoid blocking traffic.
- Keep the area clear by only staying as long as needed for your child to safely exit or enter the vehicle.
- Do not park or leave your vehicle unattended in this area.

Onkaparinga Council Rangers regularly monitor the Kiss and Drop zone and will issue fines for failure to use the area as it is designed.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping our students safe and traffic flowing efficiently.



LEARNING IN ROOM 7

Term 2

Phonics

we have been learning about phonemes and graphemes. This term we have been writing and reading words with taught phonemes.



School Events

We have enjoyed AUSAICK clinics and the Colour Run.

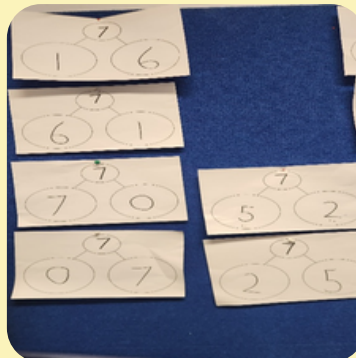
We have celebrated Harmony Day. AUTISM AWARENESS DAY: We discovered that we all learn differently.

Mathematics:

we have been doing LOTS of counting, making collections and showing part, part, whole 0-10.

We can say which collection of objects has more, less or the same! We have enjoyed creating patterns.

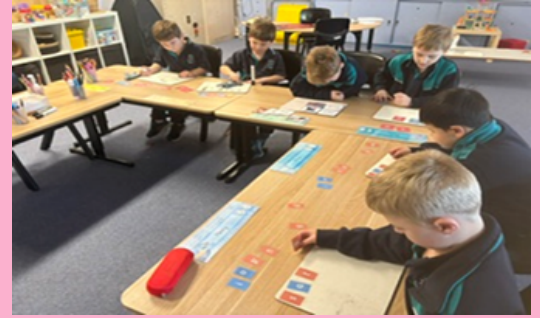
We check the weather everyday and record it on our class calendar.



Room

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Learning in Term 2



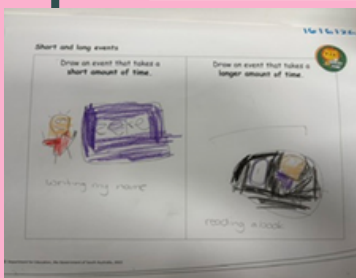
We've had lots of fun learning this term! In Science, we researched information about animal coverings. We learnt about feathers, fur, scales and skin. We looked at information texts from the library, found some interesting facts online and wrote down what we learnt. We even visited the chickens to investigate their feathers.

We have made steady progress in Phonics lessons and students have really enjoyed doing the consolidation tasks.

In Maths, we have been learning to measure. We have explored length, capacity, mass and duration.

We really enjoyed spending a morning in our classroom with some of our special people during Special Person's Day.

As part of Reconciliation Week, we learnt about the Stolen Generations and students showed a lot of empathy offering some very insightful thoughts and ideas during class discussions.



ROOM 8

EXPLORES THE FASCINATING WORLD OF CRYSTALS

The children in Room 8 have recently developed a strong interest in crystals, enriching our science learning this term.

Our investigations began with a focus on various types of rocks, gems, and crystals, sparking curiosity and excitement among the students.

A highlight of our unit was when Jenni generously brought in her personal collection of rocks and crystals from home. This special sharing opportunity allowed the children to observe and feel a wide variety of specimens up close. The hands-on experience helped to deepen their understanding and prompted many thoughtful questions and discussions.



The enthusiasm in Room 8 has been inspiring, with children eagerly exploring the characteristics of each rock and crystal, and sharing their own discoveries with their peers. We look forward to continuing our exploration and further developing our knowledge of the natural world.





RODMAN BASKETBALL CLUB

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

LEARN. IMPROVE. COMPETE.
BE YOUR BEST.



**WEDNESDAY
15 JULY**



12PM – 3PM



**SEAFORD RECREATION
CENTRE**

\$30 PER PERSON

DEVELOP • COMPETE • BELONG
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

AGES
5-16
YEARS

SKILLS.

FUN.

CONFIDENCE.

TEAMWORK.

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!



AO School Holiday Program

Looking for a fun and active way to keep the kids entertained these school holidays?

Join our School Holiday Program at Morphett Vale Tennis Club - designed for all levels from beginners through to advanced players.

No experience needed – just bring a drink bottle, snacks and a smile!

Details

- 📍 Morphett Vale Tennis Club
- 🕒 9:00am – 12:00pm (3-hour session)
- 📅 Tuesday July 7 & July 14
- 💰 \$50 for 1 session or \$75 for both sessions

How to book

Please register through the QR code below
Any questions please contact head coach - Luke Doughty

📞 0413 091 027

✉️ lukedoughtytennis@outlook.com

REGISTER HERE!



