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

# McDonald Park School



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2025 MUSICAL



What an incredible experience it has been to showcase our 2025 school musical, A *Tangled Tale!* From the vibrant class dances to the stellar performances by our talented cast, this production was brimming with energy, creativity, and a shared sense of joy.

A huge congratulations to all the students involved. The class dances were a particular highlight, full of fun, bold movements, and enthusiasm that lit up the stage. Each performer worked tirelessly to ensure that every moment shined, and it truly paid off.

Special mention must go to our amazing cast, whose dedication and talent brought this story to life. From the dynamic main roles, our amazing narrator who weaved the scene together, to the captivating ensemble moments, every student played their part with passion and flair. The feedback from our community has been overwhelmingly positive, with glowing reviews of the production's quality and the effort behind it.

Of course, a production of this scale is only ever possible with the support and collaboration behind the scenes. We are immensely grateful to our generous sponsors – Rubber and Plastics, Coates Hire, Precision Security and Bendigo Bank – for their invaluable contributions. Your support has truly helped make this event one to remember.

Thank you to everyone – students, families, staff, sponsors, and community members – who contributed to the success of A Tangled Tale. This musical has not only been a showcase of talent but also a testament to what we can achieve when we come together as a school community. Here's to the next unforgettable production!





# **WEEK 10**

Friday 26 September Assembly 9:10 am Last day of term 3 EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15pm

# TERM 4 BEGINS MONDAY 13 OCTOBER

# WEEK 1

Friday 17 October Assembly 9:10 am

# WEEK 2

Friday 24 October SCHOOL CLOSURE Mt Gambier Show

# WEEK 3

Monday 27 October Governing Council 7:30pm

# WEEK 4

Thursday 6 November SPORTS DAY

# VISION AWARDS

Term 3, Week 10 – Friday 26 September

RESPECT			
Presented to	Ву	For	
Jasper C	Mr Bigg	always showing respect to	
·		his fellow classmates and	
		staff at the school.	
Tyler J	Mrs McCracken	working in a respectful and	
		calm manner.	
Emmy G	Mrs McLean	displaying huge	
		improvements in her	
		attitude towards learning.	
THRIVIN	IG		
Presented to	Ву	For	
Tresented to		always being keen and	
Abi G	Mr Bigg	focussed during dance	
71010	1411 bigg	rehearsals for the musical.	
		demonstrating an excellent	
		understanding of data	
TJB	Miss Eldridge	collection, collation and	
		interpretation.	
Presayis G	Mrs McCracken	using a growth mindset.	
	Mrs Dew	achieving excellent results in	
Dhriya P		PAT - Spelling testing.	
		achieving outstanding	
Elliott B	Mrs Dew	results in PAT-R (reading	
,		comprehension).	
Jonti P	Ms Munday &	on-going growth and	
	Ms Bundy	engagement.	
Nessa B	Mrs McLean	being an excellent learner	
		who is excelling in all	
		aspects of the curriculum.	
Elsie K	Mrs Widdison &	confidently portraying the	
	Mrs Tilley	Queen in the school musical	
		through strong voice	
		projection and expression.	
Millie P	Ms Mitchell	her thoughtful and	
		expressive responses during	
		paired reading.	
COLLAB	ORATION		
Presented to	Ву	For	
Nathaniel M	Miss Eldridge	coaching other students	
		during our Minecraft	
		construction activity.	
Savannah S	Mrs McCracken	completing partner tasks in	
		a respectful and	
		collaborative manner.	
Melissa N	Ms Munday &	sharing ideas during group	
	Ms Bundy	task with greater	
		confidence.	

PROBLEM SOLVING			
Presented to	Ву	For	
Romeo L	Miss Eldridge	willingly extending and challenging himself when problem solving in maths.	
Judd C	Ms Munday & Ms Bundy	being more persistent in the learning pit.	
Marli Mc	Mrs McLean	after a super challenging term, Marli has worked hard in the school concert and choir.	
Ruby F	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	displaying confidence and accuracy when converting binary code to decimal form.	
ENGAG	EMENT		
Presented to	Ву	For	
Zariah W	Mr Bigg	engaging well in the musical practices and putting in a great effort with her dancing.	
Aubree T	Miss Eldridge	being a self-motivated learner who participates effectively in all tasks and activities.	
Amelia T	Mrs McCracken	showing enthusiasm in all learning tasks.	
Alissa B	Mrs Dew	showing enthusiasm in our musical item.	
Sailor W	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	performing the musical choreography with confidence, energy and a beautiful smile!	
Barra L	Mrs McLean	displaying an improved work ethic and using feedback to improve his work.	
Annie L	Ms Mitchell	her enthusiasm to improve her learning in Mr Lewis' math group.	

