MORPHETT VALE EAST NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

It has been a busy and positive time at Morphett Vale East School, with many wonderful learning opportunities and events taking place across our school community.

Year 5/6 AFL MAX Camp a Great Success

Our Year 5/6 AFL MAX Camp was a wonderful success and a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves, strengthen friendships and enjoy new experiences together. Throughout the camp, students demonstrated enthusiasm, teamwork and resilience as they participated in a range of engaging activities.

It was pleasing to see students supporting one another, stepping outside their comfort zones and representing our school so positively. Experiences such as this play an important role in building confidence, independence and connection, and the AFL MAX Camp certainly provided many memorable moments for our students.

Thank you to our staff for their organisation, care and commitment in making this experience possible, and to our families for their support. We are very proud of the way our Year 5/6 students conducted themselves and the positive attitude they brought to the camp.

Upcoming Year 6 Excursion to The Beachouse, Glenelg

We are looking forward to our upcoming Year 6 excursion to The Beachouse at Glenelg on 10 December. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to enjoy time together, celebrate the year and create positive shared memories as they approach the conclusion of their primary schooling.

The excursion is an exciting event in the Year 6 calendar and provides students with a chance to connect socially and enjoy a well-earned day of fun. We know this will be an experience that students will remember fondly.

Further information regarding times, supervision and excursion requirements will be shared with families. We thank families in advance for their support and look forward to a successful and enjoyable day for all Year 6 students.

Welcome to Our Pre-service Teachers

We warmly welcome our pre-service teachers to our school community. We are pleased to have them joining us and look forward to the contribution they will make during their placement.

Pre-service teachers bring enthusiasm, fresh perspectives and a strong commitment to learning, and their time in our classrooms is valuable both for their professional growth and for our students. Our school values the opportunity to support the development of future educators and to share the work of our staff and community with them.

We hope their time with us is rewarding, engaging and full of learning. We thank our teachers for mentoring and supporting them, and we extend a warm welcome to our pre-service teachers as they become part of our school.



LEADERSHIP TEAM

Annette Creer
Acting Principal

Ellen Barr
Deputy Principal

Rick Whitbread
Student Wellbeing Leader

DIARY DATES

November

- Wed 18th - 2:10pm Early Finish
- Fri 20th - Assembly

December

- Wed 9th - 2:10pm Early Finish
- Wed 9th - Yr 6 Graduation
- Thurs 10th - Yr 6 Beachhouse
- Fri 11th - 2:00pm End of term 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.

LOST PROPERTY

This term, we have had a large number of unlabelled jumpers, hats and drink bottles handed in to lost property. To help ensure lost items can be returned promptly, it is important that all clothing and personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name. This includes school tops, jumpers, hats, drink bottles and other belongings. The lost property box is located in the front office.

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.

UPDATING FAMILY DETAILS

Please ensure the school has your current contact details. If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or need to update emergency contacts, please collect a form from the school office

RECEPTION TRANSITION VISITS

We are pleased to share that our Reception transition visits will commence on Wednesday 18 November, with subsequent visits on Wednesday 23 November and Wednesday 2 December.

These visits are an important part of supporting our new Reception students as they begin their journey into school. Transition sessions provide children with an opportunity to become familiar with the school environment, meet staff and peers, and begin building confidence and a sense of belonging.

ATTENDANCE

It is a requirement that families notify the School of their child's absence and the reason for it. To help this process our school sends SMS notification for absent students to families once the rolls are marked each morning. This allows families to make a quick SMS reply to our message rather than having to phone or write a note.

Please utilise this service rather than have your child's records show unexplained absences.

SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN FESTIVAL OF MUSIC – CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Our students recently had the wonderful opportunity to perform at the Southern Metropolitan Primary Schools Festival of Music at the Woodcroft Revival Centre.

Joining more than 17 schools from across the southern suburbs, 13 of our students proudly took to the stage, showcasing their enthusiasm, confidence and musical talents. We were particularly delighted to celebrate Evie O. and Bonnie T., who were selected to perform solos as part of the concert.

The Southern Metropolitan Festival of Music is a much-loved South Australian tradition that brings students together through musical excellence, cultural diversity and social inclusion. Experiences such as these provide students with opportunities to build confidence, develop teamwork and resilience, and create lasting memories. Participation in music also supports learning by strengthening concentration, memory, listening skills and creativity.

This year's concert was a truly memorable experience, with audiences enjoying energetic guest performances, outstanding musicianship from the orchestra and troupe, and a vibrant repertoire spanning a range of musical genres.

