

NEWSLETTER

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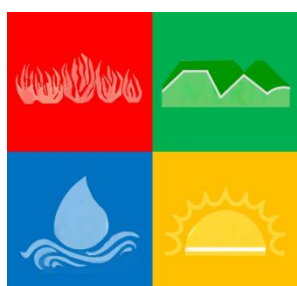


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WELCOME BACK ~ TERM 4

Welcome back to Term 4! We are looking forward to an action-packed term with plenty of exciting events to bring our school community together. Here are a few key highlights:



Sports Day is scheduled for Thursday, Week 4 (November 6th). This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their teamwork, sportsmanship, and skill in a variety of fun activities. We encourage families to come along and cheer for their children! Team chants have been included for you and your child to practise.

Class Placements for 2026 are well underway, and we ask families to ensure the blue forms, recording five students your child works well with, are submitted to your child's teacher promptly. In addition, any additional considerations for your child should be sent via email to Kirsty Hill no later than Friday close of business. Your input is invaluable in creating balanced and positive learning environments for next year. Please note this is not an opportunity to request a teacher but to highlight your child's specific needs.



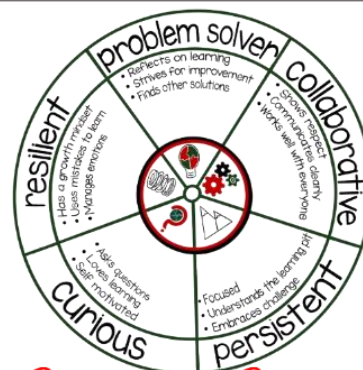
We are thrilled to invite you to join us for a **Community Breakfast on Monday morning, Week 6**. This is a great opportunity to connect with other families while enjoying delicious pancakes with your child.

Finally, in Week 8, we will be focusing on **transitions**: Year 6 students will begin preparing for their move to high school. New receptions will have their first

experiences of school. All other year levels will spend time meeting their new teacher and classmates for 2026 on the Thursday, ensuring they feel confident and excited for the year ahead. Year 6 graduation following in week 9.

We look forward to sharing these memorable moments with all of you. Please let us know if you have any questions or need further information about the activities mentioned.

Kirsty Hill, Lia Jordan, Melissa McCracken



Coming Events

WEEK 1

Friday 17 October
Assembly 9:10 am

WEEK 2

Tues 21 & Wed 22 October
Storytime at Dusk
Reception to Year 3, in
the Resource Centre
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Friday 24 October



WEEK 3

Monday 27 October
Governing Council
7:30pm

WEEK 4

Thursday 6 November
SPORTS DAY

VISION AWARDS

Term 4, Week 2 – Friday 24 October



RESPECT

Presented to	By	For
Layla S	Mrs Wilson & Miss Day	always trying her hardest in all learning. Layla is helpful and kind towards others.
Ellie M-C	Ms Huitema	being a respected class member who always considers the needs and feelings of her peers.

THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Blare H	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Harding	showing an outstanding attitude and effort in all areas of learning.
Jett M	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Harding	showing dedication to his learning and being brave when trying new experiences.
Owais L	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	confidently describing that weight is how heavy or light something is.
Malliah H-P	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	confidence in believing in herself and making her own choices, irrespective in what others are doing.
Jamison L	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	continuously setting a good example for his peers by using the learner assets throughout all aspects of his learning.
Nevika B	Miss Schulz & Mrs Deppeler	settling into our classroom quickly and confidently during Term 3.
William P	Ms Hutchinson & Mrs Deppeler	extending himself during PhOrMeS and math by taking on challenges and explaining his thinking to others.

COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Caileigh F	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	happily working with others and being a strong, patient and kind learning partner with them.
Ivy B	Ms Huitema	consistently contributing her ideas when working collaboratively and being a good friend to others.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Presented to	By	For
Isabella W	Mrs Wilson & Miss Day	confidence in her own learning and preparedness to help whenever she sees a need.

ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Kolten M	Mrs Wilson & Miss Day	keeping learning agreements and caring about his classmates.
Mateo S	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	showing engagement in all areas of the curriculum.
Charlotte R	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	engaging enthusiastically in all learning tasks and always being a supportive peer.
Jaden G	Ms Huitema	his commitment and engagement during our PhOrMeS lessons.
Arizona W	Miss Schulz & Mrs Deppeler	the amazing effort and enthusiasm shown in our school musical dance.
Skye P	Miss Schulz & Mrs Deppeler	the amazing effort and enthusiasm shown in our school musical dance.
Yasmin C	Ms Hutchinson & Mrs Deppeler	applying herself during geography lessons, using new learning and skills to extend herself.

Award Winners from Term 3, Week10



SPORTS DAY CHANTS



Warnap are here bringing the heat
Burning hot, get on your feet (jump)

We are Warnap, feel the flame
We are Warnap, hear our name
(hands up to ears)

Spell it

W-A-R-N-A-P

Goooooooooooo Warnap!



Merit, Merit, best on the land
We are here and here we stand
(three stomps)

We are the best, the leaders of the
rest

We are Merit, now let's spell it

M-E-R-I-T

Spell it again

M-E-R-I-T

Goooooooooooooooooooo MERIT!



Come on Parri

Let's have fun

We will finish number one

We are fast, we are strong

This is our winning song

Get down low and say it slow (crouch
down)

Parri, Parri

Now stand up tall and hear our roar

PARRI



We are Karu, we will rise

Like the sun in the sky

We are yellow, we are bright
bringing the speed and all our might

We won't stop until defeat
Now let's hear you stomp your feet
K (stomp), A (stomp) R (stomp) U
(stomp)

KARU

2025 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Once again we are offering a school magazine for the 2025 year. This is a fantastic opportunity to capture your child's primary years in a magazine format. This year's magazine will be in full colour.

These will be available to order via the

Qkr! App

The cost is \$31.50. If you require postage it will be an extra \$7.50



At the end of each year we recognise a girl and boy from each year level for their academic achievement. Last year we asked for sponsorship from the community for these awards and had an overwhelming response. We have 12 awards valued at \$30.00 and are looking for sponsors. The recipient receives a \$30.00 voucher and certificate indicating who sponsored the award (organised by the school).

If your family or business would like to become a sponsor of these awards you will be acknowledged at the end of year presentation. Please indicate below if you would like to participate. Any further queries please contact the front office.

McDonald Park School 2025 Academic Sponsorship

Name:

Telephone:

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COMMUNITY NEWS

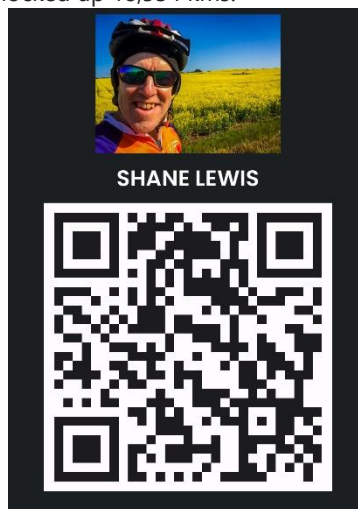
MR LEWIS

Riding to Fight Kids' Cancer

Mr Lewis (one of our SSO's) is Riding to fight Kids' Cancer again this year. This is now his 13th consecutive year of riding for this worthy cause. This involves riding a bike for all of October and raising as much money as possible to help Kids with Cancer. If you would like to help him out just scan this QR code and hit the "Donate Now" button:

<https://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Riders/ShaneLewis>

So far this year Mr Lewis has ridden over 280 km's and raised \$17,786 for this great cause making him the 1st highest fundraiser in the state. The total raised for the 13 years, now stands at \$179,478 and has personally clocked up 18,534 kms.



SHANE LEWIS		
13 YEAR LEGACY		
\$17,786 Raised	\$18,000 Goal	\$214 To reach goal
262km Ridden	400km Ride goal	138km To reach goal
13 year Legacy	\$179,478 Raised	18,534km Ridden
GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE		

pp positive partnerships
Working together to support autistic school-aged students

Free workshop

1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers Mount Gambier, SA



Scan the
QR code or
[click here](#)
to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Wednesday
19 November, 2025
9:15am to 3:00pm



Southgate Motel
175 Commercial Street East
MOUNT GAMBIER SA 5290

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

**During the workshop
you will learn about:**

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

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

For more information or to register visit:

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