

MORPHETT VALE EAST NEWSLETTER



**Morphett Vale East
School**



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Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, staff and families for another wonderful term at Morphett Vale East School.

Our community received correspondence (via Class Dojo) from Heather Makris, Education Director - providing an update regarding the school's Principal position. Carolyn Mildrum has accepted an ongoing leadership position at another site, which means that the Principal position can now be advertised on a longer-term, ten-year tenure. The Department for Education will commence a comprehensive recruitment process shortly.

We are looking forward to finishing the term with our Sports Day - Friday, 25th September! The morning will include Junior Primary sprints, a range of tabloid activities, including egg and spoon races, sack races and the Fireman's Relay. While our Years 3-6 students will participate in activities including frisbee throw, long jump, tug of war and hurdles. After recess, students will participate in the R-2 Walkathon and Years 3-6 Marathon. The afternoon will feature Years 3-6 sprints, a whole-school tug of war, final House chants and the trophy presentation.



A reminder that students will be dismissed early at 2:00pm on Sports Day. As always, we encourage families to come along, support our students and help us celebrate the positive spirit, teamwork and participation that makes Sports Day such a special event at our school.

As we're all aware, we are very excited to welcome Camp Australia to our school next term. Following the transition work that has taken place, Camp Australia will officially commence operating our OSHC service from day one of next term. We look forward to this new partnership and the opportunities it will provide for our students and families.



Finally, please remember our key dates for the beginning of next term:

- Monday, 12th October - Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday, 13th October - First Day of Term 4



I would like to wish our students and families a safe and positive holiday break. Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership throughout Term 3. Your involvement in our school community makes such a difference to our students.

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

September

- Fri 25th - Sports Day
(2pm Early Finish)

October

- Mon 12th - Pupil Free Day
- Wed 28th - 2:10 Early Finish
- Fri 30th - World Teachers Day



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:

28th October
18th November
9th December



End of Year early finish is on the 11th December at 2:00pm.

LATE TO SCHOOL/ LEAVING EARLY

If your child arrives at school after 8:45, they will need to enter through the front office and sign in on the computer. We kindly ask parents to say goodbye to their children in the front office and refrain from accompanying them to the classrooms, as this may disrupt the class.

If your child needs to leave early, please visit the front office. We will then call your child's class and have them come to the front office to sign out.

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.



HATS FOR PLAY

From 1 September, all students are expected to wear a hat when participating in outdoor activities and during recess and lunch breaks. This expectation is consistent with the Department for Education and Cancer Council/Anti-Cancer Foundation sun safety guidelines.

Students are required to wear a broad-brimmed hat that covers the face, ears and back of the neck. These hats are available for purchase from the school through the Finance Office.

Consistent non-compliance with this requirement may result in consequences in line with the school's Behaviour Code.



Room 16 Year 2/3 Poetry

Words, wonder & imagination

Room 16 has been busy exploring the wonderful world of poetry! This term, we have experimented with lots of different styles, including simile poems, colour poems, recipe poems, haiku poems, acrostic poems and rhyming poems. We have enjoyed playing with words, using our imaginations and finding creative ways to express our ideas.

We are very proud of our budding poets and are excited to share some of their wonderful poems with you in this newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading them!

All About Me - Kairi

I am as smart as a graduate
I am as beautiful as a butterfly.
I am as scary as a snake
I am a chatterbox like a monkey
I am as cute as a puppy.



Friendship Recipe - Lily

Add a cup of kindness
A pinch of good sportsmanship
A sprinkle of speaking nicely
A handful of caring
Mix altogether to make a pretty friend