SOUTH ADELAIDE METRO (Mixed)

Day & Date | Monday 6th July & Tuesday 7th July

Session Times | 9:00am – 12:00pm (both days)

Location | Magain Stadium, South Adelaide FC, 1 Lovelock Dr, Noarlunga Downs SA 5168

Price | \$65

REGISTER FOR AUSKICK (4-7 years)

REGISTER FOR SUPERKICK (8-12 years)

SOUTH ADELAIDE METRO (All Girls)

Day & Date | Monday 6th July & Tuesday 7th July

Session Times | 1:00pm – 4:00pm (both days)

Location | Kingscote Football Club, 25 Centenary Ave, Kingscote SA 5223

Price | \$65

REGISTER FOR AUSKICK (4-7 years)

REGISTER FOR SUPERKICK (8-12 years)

Term 3, 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	20/07 First Day of Term 3				
2	27/07				
3	03/08  Musica Viva Performance		 2:10pm - Early Finish		Assembly - hosted by Leadership and Student Leaders (@ 9am)
4				Book Fair Starts 	
5	17/08 Bullying No Way Science Week SSO Week		Book Fair Ends 		
6	24/08 Book Week		 2:10pm - Early Finish		Book Week Parade and Disco 
7	31/08			Fathers/Special Persons Day Stall 	Student Free Day
8	School Closure			R U ok Day 	Governing Council @ 8:45am
9	14/09		 2:10pm - Early Finish		Assembly - hosted by Yr 2,3 and 4 (@ 9am)
10	21/09				Sports Day Last Day of Term - Early Finish @ 2:00pm

MORPHETT VALE EAST VACATION CARE PROGRAM

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 6th - 17th July 2026



Dress Up Day @ OSHC

Dress Up Day is back at OSHC

This time though - there's no theme!

Come dressed in your favourite character, hero, villain, or sports star.

Please make sure you wear shoes that are safe to run around in and maybe a change of clothes, just incase!

Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity

MONDAY 6/7/26



TUESDAY 7/7/26



Wilburs Wildlife @ OSHC

At our OSHC the children have shown great love and respect for animals - so this time we're bringing them to us!

Get ready to meet and hold some furry, scaly, and fuzzy friends.

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

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

Wilfred Taylor Adventure

Join with us as we head over to our local playground for some fun and games on the playground as well as the on the grassed areas. We will be walking on designated walking tracks to and from school to the playground and on our return journey.

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

WEDNESDAY 8/7/26



THURSDAY 9/7/26



Roller Skating @ Blackwood Rec

Back due to popular demand we are headed back to Blackwood Rec for some rollerskating!

Bring your own skates if you want - but if not we will be able to hire some for you.

Please bring a helmet and any protective gear you may have -

no helmet, no skating

***Cost: \$16.50 per child**

Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

SENSORY SCIENCE @ OSHC

Sensory science is back - Join us as we make slime, sensory jars, pop its, and play games with prizes for you all to win.

Come spend the day with us to create and use your Imagination.

Some experiments will be able to be taken home but some will only last the day!

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

FRIDAY 10/7/26



Remember to check your approved hours per fortnight for CCS

MORPHETT VALE EAST VACATION CARE PROGRAM

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 6th - 17th July 2026



Arts & Crafts Day @ OSHC

Want to join in for rainy day activities?

Today we have an abundance of art and craft activities ready for the children to create.

Painting, window decorating, sun catchers, sand art - and many more!

Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of Identity

MONDAY 13/7/26



TUESDAY 14/7/26



LAWN GAMES DAY

We are lucky enough to hire out some large games to play with for today.

Team work and Individual creativity will come in handy when playing.

Chess has been wildly popular at OSHC so maybe even a giant chess game will appear...!

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

WHEELS DAY

A popular favourite is back.

Bring your wheels to OSHC as we set up some wacky paths and some fun obstacle courses for the day.

Please make sure you bring your helmets and any protective gear!

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

WEDNESDAY 15/7/26



THURSDAY 16/7/26



Movie & PJ Day @ OSHC

We are bringing the movies to you!

Join us in your comfiest PJs as we watch a couple movies throughout the day.

You can bring your own snacks but we will have some popcorn for you to nibble on whilst we chill out and get taken into other worlds!

Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

BAKING DAY

Last day of OSHC for these school holidays and we are having a baking day.

Bring along your sweet tastebuds and you'll be able to take home a goodie bag with our baked sweets at the end of the day!

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

FRIDAY 17/7/26



Remember to check your approved hours per fortnight for CCS