

MORPHETT VALE EAST NEWSLETTER



**Morphett Vale East
School**



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

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Dear Families,

What an action-packed start to Term 3 we have had!

Monday, 17th August kicked off an incredibly busy and important week at Morphett Vale East School, with Bullying No Way Week, National Science Week and Support Staff Recognition Week all taking place. It was an amazing opportunity to focus on important learning, celebrate the wonderful work happening across our school and, importantly, recognise and thank the incredible support staff who contribute so much to our school every day.

We are currently into Book Week, which promises to be absolutely fantastic! It will be wonderful to see the excitement and love for books spread across the school. Our students and staff will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters, and we anticipate that the Book Week Parade will once again be a highlight. The two discos are also expected to be a huge success, with students and families likely to provide fantastic feedback. Holding the discos during the school day, while students are already dressed in their Book Week costumes, should work extremely well and create a wonderful atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.



A big thank you in advance to our P&F Committee and wonderful volunteers who will help organise and run our Father's Day/Special Person's Day Stall. Your time, energy, and support will be greatly appreciated, and these events simply would not be possible without the contribution of our fantastic parent and community volunteers. The stall will take place on Thursday 3rd September.

A friendly reminder that from Monday, 31st August, our Years 3–6 students will begin completing their PAT Reading and PAT Mathematics assessments. These assessments provide valuable information about student learning and help our teachers identify strengths, areas for development and appropriate next steps to assist them in their learning.

Please take note of the below important dates, when there is no school:

- Friday, 4th September: Pupil Free Day
- Monday, 7th September: School Closure Day



And finally, Sports Day is fast approaching! We are looking forward to finishing the term with a fantastic day of fun, participation, teamwork and action. There is always a wonderful atmosphere around Sports Day, and I know our students are already looking forward to it. We will share a program for the day closer to the date. Remember – there will be an early dismissal time of 2:00pm.



Thank you, as always, to our students, staff, families and wider school community for your continued support. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and wonderful sense of community across Morphett Vale East School.

Kind Regards,
Anthony McIver
Principal
Morphett Vale East School



LEADERSHIP TEAM

Anthony McIver
Principal

Ellen Barr
Deputy Principal

Rick Whitbread
Student Wellbeing Leader

DIARY DATES

August

- Fri 28th – Book Week Parade
- Mon 31st – Dental Visit

September

- Thurs 3rd – Fathers Day & Special Persons Day
- Fri 4th – Pupil Free Day
- Mon 7th – School Closure
- Fri 25th – Sports Day
(2pm Early Finish)



ENROLMENTS FOR 2027 NOW OPEN

Enrolments for the 2027 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 2027, please collect an enrolment pack from the front office. Completed enrolment forms should be returned before the end of Term 3.

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2027

As we begin planning for the 2027 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 2027. Your timely notification will greatly aid us in organising classes effectively for the upcoming school year. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

KEEPING OUR SCHOOL SMOKE-FREE

At Morphett Vale East School, the health and wellbeing of our students, staff, and community is our top priority.

We would like to remind all families, visitors, and contractors that smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited on school grounds and within 10 metres of the school's boundary, in accordance with the South Australian Department for Education's Smoke-free Policy.

SPORTS DAY - SAVE THE DATE

Sports Day will be held on 25 September. Please note, this is also the last day of term, and school will finish early at 2:00pm.

If you are unsure of your child's house colour, please check with Christie at the front office or your child's class teacher.

More information will be provided closer to the date.



BOOK WEEK PARADE

Our Book Week Parade will be held on 28 August at 9:00am. This year's Book Week theme is Symphony of Stories. Students are invited to dress as their favourite book character in line with the theme. Families are welcome to attend and watch the parade.



NO RIDING BIKES OR SCOOTERS IN SCHOOL GROUNDS

To help keep everyone safe, please remember that riding bikes or scooters is not permitted within the school grounds. Students are asked to walk their bikes and scooters from the gate to the designated parking area. Thank you for your cooperation!





THE POWER OF READING



At Morphett Vale East School, we believe that reading is much more than just decoding words on a page—it is the key that unlocks a world of imagination, learning, and endless possibilities for our children. At Morphett Vale East School, we believe that reading is one of the most powerful skills your child can develop. Reading not only provides the keys to academic success, but it also opens doors to imagination, information, and lifelong learning.

Why Is Reading So Important?