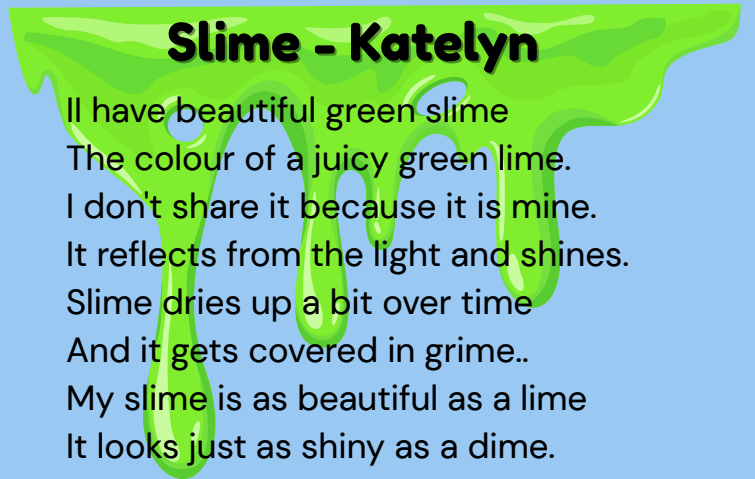
My Dog Lenny - Farrah

I see Lenny's short brown hair.
I hear Lenny barking outside.
I smell Lenny's dog food.
I taste Lenny's dog food and it is yuck.
I feel Lenny's soft fur when he cuddles me.



Slime - Katelyn

Il have beautiful green slime
The colour of a juicy green lime.
I don't share it because it is mine.
It reflects from the light and shines.
Slime dries up a bit over time
And it gets covered in grime..
My slime is as beautiful as a lime
It looks just as shiny as a dime.



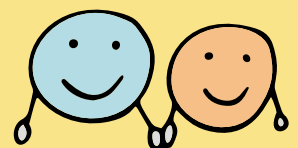
Worm - Jace

It is as slow as a snail.
It is as slimey as a snake.
It is as slippery as a fish.
It is as long as a snake.
It is as dirty as mud.



Friendship Recipe - Archie

Add a binful of kindness.
2 binfuls of happiness
3 binfuls of sharing.
Mix altogether and you have a good friend.



Room 16 Year 2/3 Poetry

Light Blue - Connor

Light blue is the colour of the ocean.
Light blue is the colour of the sky.
Light blue is a sparkling pool.
Light blue is the colour of my brother's toy

Mentos - Elijah

I see the rainbow coloured Mentos.
I hear the packet unwrapping.
I smell the sweet flavours.
I feel the hard candy shell.
I taste the yummy flavours.



Pink - Andres

Pink is cotton candy so light as a feather.
Pink is the colour of a cherry on top of a cake.
Pink is so sweet as a pretty dress.
I love pink because it is so beautiful.

Rump Steak - Chase

I see the steak - it looks so juicy.
I hear it sizzling on the pan.
It smells amazing.
I take it off the pan - ouch it feels hot.
I eat it with my fork and it tastes amazing.



Friend Recipe - Savannah

Add a bucketful of trust.
A spoonful of kindness.
A cup of playing with me.
A teaspoon of respect.
2 buckets of fun.
Mix altogether and you have a best friend.



Bunnies - Camryn

Look in the bunnies eyes
You just can't say your goodbyes.
Bunnies are so cool
Sometimes they are a fool.
Some live in the snow.
They look cute with a bow.
They love carrots
but they aren't parrots.
They are cute like rabbits
It's like being cute is their habit.



Alligators- Michael

It is as scaly as a rough rock.
Its teeth are as sharp as a piece of glass.
Its green and brown like a frog.
It is a predator like a snake.



Friendship recipe - Lincoln

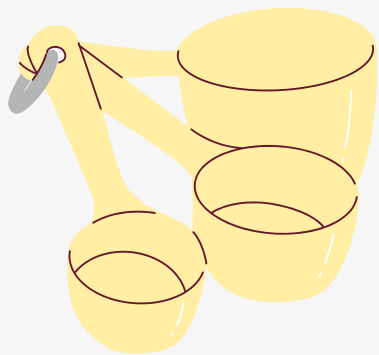
Add a handful of playing.
A cup of kindness.
A sprinkle of fun.
Mix altogether and you get a nice friend.



Beach - Penny

I eat a peach
On the beach.
I play in the sand
And get wet hands.
I swim in the sea
That is behind the trees.
I see a crab in the sea.
I hope it doesn't bite me.





ROOM 17

This Term



Cooking Up Maths and Science!

