McDonald Park School community will work collaboratively to develop respectful, thriving and engaged problem solvers.



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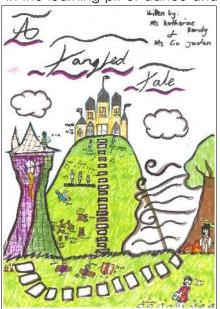


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2025 MUSICAL

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The McDonald Park School musical is fast approaching. The students are in the learning pit of dance and performance. Following on from Stomp,



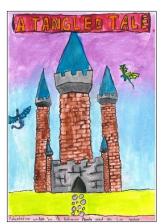
and the amazing dance moves they learnt and performed to the school community. We were lucky enough to receive a grant from Bendigo Bank, for musical. We had our two choreographers, Jacinta Cooper and Maiah Arbery come in and teach classes a dance for their musical item. Some creative classes choreographed their own dance. I don't mind telling you they are looking fabulous and will dazzle you all with their creativity and pizzazz. Tickets will go on sale 1st of September through The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre website.

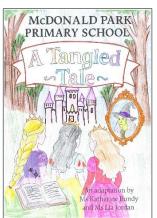
The competition for the front cover of our program is finalised. We have had many entries from all year levels and the creative students did not disappoint. The votes were very close and the staff had a tough job of choosing who the winner would be. Our finalists for the front cover are from Ahna H, Charlotte G, Ella G, Harper S, and Arabella A.

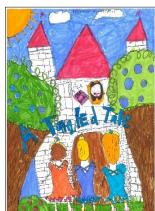
The winning cover was Charlotte G.

Congratulations Charlotte.











WEEK 6

Friday 29 August Assembly 9:10 am

WEEK 7

Friday 25 August CASUAL DAY

WEEK 8

All Week

Reception to Year 2 SWIMMING LESSONS

Friday 12 September Assembly 9:10 am



FUNDS RAISED TO GO TOWARDS SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

VISION AWARDS

Term 3, Week 6

		renn 5,
RESPEC	T	
Presented to	Ву	For
Matilda L	Mrs McCracken	supporting her peers when they need a friend.
Clifton J	Ms Cox	always being respectful in class and to his peers.
THRIVIN	1 G	
Presented to	Ву	For
Johniezel C	Mrs McCracken	challenging herself in her learning.
Lachie K	Mrs Dew	his work in mathematics.
Harper C	Ms Munday & Ms Bundy	showing dedication to her learning and always being prepared to work hard.
Dominic A	Ms Munday & Ms Bundy	showing resilience and persistence in all areas and developing a growth mindset.
Ruby F	Ms Cox	showing continual growth and resilience when faced with challenges.
Brax B	Mrs McLean	outstanding attitude and effort displayed in all areas of learning.
Tilly S	Ms Mitchell	her wonderful engagement when responding to texts and varied vocabulary used when writing.
COLLAE	ORATION	
Presented to	Ву	For
Toby W	Mr Bigg	working well with others during group work activities.
Zoe Y	Miss Eldridge	showing kindness and consideration when supporting her peers.
Logan W	Mrs McCracken	collaborating with his peers to engage in their learning.
Amelia F	Mrs Dew	working with others in group work.
Tessie L	Mrs McLean	excellent coaching skills, demonstrating