**Award** 

# Award Winners from Week 8



# SAPSASA HOCKEY

When I went to the first SAPSASA hockey training I just went to have a bit of fun, then I found out that I had made the team. When I went for the selection for the teams, I made the mixed team. I found out that we would be playing nine games over three days. I was like "this is going to hurt!". We won our first game. I was very happy. We won three out of the nine games.

# Max Y

I had sooo much fun! We got to go to the Beach House in Glenelg, so that was sooo fun! Our last game on the water-turf was a big win. As soon as I had that ball...ZOOM! Attack mode! I got a goal in under thirty seconds. After JoJo scored a goal, surprise...surprise...I got another goal, then Oscar got a goal too. We bet the opposing team four to nil.

# Lylah B

When I got to Adelaide I stayed at a cabin. Mum and Claire came to watch my games. In the first game I played, I scored the first goal. We ended up losing that game and we tied the other two games. The following day we won two games and tied the other game. We got to go to the Beach House and it was so much fun. For the last day we won two games and lost one. We also got to go out for tea and go to the pool.

# Sophie D

I had a great time at SAPSASA hockey and I met lots of new people and made some new friends. We came third out of nine teams. We had a lot of close games, only losing two overall. I had a really fun time and it was a great experience. I learnt a lot from the brilliant coach and from other members of the team. I am very grateful that I got selected into a wonderful team and that I got to have three days in Adelaide playing hockey with my friends.

# Storm A

At SAPSASA we came third overall. I was in the girls team and we drew two games, lost three and won four. In all of the games that we won, I got a goal. In the first game on the Tuesday, I got two goals. The second game on Tuesday, I got one. We lost the last game on that day. On Wednesday I got a goal in the first game and one in the second. Overall, I had a good

time and I was the top goal scorer for all of the South East teams.

# Alexis R









# SAPSASA ATHLETICS





In the Mount Gambier running day I came first, so I got to go to Adelaide, which was on Monday 22 September. My first event was at 9:48am. It was the 1500 metre race. I was coming fourth nearly the whole race except for the start. I ended up coming fourth by eight seconds. My second event was the 800 metre race and I came fourth in that by 0.15 seconds. My last event was the relay. I was the third runner and we got second so I got a medal. **Benji R** 

My time in Adelaide for SAPSASA athletics was fun, stressful and scary because I was competing against bigger people than me but the same age. I was in the discus event. We all got three attempts. On my second attempt I got 20 metres and 40 centimetres. I came fifth out of sixteen. Jax S



PREMIERS



The experience of just going out and running in this event was absolutely awesome, even though I did not win anything. I had practiced hard for this event and it was still hard. I was not expecting to win anything because the people there were extremely fast. I still had a great time and I really hope to go again next year! **Amelia J** 

Before I did discus we got ten practices. One by one we went up to practice. Once the last person had been up it was time for the real deal. For my first throw I got 19.54 metres. The friends that I made there were really shocked. My second and third one I didn't get as far and because of the 19.54 I got second place. It is the first medal I got. My shot put was not as good as my discus. My best was 6.17 metres. Because of that I got ninth place over all. It was amazing to be there again. **Charlotte B** 

# PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

CONGRATULATIONS

to all our wonderful participants on completing this year's Premiers reading challenge!





Cinema (movie TBC) 5-8 year olds Monday 29 September 2025 approx. 10am



Relish Art Room Magiclay Workshop 9-12 year olds Tuesday 30 September 2025 10am-11.30am



Dinner at Caffe Belgiorno 18-25 year olds **Tuesday 30 September 2025** 5.30pm-7pm



Relish Art Room Polymer Clay Workshop 13-17 year olds Wednesday 1 October 2025 10am-11.30am



To RSVP or for further information please contact us on 0491 066 939 or email youngcarerteam@carerssa.com.au



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Looking to get active, make friends and have fun? Join our mixed Social Softball Program No experience? No worries! All skill levels welcome - just bring a good attitude and a

