

# NEWSLETTER

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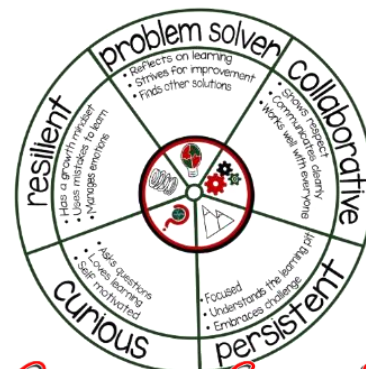
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On Monday 11 August, we held our first welcome breakfast for our new reception and current reception families. It was a wonderful morning connecting with the children and their families over some delicious raisin bread, toast, muffins and fruit platters. The children loved receiving their souvenir breakfast bookmarks to remember their special morning. We look forward to hosting many more community breakfast in our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen.

**Lia Jordan & Kristen Arbery**



## Coming Events

### WEEK 4

**Thursday 14 August**

PhOrMeS Parent Workshop  
3:30pm

### WEEK 5

**All Week**

### BOOK WEEK

**Friday 22 August**

Book week dress up day & parade. 9:10am in gym.



### WEEK 6

**Monday 25 August**

Governing Council Meeting  
7:30pm

## A Tangled Tale

Our musical is coming to life and all involved are working extremely hard learning their lines, dances, and the art of performance. The cast and choir have been rehearsing and developing their characters. They are super excited to perform and are almost ready to present this year's musical *A Tangled Tale*.

Congratulations to our year 5 and 6 students who have won the chance to play lead roles in the play.

We have approximately 20 submissions for the musical's front cover. The winner will be announced next week, so look for the winning design on our school Facebook page.

**Please see the following page for the character list and to find out which night your young person will be performing on.**



# A Tangled Tale

Cast	
<b>QUEEN</b> – Elsie K	<b>SMARTY</b> - Clifton J
<b>PRINCESS Rose</b> – Millie P	<b>MUMMA BEAR</b> – Lara L
<b>PRINCESS Lylah</b> – Lylah B	<b>PAPPA BEAR</b> – Archie C
<b>PRINCESS Ivy</b> – Aisling D	<b>BABY BEAR</b> - Hannah M
<b>PRINCE</b> - Kade J	<b>BARLOO</b> - Amelia F
<b>JACK</b> – Brax B	<b>BROTHER BEAR</b> - Sophia P
<b>RUMPLESTILSKIN</b> - Ahna H	<b>KOALA</b> - Ruby D
<b>GOLDIE</b> - Charlotte B	<b>TEDDY BEAR</b> – Domonique H
<b>SNOW WHITE</b> – Paiton P	<b>WINNIE THE POOH</b> - Storm A
<b>HAPPY</b> - Imogen S- W	<b>RUPUNZEL</b> – Chloe B
<b>GRUMPY</b> - Max Y	<b>TINK</b> - Charlotte G
<b>GROOVY</b> - Fletcher DeV	<b>BLUE FAIRY</b> – Sailor W
<b>SLEEPY</b> - Harper C	<b>MAGIC MIRROR</b> – Meah Mc
<b>CHATTY</b> – Skylar B	<b>NARRATOR</b> - Baden D
<b>SNEEZY</b> - Marlie Mc	<b>MAGIC BOOK</b> - Haylee

Performance nights – Class Splits			
Class	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Class	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
	Song		Song
<b>A1</b>	<b>The Bare Necessities</b> Bill Murray	<b>T2</b>	<b>The Bare Necessities</b> Bill Murray
<b>A2</b>	<b>Heigh Ho</b> Jeremy Swift	<b>A4</b>	<b>Heigh Ho</b> Jeremy Swift
<b>T3</b>	<b>You've got a friend in me</b> Randy Newman	<b>T3</b>	<b>You've got a friend in me</b> Randy Newman
<b>Rm 2</b>	<b>Shake it off</b> Taylor swift	<b>Rm 1</b>	<b>Shake it off</b> Taylor swift
<b>Rm 3</b>	<b>Can't stop the feeling</b> Justin Timberlake	<b>Rm 4</b>	<b>Can't stop the feeling</b> Justin Timberlake
<b>Rm 5</b>	<b>I'm on my way</b> Proclaimers	<b>Rm 6</b>	<b>I'm on my way</b> Proclaimers
<b>N1</b>	<b>I'm a believer</b> Smash Mouth	<b>N3</b>	<b>I'm a believer</b> Smash Mouth
<b>N5</b>	<b>Set it all free</b> Scarlett Johansen	<b>N6</b>	<b>Set it all free</b> Scarlett Johansen
Stop Start rehearsal	<b>Week 7</b> Thursday		<b>Week 7</b> Friday
Full dress rehearsal	<b>Week 9</b> Thursday		<b>Week 9</b> Friday



# VISION AWARDS

Term 3, Week 4



## RESPECT

Presented to	By	For
Jordan N	Mrs Wilson & Miss Day	consistently being a role model for listening. Jordan is a respectful and generous class member.
Mario M	Miss Schulz & Mrs Deppeler	always being willing to help others with their learning.
Soraya J	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	always being respectful in the classroom and a good friend to her peers.

## THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Zoe C	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	having a positive attitude towards learning. Always trying her best.
Kahlani M-J	Mrs Wilson & Miss Day	trying her best in all learning and always offering to help others.
Archer S	Miss Schulz & Mrs Deppeler	showing great growth in his resilience when coming into the classroom in the mornings.
Ryder K	Miss Schulz & Mrs Deppeler	showing good growth in his reading fluency and comprehension.
Mikayla G	Ms Hutchinson & Mrs Deppeler	continued growth during writing. Making strong attempts at unfamiliar words and adding detail to extend sentences.
Owen A	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	settling into McPark school well, demonstrating a positive attitude and an eagerness to learn.
Kobe H	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	growing a love of learning and attempting tasks with a positive attitude.
Huey E	Ms Huitema	producing work of a high standard in both literacy and numeracy.

## PROBLEM SOLVING

Presented to	By	For
Donovan P	Ms Hutchinson & Mrs Deppeler	using his knowledge of numbers to solve worded math problems.
Willow O	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	demonstrating a strong work ethic using her initiative to solve learning obstacles and being prepared to assist others.

## ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Kade T	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	working hard to improve his effort in all areas of learning.
Byron T	Ms Hutchinson & Mrs Deppeler	showing strong engagement in all learning areas by asking and answering questions and sharing his ideas.
Haari C	Ms Hutchinson & Mrs Deppeler	showing improved engagement during morning activities.
Thea J	Ms Huitema	putting in 100% effort with all learning tasks.
Kora G	Ms Huitema	showing a more focussed approach during our PhOrMeS lessons.

## COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Kayden T	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Harding	enthusiastically engaging in learning activities with a positive attitude.
Aryana R	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Harding	demonstrating initiative, being a wonderful, helpful class member. Happy to help everyone.

## Week 2 Award Winners







# PRIDE IN YOUR STRIDE

"SHE'S MY HERO"

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST

On Wednesday 6 August, our Student Leadership group along with Ms Jordan and Mrs Bundy, participated in the "Take Pride in Your Stride" march as part of Homelessness Awareness Week hosted by Ruby's. This yearly event is a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage with the community and raise awareness about the important issue of homelessness.

We walked from our school to Vansittart Park to meet with other schools and community groups. We marched down Commercial Street to the Cave Gardens, definitely taking pride in our stride as a group.

We would like to thank our community for donating new or near new shoes to support this cause. Our donations are helping our community members who are finding it a bit tough right now.

*Ruby's wanted to pass on a big thank you for the Mc Park leadership team's participation in the 2025 Pride in Your Stride March for National Homelessness Week! The young people were so respectful, energetic... and loud! Just what we need 😊*

***A message from Claire Hateley – Senior Coordinator & Ruby's Mount Gambier***





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# DID YOU KNOW?

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

### PUPIL-FREE DAYS

OSHC is available on school pupil free days with fun, engaging activities to keep children happy and entertained, supporting busy working families.

### HEALTHY MEALS INCLUDED

A nutritious breakfast and afternoon snack is provided every day.

### HOMEWORK

We can provide a quiet space and support for children to complete their homework.

### VACATION CARE

Our holiday programs include excursions to places like AFL Max, Funtopia, Tree Climb and more all within and supporting the local community.

### EASY ENROLMENTS AND BOOKINGS

Everything is managed through the Xplor app. Booking and cancellations and payments all in one place.

### CHILD-LED PROGRAMS

Activities are guided by children's interests, choices, and creativity.







## Autism online workshop sessions for parents & carers National

Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young autistic people from across all states.

### Free workshop



**Session 1:**  
**Diversity of autism**  
Tuesday 19 August, 2025  
12:00pm - 1:30pm (AEST)

**Session 2:**  
**Understanding sensory processing**  
Tuesday 26 August, 2025  
12:00pm - 1:30pm (AEST)

**Session 3:**  
**Understanding behaviour**  
Tuesday 2 September, 2025  
12:00pm - 1:30pm (AEST)

**Session 4:**  
**Working in partnerships**  
Tuesday 9 September, 2025  
12:00pm - 1:30pm (AEST)



For more information and to register, scan the QR code or click [here](#).

### 4 Workshop sessions

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

- This online workshop is four short sessions spread over four weeks.
- Each session contains unique information and attending all will provide the best learning.
- These workshops are interactive online sessions, delivered via Zoom. Each session has a separate registration.

For enquiries or to register, email Renee Christie:  
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2025 Children's Book Week®  
16-23 August

# You're Invited!

## JOIN MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY FOR A BOOK WEEK STORYTIME CELEBRATION!

**Tuesday 19 August at 11:00am**

Come dressed in your best Book Week costume for a Storytime with local illustrator Bianca Richardson as she reads 'Honey Possum's Bush Café'.

**Suitable for ages 2 to 5**

**Bookings essential - RSVP to Erin: 8721 2540 or [publiclibrary@mountgambier.sa.gov.au](mailto:publiclibrary@mountgambier.sa.gov.au)**



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## NEURO-AFFIRMING PRACTICES

### REGIONAL CONNECT INFORMATION SESSION

The Statewide Inclusive Education Services (SIES) is hosting a regional information session.

Join us via Microsoft Teams (scan the link below) to hear Kate Mudge (Occupational Therapist) from our Autism Inclusion Teacher initiative share her knowledge and expertise of neuro affirming practices and the work she's been involved in creating neuro affirming resources for schools.

If you're a parent or carer of a student with disability or difficulty at a DfE School, you are invited to this session where SIES staff will be available to discuss resources and supports.

THURSDAY 14th August 2025 1pm - 2pm

Register here

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