PROBLE	M SOLVIN	I G	
Presented to	Ву	For	
Maddox F	Mr Bigg	being a better problem solver when faced with challenges.	
Jameson D	Mrs McCracken	attempting learning extensions with critical thinking.	
Sailor W	Ms Cox	using her problem solving skills when predicting and finding binary code numbers.	
ENGAGEMENT			
Presented to	Ву	For	
Zara C	Mr Bigg	engaging well in her schooling and showing maturity in her learning.	
Reegan R	Mr Bigg	engaging well in lessons, showing interest in the topics and trying his best.	
Ryder W	Miss Eldridge	being an enthusiastic participant in our dance rehearsals.	
Harrison W	Miss Eldridge	using effective construction skills when making a model of his sustainability invention.	
Theo W	Miss Eldridge	demonstrating a great understanding of data collection and presentation.	
Jesse J	Mrs Dew	the ideas contained in his narrative created using Canva.	
Digby N	Mrs Dew	suggesting dance moves for our musical dance.	
Djakobe L-J	Ms Cox	working hard to improve his effort in all areas of learning.	
Oliver C	Ms Munday & Ms Bundy	working hard in PhOrMeS and demonstrating a commitment to growth.	
Caylin JvV	Mrs McLean	excellent resilience shown in her day-to-day conduct, demonstrating she can do hard things.	
Michael R	Mrs McLean	working with improved effort and care and using his time better to demonstrate his skills.	
Archie C	Ms Mitchell	improved effort during dance activities.	

Principals Award

Vision Award Winners from Week 4

thoughtfulness and generosity.



SAPSASA SOCCER





2025 SAPSASA Soccer was so much fun for me. The experience really helped me improve my soccer skills. During one of the games that I played, I kicked a goal with my left leg which is my not so strong one. In the last couple of games, I had a ball to my face a few times, but it was all worth it in the end.

Summer B

O.S.H.C. at McDONALD PARK NEWS

Important information

What is included

Breakfast and afternoon tea will be provided. Programmed activities including excursions, incursions and in-house activities.

What to bring

YMCA OSHC promotes a healthy eating environment and encourages families to provide their children with a healthy assortment of food to bring for recess, and lunch. As well as healthy brain food and a water bottle every day.

Fees and cancellations

avoid a \$5 costail ree. Conceitations must be made two weel prior to the date of the requested care to avoid payment. By making a booking you are agreeing to pay the fees through your direct debit account in addition to normal OSHC bookings. Please review our terms and conditions online for our fee and policy information.

Please make sure you arrive at the service at least 30 minutes before the bus departure. Please make sure you sign net Excursion Authorisation when you sign your children into OSHC for that day. While bus drivers in SA are exempt from ensuring passengers under 16 years are restrained. YMCA will make every effort to ensure the safety of all children by using seatbelts that are supplied and be guided by our policies and transport risk assessments.

Sun Smart Policy

Sun Smart guidelines are followed so please ensure children are in appropriate clothing and no singlets or thongs. Sunscreen is provided but if your child is sensitive to sunscreen, please bring your own.

Things to remember

Please note that we are a nut-aware service and ask that you do not bring food that contain nut products. Handheld electronics and smart watches are not permitted at the centre. We welcome feedback and suggestions at any time, please see your centre staff. Programmed activities are subject to change.

Operational hours

OSHC will be open from 6:30am - 6:00pm, please sign in and out between these times.

Daily fees

In-house: \$67.80 *CCS Reduced fee: \$9.75 - \$35.75

*Estimation of fees after subsidy is applied

Learning outcomes













OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE



Vacation Care | 29 Sept - 10 Oct

WEEK 1

Monday 29 September

Camp Out



Pitch a tent, build an epic fort, and get survival-savvy with a special visit from the Scouts! We will be making trail mix, crafting nature journals, and teaming up for

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4

Tuesday 30 September

Wheels Day



your friends on our outdoor track. Don't forget your helmet. We'll also be running a bubbly car wash station, and riding challenges for all speeds!

Wednesday

1 October

Mini Golf



We're off to Blue Lake Golf Club for a fun-filled afternoon of mini golf! At OSHC we will be doing target practice and golf art. Depart: 12:40pm Return: 2:15pm Transport: Private Bus

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Outcomes: 2, 3, 4, 5

Thursday

2 October

Make It Shed



It's time to get hands-on in our favourite construction zone! Dive into recycled art, take on mini build challenges, and present your masterpiece at our afternoon Build and Brag showcase.