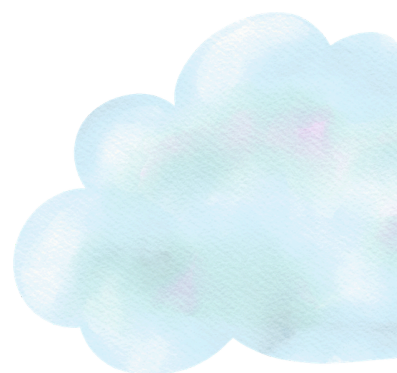
- 1. Supports Learning Across All Subjects** Reading is at the heart of every subject at school—from maths word problems to understanding science experiments and writing stories. When children become confident readers, they can access, process, and think critically about information in all their learning.
- 2. Builds Vocabulary and Language Skills** Regular reading expands your child's vocabulary, improves their understanding of grammar, and helps them communicate more effectively. These skills are essential for writing, speaking, and thinking clearly.
- 3. Enhances Creativity and Imagination** Books transport children to new worlds, spark curiosity, and inspire creativity. When your child reads stories, they develop empathy by seeing life from different perspectives.
- 4. Improves Focus and Concentration** Reading requires concentration. By practising regularly, children learn to sit still, focus, and persist—important skills for all areas of life.
- 5. Boosts Wellbeing and Confidence** Children who read successfully feel proud of their achievements. Sharing stories and discussing books can also provide comfort, strengthen family bonds, and build self-esteem.

You don't need to be an expert teacher to support your child's reading. Here are some simple ways to make a difference at home:

- **Read regularly together**— even just five minutes a day is valuable.
- **Talk about stories**— ask questions and discuss characters or events.
- **Visit the library**— explore different books and find topics your child enjoys.
- **Let your child see you reading**— children learn from your example!



At Morphett Vale East School, we will continue to provide rich reading opportunities in the classroom, celebrate progress, and offer support for every learner. If you have concerns about your child's reading, please reach out—we are here to help. Together, let's nurture a love of reading and set our children up for a future full of possibilities.



UNDERSTANDING BULLYING

What It Is — And What It Is Not

At Morphett Vale East School, the safety and wellbeing of every student is our highest priority. It is important for families to understand what bullying is, and also what behaviours, while still concerning, do not meet the official definition of bullying as used in South Australian schools.

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm.

It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more people who feel unable to stop it from happening. Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices, and can be either obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

For behaviour to be considered bullying, it must be repeated or have the potential to be repeated (for example, through sharing digital records).

SUPPORTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Even if a behaviour is not classified as bullying, we recognise that it can still be hurtful or inappropriate. At Morphett Vale East, we respond to all concerns in line with our behaviour policies and restorative practices to ensure a positive and supportive environment for everyone.

Please remember: Single incidents and disputes between equals, whether in person or online, are not considered bullying.

Definition reference:

National definition of bullying for Australian Schools – developed by the Safe and Supportive School Communities Working Group and endorsed by the Education Council (2018).

WHAT IS NOT BULLYING?

Sometimes, behaviours are labelled as bullying but do not fit the formal definition. Common examples include:

1. Single incidents of conflict: Arguments, disagreements, or physical altercations that are not repeated.
2. Mutual teasing or banter: Occasional teasing or joking between friends, especially if it is not intended to hurt or is not persistent.
3. Social rejection or one-off exclusion: Not being invited to a party or left out of a group, unless this behaviour becomes targeted and ongoing.
4. Accidental hurt: Incidents where harm is caused unintentionally (such as accidental bumping or an unintended, hurtful remark).
5. Friendship disputes or 'falling out': Students may occasionally disagree or stop playing together due to the normal ups and downs of friendships.
6. Disagreements about rules in games or sports: Arguments about game rules or outcomes are normal, unless they are repeated and become targeted.
7. Assertive behaviour: Standing up for oneself or expressing a different opinion, unless it is done repeatedly to demean or overpower another

SUPPORT FOR EVERY STUDENT

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or experiences at school, please reach out to discuss the issue further. We are here to help and support every student.

STUDENT ASSESSMENTS AND SCREENING

Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT)

At Morphett Vale East School, students in Years 3 to 6 will complete the Department's compulsory Maths and Reading PAT assessments between Weeks 7-10.

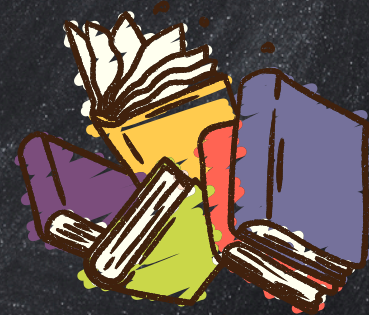
These assessments are managed by classroom teachers and will be conducted in class. PAT tests help us monitor student progress and foster a growth mindset. The insights gained enable teachers to target learning and support engagement, improving individual learning outcomes. If your child is absent on a testing day, catch-up sessions will be arranged.

Phonics Screening Check

All Year 1 and identified year 2 students will participate in the Phonics Screening Check, a short assessment (5-7 minutes), conducted individually by classroom teachers.

The data gathered helps us identify students who may benefit from additional support.

