

NEWSLETTER

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SPORTS DAY 2025

Thursday 6th of November 2025 is our Sports Day. This is the day we gather as a community to get active, participate in different athletic events and set goals to improve on our performance from last year. As part of their physical education lessons students have been learning new skills and improving on their current skills. The students have demonstrated persistence, resilience and self-reflection during these lessons.

The canteen will be open for food and drinks on the day and there will also be a BBQ available over the lunch break.

Grant High School students will be helping out this year and with their support the events and the day run very smoothly. Please remember to support these young people, guide and help our children to have a fun and exciting day.

We wish all our teams, **Karu**, **Parri**, **Warnap** and **Merit** the very best of success and hope students focus on their improvement and have an enjoyable and fun Sports Day.

Kirsty, Melissa & Lia



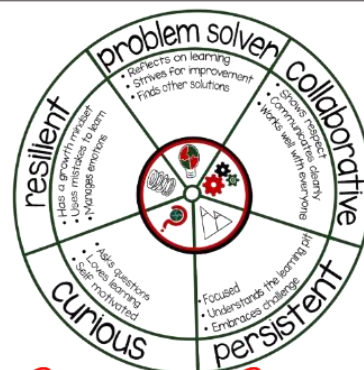
World Teachers' Day



World Teachers' Day is officially recognised on 31 October 2025. We celebrated earlier in the week with a morning tea for our teaching staff.

McDonald Park School has a positive reputation in the local community and we often comment as a leadership team that we have amazing and highly skilled teachers at our site for which we are very

grateful. We are sure that you agree and will join us in acknowledging the great work of our teachers on this day. As parents you may like to acknowledge something that you value about your child's teacher and send a Seesaw message or you may write a message with your child. The aim of the day is acknowledgement of the great work of individuals who make a difference each and every day.



Coming Events

WEEK 3

Friday 31 October
ASSEMBLY 9:10am

WEEK 4

Monday 3 November
MARATHON

Thursday 6 November
SPORTS DAY

WEEK 5

Monday 10 November
Remembrance Day
Ceremony with RSL
representatives.

Tuesday 11 November
Remembrance Day
One minute silence

Friday 14 November
Assembly 9:10 am

Saturday 15 November
Christmas Parade

VISION AWARDS



Term 4, Week 3 – Friday 31 October

RESPECT		
Presented to	By	For
Iris H	Mr Bigg	always being respectful to her classmates and teachers.
Oliver P	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Parsons	showing respect to peers whilst settling in at McPark.
Cheyden R	Mrs Dew	being a positive role model for others in the class and in the yard.
THRIVING		
Presented to	By	For
Luke D	Mr Bigg	thriving in maths lessons and having his times tables down pat.
Gabriella A	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Parsons	consistently working hard in all lessons with a positive attitude.
Oliver T	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Parsons	organising himself and showing readiness for learning.
Sailor A	Ms Munday & Ms Bundy	participating with greater confidence across all areas of her learning.
Stella C	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	building confidence and competence in maths.
Zaphira P	Mrs McLean	a huge increase in achievements across all learning areas. Really impressive Z!
COLLABORATION		
Presented to	By	For
Meaghan H	Mr Bigg	always working well in groups to achieve the lesson goals.
Scarlett P	Miss Eldridge	working cooperatively with others during group tasks such as drama.
Cooper H	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Parsons	active participation during the Variety events as well as during PE lessons.
Ella R	Mrs Dew	assisting others with dance moves in preparation for the musical.
Dom H	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	being a consistently supportive class mate.
Malekai G	Mrs McLean	consistently displays empathy towards others and genuinely wants to help people achieve success.