A special thank you to our dedicated staff who went above and beyond to make this opportunity possible. Their encouragement, commitment and countless hours of preparation helped our students shine on stage.
We are incredibly proud of all our performers and grateful to be part of such a wonderful celebration of music, learning and public education.🌟🎶



Remembrance Day

NOVEMBER 11TH 2026

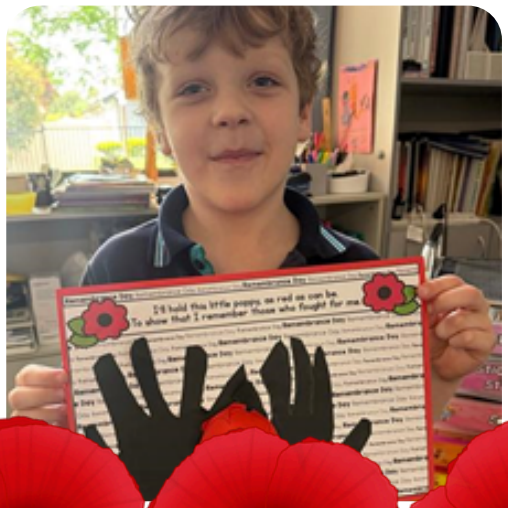
On Remembrance Day, Room 17 kindly organised a Remembrance Day Service for our school community. This was a meaningful opportunity for our school community to pause and pay our respects to the servicemen and women who have served, and continue to serve, our country.

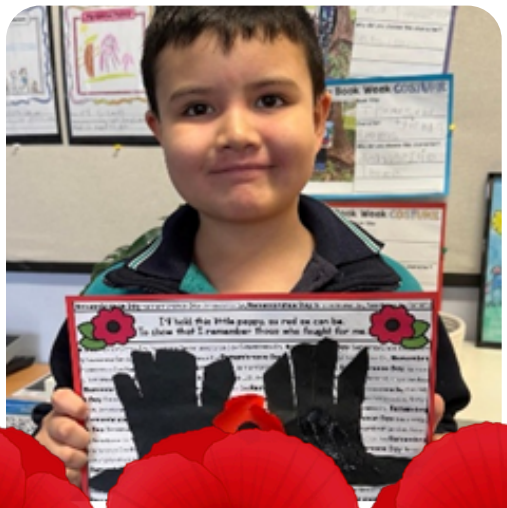
We are very proud of the respectful and thoughtful way our students participated in this important community event and demonstrated their understanding of the significance of Remembrance Day.











CLONTARF/STARS VISIT FROM WIRREANDA

This week, we were pleased to welcome representatives from the Clontarf/STARS program at Wirreanda to spend time with our Year 4 to Year 6 Aboriginal students.

The Clontarf and STARS programs support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students as they transition through school and into future pathways. These programs focus on building confidence, strengthening wellbeing, encouraging school engagement, developing leadership skills, and fostering a strong sense of identity. Through mentoring, activities and positive relationships with staff, students are supported to feel confident and prepared for their move into high school and beyond.





During the visit, the Wirreanda team introduced themselves and spoke with students about what they can expect on their high school journey. This was a valuable opportunity for our students to begin building connections and learn more about the support and opportunities available to them in the future.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the activities organised for the day, including playing basketball and painting with the STARS team. These activities provided a fun and engaging way for students to connect with the visitors and gain a positive insight into the program.

We are very grateful to the Clontarf/STARS team from Wirreanda for visiting our school, and we are hopeful that this connection will continue into next year.



ALL ABOUT CHICKENS

Useful facts about our feathered friends



FEATHERS KEEP CHICKENS WARM

Feathers help chickens stay warm, protect their skin, and help them communicate.

CHICKENS ARE SOCIAL

Chickens live in groups called flocks. They use calls and body language to communicate.

WHAT DO CHICKENS EAT?

Chickens eat grains, seeds, plants, insects, and other suitable foods. Fresh water is important every day.

WHY DO CHICKENS PECK?

Pecking helps chickens explore, find food, and interact with their surroundings.

CHICKENS LAY EGGS

Hens can lay eggs. An egg has a shell, egg white, and yolk.

DUST BATHS HELP

Chickens roll and wriggle in dry soil or dust to help keep their feathers clean and healthy.

ROOSTING AT NIGHT

Chickens usually settle on a perch to rest and sleep at night.

CHICKENS HAVE A PECKING ORDER

A flock often develops a social order. This is sometimes called a pecking order.

LOOK AFTER CHICKENS GENTLY

Move quietly, wash your hands after touching chickens, never chase them, and follow the school's animal-care rules.

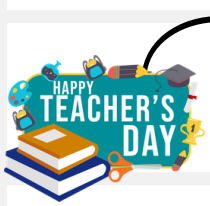
SCHOOL EGG SALE



Fresh eggs can be purchased from the front office.

$2 for half a dozen

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				

MAKE THIS SUMMER POP

FIND OUT MORE



BUILD FRIENDSHIPS

DISCOVER ADVENTURE

CREATE MEMORIES

VARIETY
Over 300 experiences

CONVENIENCE
280+ locations nationwide

VALUE
Child Care Subsidy for eligible families

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Visit our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

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