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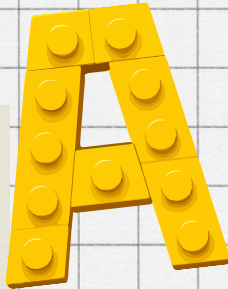
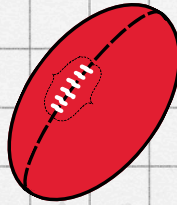
About Me

WHO AM I?

My name is Aaron and I am a student leader for the Green Frogs team at this school. I run board games club and I help run dress-up club. I'm 11-years-old, I'm tall and I'm a ginger.



Some of my big achievements include improving my handwriting a WHOPPING GIGAGRAM, being elected student leader (aka house captain as of 2025) 2 years in a row, creating a new school disposition, earning a 'Be Responsible' certificate and winning the Lindon Alvey trophy last year and earning a Lindon Alvey certificate in 2024.



FACTS ABOUT ME

- I have autism
- I like playing footy
- I like reading books
- I like running around our oval
- I like building lego sets
- I like playing video games (especially The Legend Of Zelda: Breath Of The Wild)
- I love tuna and ham toasties.

GOALS

My goals include: leading my team to victory on sports day, (hopefully) winning the MVES graduate award and helping the school become a safer, kinder, happier and better place for learning.

Thank you all for reading. I hope you enjoyed my article. I wish you all a nice rest of your year.
Sincerely, Aaron

My School Dentist

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Australian Dental Foundation (ADFi) is proud to deliver the 'My School Dentist' program, a FREE* mobile dental program that delivers oral health care and education for students at kindergartens, primary and secondary schools.

ADFi is an award-winning, not-for-profit organisation, dedicated to improving oral health and expanding access to quality dental care for children and teens across Australia.



Check-ups



Treatment



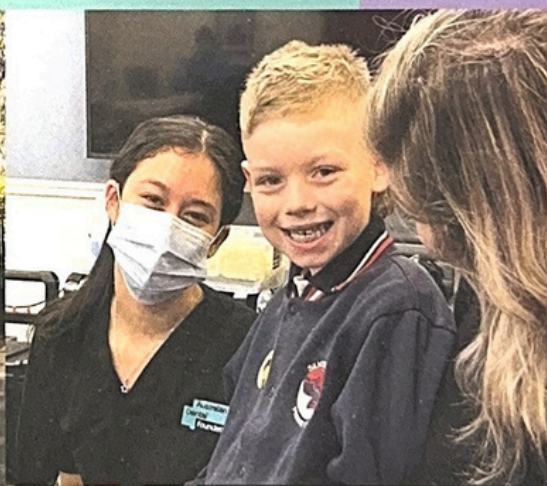
Prevention



Education



Smiles!



www.dentalfoundation.org.au/register-a-patient

**SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER
YOUR CHILD**

*Check-ups and treatment provided at your child's school, pre-school or kindergarten are at no out-of-pocket cost to children (or the school/site). The Australian Dental Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation and is independent from any services offered by the State Government.

FREE* on-site dental check-ups and treatment

How to Order School Lunch Order

School lunch orders are now provided by Express O Café and must be placed using the Qkr! app. Cash payments are no longer accepted.

How to order:

- Download and install the Qkr! app on your device.
- Set up your account and select **Morphett Vale East School**.
- View the menu, make your selections, and place your order.
- Orders must be placed by **8:30am** on the day.
- You can pre-order for future dates if needed.

If you need help setting up the Qkr! app or have any questions, please contact the front office. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.

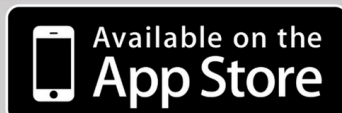
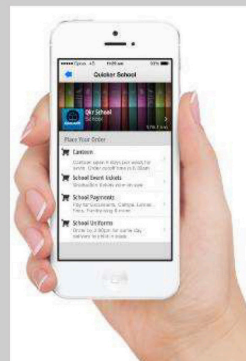
Step 4. Register your child

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.



GET READY TO CELEBRATE!

BOOK WEEK PARADE

DRESS UP. SHARE A STORY. CELEBRATE BOOKS!



Join us for our
BOOK WEEK PARADE!

Come dressed as your
favourite book character.



PARADE STARTS AT 9:00AM



SCHOOL GYM



SCHOOL DISCO



GET READY TO DANCE!

Join us for a fun-filled School Disco!



RECEPTION TO YEAR 2
11:30AM – 12:00PM



YEAR 3 – YEAR 6
2:20PM – 3:00PM



SCHOOL GYM



DRESS
TO IMPRESS
AND DANCE!

★ FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST 2026 ★



**Morphett Vale East
School**

*Bringing joy
to learning*



FATHERS DAY & SPECIAL PERSONS STALL



**Please come down and visit our
stall on Thursday September 3rd.**

Students will have the opportunity to purchase
a gift from the stall during the day with their
class at a pre arranged time.

Prices between \$1 and \$7.



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