ENGAGEMENT		
Presented to	By	For
Nash M	Mr Bigg	always engaging well in lessons and participating knowledgeably in discussions.
Zoe Y	Miss Eldridge	participating enthusiastically in arts activities such as drama and ukulele.
Isla W	Miss Eldridge	using effective skills to research a neighbouring country.
Hemi L	Miss Eldridge	consistently sharing his knowledge, ideas and opinions with the class.
Hallie W	Mrs Dew	enthusiasm and volume in singing for our class item in the musical.
Sky B	Ms Munday & Ms Bundy	giving all learning tasks a go and working well to deepen her understanding.
Jesse W	Ms Munday & Ms Bundy	sharing insightful connections between class learning and his own general knowledge.
Harmony P	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	improvement in engagement and learning.
Caylin J V V	Mrs McLean	being an excellent, resilient learner. Always happy to give everything a go and bounces back when it gets tough.
Lexi R	Mrs McLean	displaying leadership skills in the classroom. Always happy to assist others - including the teacher!
Kieran N	Mrs McLean	displaying an outstanding work ethic!!! One of the best workers I've ever worked with.
Lara L	Ms Mitchell	being switched on across all learning areas and actively engaging in learning conversations.

Award Winners from Term 4 Week 1



SAPSASA BOYS BASKETBALL



On Friday, 17 October, McDonald Park School Boys Division One team were victorious as the state champions. As a team they represented themselves and the school extremely well and showed great skill to claim the title of 'champions'. The boys took on feedback from Kurt Russell, who we are grateful for coaching. The team encouraged each other and showed exemplary sportsmanship.

Congratulations boys on your well deserved win - I was very proud to be part of your journey to the championship.

Thanks also to Kurt Russell for coaching, parents, Katherine Bundy and Melissa McCracken for supervising at regional levels.

Kirsty Hill

CONGRATULATIONS – AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR BASKETBALL CUP

A special congratulations also needs to go to Judd Creek and Benji Russell, who have been selected to represent SA at the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury NSW and Wodonga VIC in January 2026. Fantastic achievement boys, we wish you all the best for the competition.





Last week we held our annual 'Storytime at dusk' on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Over 60 Foundation to year 3 students came to school in their pyjamas, with teddy bears and parents in tow. We sat down cosily in the library and listened to wonderful story readers read stories to us, two readers per night. This was followed by milo and biscuits before going home to bed. The resource centre was filled with families creating happy memories together. We thank Daniel Castle, Rachel Parsons, Linda Ward and Robyn Williams for generously giving us their time and providing us with a magical evening.

SPORTS DAY

Boys Championship Sprint Runners

AGE	MERIT	KARU	PARRI	WARNAP
12 year olds	Zac H	Bruce N	Tyler G	Judd C
	Hudson F	Kade J	Benji R	Haiden P
RESERVE	Austen G	Zander Mc	Will M	Oliver C
11 years old	Van A	Blake W	Brax B	Dominic A
	Rielyn T	Cruz C	Brayse G	Eli H
RESERVE		Kieran N	Nic B	Logan M
10 years old	Nash M	Nathan B	Zade K	Riley W
	Denver T	Jacob C	Romeo L	Max B
RESERVE	Ryder W	Harrison W	Jax S	Lucas M
9 years old	Maddox F	Elliott B	Kane G	Hemi L
	Oliver T	Albert N	Will W	Connor C
RESERVE	Jameson D	Jay C	Oliver P	Zane C
8 years old	Reegan R	Hunter L	Hudson C	Angus P
	Tim R	Toby W	Harry W	Eli J
RESERVE		Andre V	Tyson H	Haari C
7 years old	Ty M	Darcy H	Jaden G	Ryder K
	Byron T	Charlie Mc	Spencer H	Marty S
RESERVE	William P	Huey E	Lukas H	
6 years old	Oscar S	Jordan N	Tex L	Vincent A
	Zack R	Kade T	Kobe H	Leo C
RESERVE	Mateo S	Harry D		Koby J
5 years old	Kayden T	Bryn R	Alexander T	Jeff M
	-	Owais L	Jak G	Robbie P
RESERVE	-	Lux J	Malikye T	Theo O-M