WHERE? Blue Lake Sports Park, Mount Gambier WHEN? Friday nights 6:00pm -7:30pm WHO? Everyone aged 14+

Pay to play! Only pay, when you play! \$10 per game

**REGISTER VIA THE QR** · CODE TODAY!



# Are you a young Carer?

A young Carer is someone who helps a family member or friend with:



emotional support



looking after siblings alone



preparing meals



providing company





help to communicate

# Is this you?

Free support is just a phone call away. Contact Carer Gateway on 1800 422 737 or visit carerssa.com.au

# **One on One Support**

Carers SA Young Carer Workers engage with young Carers aged between five (5) and twenty-five (25) providing individualised one on one support.

We know that everyone is different. This support may vary for each person, depending on what the young Carer's needs are at the time. Together, the young Carer and our team will aim to develop resources, social connections, and resilience to strengthen wellbeing, overcome barriers, achieve goals and flourish!

# Some areas that our Young Carer team can help with may include (but not limited to):

- · Mental health and wellbeing
- · Social connections and recreation
- · Education and homework
- Financial support
- Employment
- Friendships
- Healthy relationships
- · Support around the caring role
- · Information, advocacy, and referral





Connecting carers •••• to support services

Carers SA is committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all of our children and young people

# COMMUNITY NEWS



# 29 SEPTEMBER TO MONDAY 6 OCTOBER: THE MAKER TROLLEY FREE — ALL AGES

# During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library

Roll up to our maker trolley and let your imagination run wild! Packed with art and craft supplies and fun project ideas, our DIY craft trolley is ready for you to make, decorate, and create. DIY activity for the whole family to enjoy.

# MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER: BEADED KEYRINGS

FREE - AGES 7+

# 10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

Get creative and make your own colourful beaded keyring to take home! Bookings essential.

# MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER: MOVIE AND POPCORN (PG)

FREE - ALL AGES

# 2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Settle in for a family friendly movie adventure with popcorn to snack on. Due to licensing the movie cannot be named in the program. Please contact the Library for more information Bookings essential.

# TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER: EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

FREE - UNDER 5'S

# BABY BOUNCE

## 11:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

In this session we encourage face to face play between parents and babies, lots of laughing, giggling, and singing. Suitable for ages 0 to 18 months. Bookings not required.

## STORYTIME - KIDS ALIVE SPRING SAFE STORYTIME

# 11:30am @ Mount Gambier Library

Help your little ones learn to stay safe around water with this interactive Storytime featuring books, music, and fun activities. Presented in collaboration with Kids Alive do the Five. Suitable for ages 2 to 5. Bookings not required.

# FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER: D&D CLUB

FREE - AGES 12 TO 25)

# 3:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Immerse yourself in the world of D&D as we undertake an epic quest and level up in experience. Players from all experience levels welcome. Bookings essential.

# SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER: EDDIE THE EEL FROM EIGHT MILE CREEK Presented by Ozfish FREE - ALL AGES

# 9:00am to 1:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Come along and discover the incredible lifecycle of the short-finned eel, told through drawings and narration by students from Yahl Primary School. Three session times available. Bookings essential via the OzFish website.



### TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER: LIBRARY BINGO FREE - ALL AGES

# During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library

Explore the Library in a whole new way! Pick up your bingo sheet and complete the fun challenges around the Library for the chance to win a prize. DIY activity for the whole family to enjoy.

# TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER: THE NYLON ZOO

FREE - AGES 3 TO 10

# 10:00am and 11:00am @ Mount Gambier Library Step into the magical world of the Nylon Zoo. A playful experience of dress ups, parades, and

storytelling inside an inflatable creature. Bookings essential - one session per child.

# TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER: 3D PRINTING

Drop-in session between 2:00pm and 4:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library Using TinkerCad, choose a design or build a unique creation. It will then be printed for you to collect at a later date. Bookings not required.

# WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER: SPHERO ROBOTS

# 10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library Take control of a Sphero robot and race it around an obstacle course. Are you up for the

FREE - AGES 7+

# challenge? BYO device with Sphero Edu app installed. Bookings essential.

## WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER: STORYTELLING IN COLOUR 2:00pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre

## Paint your memories! Use colour to tell your personal story on canvas, inspired by works from our current exhibition Two Girls from Amoonguna. Bookings essential. All materials supplied.

### THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER: EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS FREE - UNDER 5'S

# CONNECT AND PLAY - SENSORY PLAY

# 10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

Engage your child's senses with exciting textures, colours, and activities in this hands on sensory play session. Please dress your child in appropriate clothing - messy play may be included. Bookings not required.

# TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER: 3D PRINTING

FREE - AGES 7\*

Drop-in session between 2:00pm and 4:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library Using TinkerCad, choose a design or build a unique creation. It will then be printed for you to collect at a later date. Bookings not required.

# WEDNESDAY I OCTOBER: LINO PRINTMAKING

\$5 - AGES 10+)

10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre

Design it, carve it, ink it, print it! Create your own bold designs and print them onto a calico bag. Bookings essential. All materials supplied.

# WEDNESDAY I OCTOBER: WATER HEROES PRESENTED BY OZFISH

FREE - ALL AGES

# 1:00pm to 4:00pm @ Mount Gambier Railway Lands

Join OzFish for a fun, free outdoor adventure where families can explore a local waterway, study and identify cool aquatic bugs, and learn how to fight litter and protect our precious waterways. Two session times available. Bookings essential



# THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER: EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

FREE - UNDER 5'S

# CONNECT AND PLAY

## 10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

Connect with your child and other families through interactive play. Enjoy a range of play based activities suitable for ages 0 to 5, followed by some group songs and parachute fun! Bookings not required.

# THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER: FIZZY PLAYDOUGH

FREE - AGES 5+

# 2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Get hands on with fizzy playdough, squishing and shaping your creations before adding a splash of magic to make them bubble and fizz! Bookings essential.

### THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER: YOUTH ARTS AND CRAFTS — SAND MANDALAS FREE - AGES II\*

## 3:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Create, layer, and mesmerise! Join a sand mandala session where every grain tells a story - experience the art of patience, beauty, and peaceful focus in vibrant colour Drop in session. Bookings not required.



## FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER: DIY LEGO BUILDING

FREE - ALL AGES

9:00am to 5:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Build, create, and imagine with DIY LEGO fun! Drop in session for the whole family to enjoy. Bookings not required.

# FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER: JEWELLERY MAKING

10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre Shine and sparklel Design unique jewellery with embossing foil and beads – make a necklace, bracelet, or keychain. Celebrating Phil Riley's and Julie Blyfield's jewellery inspired exhibitions, join us to make your own special pieces. Bookings essential. All materials supplied.

# (THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER: EGG DROP

FREE - AGES 5+

2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Design, build, and test your own contraption to protect an egg from a big drop. Will your egg survive the fall? Bookings essential.

# FRIDAY 10 TO SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER: DIY OUTDOOR CHALK ART

# During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library

Brighten up the Library verandah with your own chalk masterpiece!

Drop in session, bookings not required.

# FRIDAY IO OCTOBER: LEGO PRINTMAKING

\$5 - AGES 8+

# 10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre

Plan, design, click, press, print! Turn LEGO bricks into printing plates and create amazing paper and card prints. Bookings essential.

# SATURDAY II OCTOBER: ADELAIDE GUITAR FESTIVAL

FREE - ALL AGES

# 9:30am to 11:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

Adelaide Guitar Festival 'On the Road' is turning up the volume on fun for kids. Don't miss the music magic with performances in the Children's Cave/Yulangu Kanipinan. Drop in session, bookings not required.



# SATURDAY II OCTOBER: CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING PROGRAM FREE — AGES 3 TO 18

# 10:00am to 11:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

Run by the Lions Clubs of Mount Gambier, free vision screenings are provided to children from the ages of 3 to 18. Please note, signed parental consent is required to undertake a screening. Bookings not required.

For more information - https://lehp.org.au/childrens-vision-screening-program/



# IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

- Bookings essential for all sessions (unless stated otherwise) and open Monday 15 September.
- Bookings can be made by contacting the individual venue as below or scan the QR code
- Our school holiday sessions are very popular and usually book out. If you have booked in and can no longer attend please call to cancel so another child can enjoy.
- Parents and guardians must remain with children under the age of 12 during sessions.