This term, Year 2-3 have been busy in the kitchen — and busy learning too! Through our cooking program, students discovered that cooking isn't just about following a recipe; it's full of maths and science. Students quickly learnt that measurement and fractions were essential for getting our ingredients just right, and we explored how temperature affects cooking and cooling. It's been a delicious way to bring classroom learning to life!



Exploring Chemical Science

Our next topic takes us into the world of chemical science, where students will investigate solids, liquids and gases, and how these states of matter can change when warmth is applied. We've already kicked things off with a hands-on investigation, watching ice change from a solid to a liquid, then observing the liquid evaporate over time into water vapour. We can't wait to see what other discoveries are ahead!

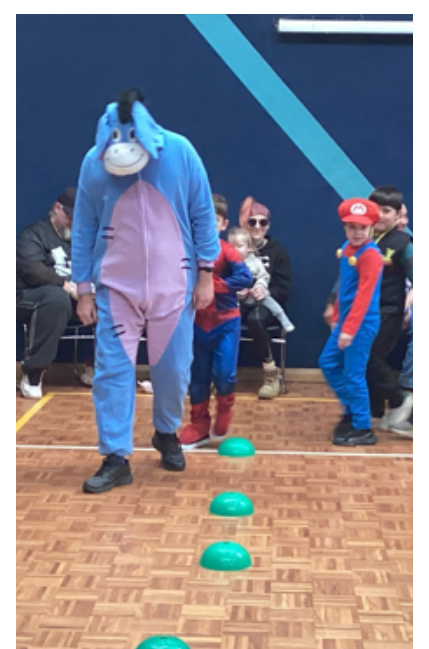
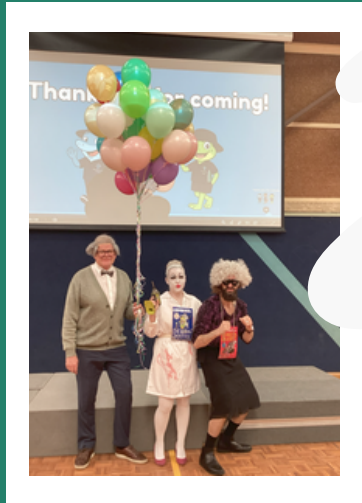


BOOK WEEK 2026



A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Book Week Parade such a memorable event. Book Week is all about celebrating the joy of reading, and this year's event was a wonderful reminder of how stories can inspire creativity, confidence, and connection.

It was wonderful to see so many students proudly dressed as their favourite book characters. We also want to extend our thanks to families for your support — whether it was helping your child choose a character, put together a costume, or cheering them on as they paraded through the gym.



Reminder to Parents and Caregivers

When taking photos at school events, please ensure you only take pictures of your own child/children.

To help protect the privacy of all students and families, please do not post photos on social media if they include other children.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful school community. 😊

SUPPORTING STUDENTS TO GROW IN CONFIDENCE & INDEPENDENCE



At Morphett Vale East, we want every student to feel supported, confident and able to take an active role in their learning.

Supporting learning in different ways

Our teachers continue to lead the learning of all students, with SSOs working alongside them to provide additional support where it is most helpful.

This means support may look different at different times. An SSO might:

- work with a small group of students
- provide support during part of a lesson
- work with different students throughout the day
- support the teacher while they work directly with an individual student.

This approach allows support to be provided where it is most needed and helps students develop their ability to participate in learning with increasing confidence.

Building confidence and independence

An important part of supporting students is also knowing when to step back.

Students need opportunities to think, have a go, make choices, solve problems and build connections with their peers. Giving students this space helps them develop confidence and independence while knowing that support is available when they need it. Our aim is not to reduce support, but to provide the right level of support at the right time. Sometimes a student will need more assistance, while at other times they may be ready to take the next step towards doing more for themselves.

Working together

We continue to consider the individual strengths and support needs of every student. We regularly reflect on:

What support is needed?

Who is best placed to provide it?

When is the student ready to take their next step towards greater independence?

Our goal is for every student to feel supported while also developing the confidence and skills they need to become increasingly independent learners.

If you have any questions about your child's progress or how they are being supported at school, please contact your child's teacher.