Girls Championship Sprint Runners

AGE	MERIT	KARU	PARRI	WARNAP
12 year olds	Sailor A	Alexis R	Zahalia C	Summer B
	Paition P	Meah Mc	Payton W (M)	Hayley M
RESERVE	Ann B	Madalyn M-C	Charlotte G	
11 years old	Alissa H	Chloe B	Lara L	Amelia F
	Anna L	Millie P	Hannah M	Stella C
RESERVE	Skyla L-R	Violet C (G)	Annika B	Ruby F
10 years old	Ruby D	Amelia J	Isabelle H	Stevie C
	Amelia F	Ameilie D	Zara C	Alexis B
RESERVE	Hailee R	Tessie L	Shibby H	Amity W
9 years old	Scarlett P	Gabriella P	Meaghan H	Ella M
	Matilda L	Alissa B	Presayis G	Gabriella A
RESERVE	Lety S	Ella R	Johniezel C	Evie F
8 years old	Paige G	Estelle J	Jordyn B	Ivy B
	Zoe Y	Tali J	Tiggy L	Savannah S
RESERVE	Mikayla T	Nevika B	Harriet K	Caileigh F
7 years old	Hallie B	Lara P	Zoey P	Loretta L
	Alazae P	Michelle N	Ava C	Raven T
RESERVE	Willow O	Ally G	Alice F	Charlotte R
6 years old	Billie S	Isabella W	Layla B	Mikayla G
	Lara F	Emilia E	Daphne C	Sadie T
RESERVE	Zoe C	Alex E	Rory K	Aleayah D
5 years old	Lily D	Jasmine G	-	Jesuar R
	Harlow B	Audrey C	-	Maliiah H-P
RESERVE	Ckaire A	Zephyr T	-	Ella G

Relay Championship Runners

AGE	MERIT		KARU		PARRI		WARNAP	
	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS
12 year old	Ann B	Austen G	Madalyn M-C	Zander Mc	Charlotte G	Will M	Destiney B	Oliver C
	Caylin J VV	Jack P	Harper C	Djakobe L-J	Lara B	Al-baraa L	Stella C	Nate T
Reserve								
	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS
11 year old	Skyla L-R	Nash M	Violet C(G)	Kieran N	Annika B	Nic B	Ruby F	Logan M
	Dom H	Denver T	Amelia J	Caleb P	Lylah B	Oliver E	Charlotte B	Clifton J
Reserve							Luka S	
	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS
10 year old	Hailee R	Ryder W	Tessie L	Harrison W	Aubree T	Jax S	Amity W	Lucas M
	Harper S	Max Y	Izzy Mc	Logan W	Emilia B	Digby N	Lyla T	Lachie K
Reserve		Kace P	Piper K	Cooper H	Shibby H	Angus H-S		Liam P
	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS
9 year old	Lety S	Jameson D	Ella R	Jay C	Johniezel C	Oliver P	Evie F	Zane C
	Hailie W	Luke D	Violet D	Kain D	Lexii B	Levi C	Arabella A	Seth P
Reserve	Harper S	TJ Brooks	Gracie P	Jasper C	Evie K	Riley B	Maci B	Rohin W-E
	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS
8 year old	Mikayla T	William P	Nevika B	Andre V	Harriet K	Tyson H	Caileigh F	Haari C
	Ava D	Jebb P	Olivia D	Jamie F	Aubrey H	Leo C-F	Sommer B	Shane O
Reserve	Luna S		Ellie M-C	Keegan T	Marley T	Amav G	Sasha T	Taylor H

We welcome all parents and their families to come and support their children for the day.

Please bring a packed recess and lunch. The canteen will be open for counter sales, drinks and ice-creams only. There will be **NO lunch orders** processed on the day. A BBQ will be available for the lunch period, 11:30am to 1:15pm. Parent helpers are welcome.