The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre 1 Bay Road, Mount Gambier | Phone 08 8721 2563 riddoch@mountgambier.sa.gov.au | theriddoch.com.au



# COMMUNITY NEWS



# Tovertafel – Games to connect with a difference!

1 to 7 October | 9:00am to 5:00pm Discover the magic of the Tovertafel; interactive games projected onto our library space, sparking joy, connection and play. All ages welcome! Free – bookings not required.

# Laughter in the Library

# Tuesdays | 11:15am to 12:00pm

Laughter Yoga is a unique exercise routine that combines unconditional laughter with yogic breathing (pranayama). Internationally recognised as a tool for emotional, mental, and physical health. Bookings not required.

# Youth Arts & Crafts – Sand Mandalas

# Thursday 2 October | 3:30pm

Create, layer, and mesmerise. Join a sand mandala session where every grain tells a story - experience the art of patience, beauty, and peaceful focus in vibrant colour.

Free - bookings not required.

# The Healing Power of Imagination

# 4 week program | Thursdays 1:00pm to 2:30pm

9 October: Safe Place Imagery; a meditation style of intention 16 October: Mindfulness of Thoughts; creating Self Compassion and Insights 23 October: Mindfulness of Emotions; Understanding the meaning and language of emotions and feelings

30 October: Releasing Core Limiting Beliefs; reasons to stay. Presented by Craig Smith - Accredited Teacher of Mindfulness. Free event – bookings essential.

# Adelaide Guitar Festival

Saturday 11 October | 9:00am to 12:00pm
Enjoy the ambient listening of free curated performances at the Mount Gambier Farmer's Market and Library verandah. Free event - bookings not required. For a list of all performances scan QR code.



# Hello Mount Gambier Medicare Mental Health Centre

# Wednesday 15 October | 11:00am

Discover how you or a loved one can access free, walk-in support here in Mount Gambier - no referral needed. Free event - bookings encouraged.

# Helen Williams - The Jigsaw within my Mind

Saturday 18 October | 11:00am Discover 'The Jigsaw Within My Mind' with Helen Williams, founder of the former Anxiety Disorders Association South East (ADASE), as she shares her journey and insights to support those living with anxiety and depression. Free event - bookings essential.

# Gratitude Wall – Celebrate the Little Things...

# Monday 20 to Friday 31 October

We invite you to pause, reflect and share what you're grateful for. While you're here, nominate someone you think deserves to win our 'Hamper of Pamper'.

# Mindful Moments Storytime

## Tuesday 21 October | 11:30am Cave Garden/Thugi

Unwind with stories and a gentle mindfulness walk outdoors, designed to nurture calm and wellbeing this Mental Health Month. Free event - bookings not required.

# Push, Pull, Spin: 3D Printed Fidgets

Tuesday 21 October | 2:00pm to 5:00pm
Fidget toys are more than just fun – and not just for kids! They can help reduce stress, improve focus and support mindfulness. Come and check out what you can print from an array of designs to suit all ages.

\*Please note 3D printed fidgets take time to complete and may need to be collected at a later date.

Free event - bookings not required.

Social Sing-a-long with Hunter n Scout
Sunday 26 October | 11:00am to 12:00pm
Lift your spirits and join us for a soulful sing-a-long session. Whether you sing loud, soft, in or out of tune – all welcome! Free event – bookings encouraged.

# Silent Book Club

# Wednesday 29 October | 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Slow down and enjoy the calm connection of reading together in silence. Bring your own book and we will provide the space and refreshments! Free event - bookings essential.

# To book an event. scan the QR code:



# Mount Gambier Library

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# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Term 4: 13 October to 12 December 2025

# STEM CLUB MAD SCIENTISTS

Tuesdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm

This club is packed with explosive experiments, gooey creations, and mind-blowing discoveries. Explore, experiment, and be amazed each week! Suitable for ages 8 to 12. Bookings essential.





# MINECRAFT CLUB

Wednesdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Calling all Minecraft fans! Step into a world where your ideas come to life. Join us for weekly adventures, creative events, survival quests, and more. All skill levels welcome! Suitable for ages 7+. Bookings essential.

# LEGO FAN CLUB AROUND THE WORLD

Thursdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Join us for weekly build themes inspired by real-world wonders. From a desert oasis to deep-sea dives, iconic landmarks to wild safaris. Each challenge invites you to create and discover with LEGO bricks. Suitable for ages 6+. Bookings not required.



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