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Friday 3 October

Excursion

Valley Lakes

Bonanza



We're off to the playground, to have a sausage sizzle! Back at OSHC, we'll have bubble play, kite-making and nature games.
Depart: 9:45am
Return: 12:30pm
Transport: Private Bus

WEEK 2

Monday



Tuesday 7 October

Movie and Painting



Sit back and relax at the Oatmil Cinema, then return to OSHC to unleash your inner Picasso to create a ort: Private Bus Outcomes: 2, 3, 4

Wednesday 8 October

Incursion

Careers Expo



What do you want to be when you grow up? Today, we're bringing real-life trade together for live demos, O&As, and hands-on fun! Start: 1:00pm

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4

Thursday 9 Octobe

Excursion

Port Macdonnell Escape



We're off to the bay! We'll start at one playground and walk to the next, enjoying ocean views, and plenty of fresh air on our adventure. Depart: 9:30pm Transport: Private Bus

Friday 10 October

In-House

Slumber Squad



Roll into OSHC in your PJs

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5





Resource Centre News.....did you know...?

The Mortlock Library, in the State Library of South Australia, won the second best library in the WORLD in a recent vote conducted by 1000 libraries magazine, second only to the Old Library in Trinity College, Dublin.

2025 Top 10 Most Beautiful Libraries in the World

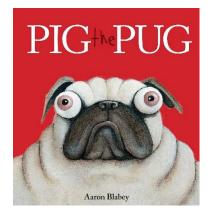
Perhaps visit this 141 year old library in North Terrace when you next find yourself in Adelaide. How fortunate are we to have our astonishing library recognised by the world!





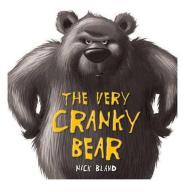
And when visiting Melbourne, keep in mind the Reading Dome Room in the State Library of Victoria, Swanston Street. The Reading Dome Room came seventh. It is utterly breathtaking and one can meander around several levels, taking in the sights.

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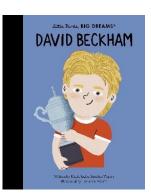


Did you know that 'Pig the pug' by Aaron Blabey is a very popular title in our library?

Other books your child may like to read are books by Nick Bland, Philip Bunting and the 'Little people, BIG DREAMS' series. All are in our resource centre collection!







A reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge ends on Friday, September 5th. Please send completed forms to the resource centre. Your child can read 12 quality books, not necessarily from the PRC booklist. These can be library



books, books read in class or books read at home as bedtime stories or other. Younger students can have books read to them. Certificates and medals will be awarded at an assembly in November.

Many thanks for your wonderful support. Mem Fox chose to visit our school this year due to our ongoing involvement in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge is designed to celebrate and encourage a love for reading. See library staff or class teachers with questions.

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Free information available now at your school's front office

LEARN BIKE MAINTENANCE AT MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY!

Bike SA is bringing it's popular, hands-on Bike Maintenance Courses to Mount Gambier this September!

SEPTEMBER

We're partnering with the City of Mount Gambier to help you keep your bike running smoothly and safely.

Mhere: Mount Gambier Library, 6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier SA 5290

Session 1:

12:00-2:00 pm - Bike Check & Puncture Repair

Learn how to:

✓ Do a safe pre-ride bike check✓ Repair a puncture (tube or tubeless)

Make simple adjustments for comfort and safety

Make simple adjustments for comfort and safety
 Pick up handy tips for quick fixes at home or on the go

Know what essentials to carry on every ride

Perfect for new riders and regular cyclists alike - build confidence and keep your bike rolling wherever you are!

© Session 2:

2:30-5:00 pm - Brakes, Chains & Gears

Learn how to:

Replace and deglaze disc brake pads

🦴 Fit a new chain

Adjust your rear derailleur

Carry the right tools and spares for every ride

Parking: Free parking available at the library - please check signs for any time limits or restrictions.

Spots are limited - sign up today!

To register provide your name, mobile number and email address to: <u>aizzard@mountgambier.sa.gov.au</u> or call 08 8721 2528.