Term 4, 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	12/10 Student Free Day				
2	19/10				
3	26/10		 2:10pm – Early Finish		Assembly – hosted by JP (@ 9am)
4	02/11				Governing Council @ 8:45am
5	09/11	5/6 Camp 	Remembrance Day 5/6 Camp 		
6	16/11		 2:10pm – Early Finish		Assembly – hosted by Leadership and Student Leaders (@ 9am)
7	23/11				
8	30/11				
9	07/12		 2:10pm – Early Finish	Yr 6 Beach House Excursion	Assembly – hosted by Leadership and Student Leaders (@ 9am)
10	14/12 School Holidays				

Join your new OSHC provider, Camp Australia!

We are truly excited to be partnering with Morphet Vale East to provide your Outside School Hours Care from October 12th 2026

Your OSHC.

Before and after school care that children love!



- Before School
- After School
- Pupil Free Days



ROCKETEERS

Extraordinary Holiday Adventures!



- Non-stop action.
- Morning to evening.
- The ultimate holiday break!



Save money on OSHC!

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) helps eligible families save money on the cost of care.

To find out more, simply log into your MyGov account and complete the Child Care Subsidy Assessment.

Register
free today



www.campaustralia.com.au

MORPHETT VALE EAST VACATION CARE PROGRAM

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 28th September - 9th October 2026



Dance Party & Talent Show @ OSHC

We are going to celebrate the start of the holidays with a dance party at OSHC and give children the opportunity to show off their best dance moves or acting in a talent show!

We will have prizes and some fun snacks too.

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

MONDAY 28/9/26



TUESDAY 29/9/26



Cockle Train Adventure

We are off on a train adventure!

A private charter will take us to Goolwa, where we will catch the train to Victor Harbor and have a picnic lunch.

A private charter will take us from Victor Harbor back to OSHC!

***Cost: \$14.50 per child**

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

Lawn Games & Wheels Day @ OSHC

As always, we are going to host a popular favourite with one addition.

Lawn Games from the local library will be hired and available to play. Last time we had giant chess, jenga, and snakes and ladders - we will get some favourites back but also new ones.

Please bring your wheels - and helmets too!

Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity

WEDNESDAY 30/9/26



THURSDAY 1/10/26



Dress Up & Movie Day @ OSHC

Today you have the opportunity to dress up as your favourite character from your favourite TV Show or Movie and we will put on some well loved films.

We will of course have our dress up parade and some movie snacks to go with it all.

Although you will want to dress up as best as possible please make sure you wear enclosed and safe shoes for OSHC!

Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

Around the World with Food @ OSHC

After some really good feedback from last holidays we are having a cooking day to celebrate the first Friday of the holidays.

Please bring fruit and some snacks but we will provide lunch and afternoon snack.

Menu will be available leading up to the holidays!

Feel free to dress up if you wish - think Chef Gustau from Rattoullie or Sanji from OnePiece!

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

FRIDAY 2/10/26



Remember to check your approved hours per fortnight for CCS

MORPHETT VALE EAST VACATION CARE PROGRAM

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 28th September - 9th October 2026



OSHC Closed Today
Labour Day Public Holiday

MONDAY 5/10/26



TUESDAY 6/10/26



Creek & Building Day @ OSHC

We have a combination of adventures today!

We are going to have a morning of building and making with our lego blocks and magnet tiles - we are going to use YouTube tutorials and print out instructions to put to the test. We are going to have some challenges and the opportunity to put our builds on display. Whilst the educators are putting the displays up we are going to head off to the creek to do some more builds outside. Please make sure you wear clothes that can get dirty and maybe bring a spare change of clothes and shoes!

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

SANFL Incursion @ OSHC

Sports, sports, sports!

At OSHC we are really into our sport so we have an AFL expert coming to our grounds!

He's going to teach us the basics, and put our skills to the test.

We will be trial to some games and maybe some prizes too!

Please feel free to come dressed in your favourite sports team colours or merch!

***Cost: \$15.00 per child**

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

WEDNESDAY 7/10/26



THURSDAY 8/10/26



OSHC CLOSED TODAY
WHILE CAMP AUSTRALIA
TRANSITIONS

FRIDAY 9/10/26



OSHC CLOSED TODAY
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