Please respect the allocated areas for sprint viewing in the centre of the oval. It is an OHS issue for parents to be at the finish line.

Footwear

For students to perform at their best in any sport or athletic activity it is important to have the right equipment. Their footwear is no different. Here is some good advice from Bryce Strachan, a local podiatrist.

Athletics generally involves a lot of running, which requires a 'RUNNING' shoe (also known as a jogger or sneaker). A running shoe should be a LACE-UP shoe, it should bend at the ball of the foot and it should have a strong heel counter. The laces should be tied firmly to hold the shoe on the foot correctly to give the most support and shock absorption. This is to maximise performance and minimise injuries.

Some shoes such as SKATE shoes or STREET shoes look like running shoes; however they don't perform like one. Often these types of shoes are heavy, have little shock absorption and don't lace up correctly, so avoid these when doing athletic activity.

Clothing

It would be great to see as many students in polo tshirt or t-shirts of their team colours. All students are required to wear clothing that is consistent with the school dress code. It is not appropriate to wear tops that do not have sleeves.

Hats

Wearing hats will be compulsory for Sports Day, as with every other day. Legionnaire, wide brimmed or bucket hats are all acceptable. Hats that are named are easier to return to their owners. Hats will be able to be taken off for championship events and events such as high jump, hurdles etc but will need to be worn when students are not actively involved in the event.

Water

Please ensure that your child/ren have a bottle of water that is clearly marked with their name. This will ensure that they stay hydrated and well throughout the day.

A Sports Day timetable and map will be sent home to all families with this week's newsletter.



SAFEGUARDING AT THE YMCA.

We have an unwavering focus and commitment to safeguarding children first and foremost in everything we do. We have official accreditation as a Child Safe Organisation and a strong Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and Procedures. These frameworks are helping us to continually embed a child and young people safe culture into YMCA SA.

CULTURE

We will create a safe culture nationally which empowers children and young people through leadership and governance

OPERATIONS

We will create safe operations to ensure Y people, parents/ carers and community have the right policies, processes and practices to keep children and young people safe

ENVIRONMENT

We will create safe environments at the Y and in communities which empower children and young people to thrive



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE



SINCE 1850

175

175 YEARS OF YMCA SA

During the October school holidays, **37 of our OSHC Services**, with over **1,350 children** attending came together to celebrate **175 years of the YMCA in South Australia!** Partnering with AFL Max, we marked this incredible milestone with two action-packed days of fun, energy, and community spirit.





SIES
Inclusive Teaching & Learning

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COME JOIN THE TERM 4 REGIONAL CONNECT!

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

Join us via Microsoft Teams (scan the link below to register) to hear Siobhan (Speech Therapist) from our Autism Inclusion Teacher initiative share her knowledge and expertise of neuro affirming practices in relation to expressive and receptive communication.

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.





Tuesday 4th November 2025 1pm - 2pm Register [here](#)





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Enrol now for preschool

Now taking enrolments for 2026!

Is your child starting kindergarten in 2026? We'd love to welcome your family to Gladigau Park Kindergarten!

We are offering After Kindy Care on Thursdays and Fridays from 3-6pm for families who would like to access this service.

Call us on 08 8725 9689 to find out more.

For more information about preschool enrolment and eligibility, visit: <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/preschool-enrolment>.

Tball Expression of Interest



Under 8s

Come and Join us for a fun Saturday morning of Tball at Blue Lake Sports Park! Ages 4-8 welcome

Under 12s

8-12 year olds you don't miss out! Come and join us for some Tball fun, following the 4-8 age group.

No experience or equipment needed!
follow the link to register, more information will be available soon!

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/mtgambiersa/regio/start/?fresh>

contact Charli Kaigg
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BLUE LIGHT HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025
OATMILL CINEMA - 5:30PM



MOVIE
GHOSTBUSTERS - FROZEN EMPIRE (2024)
RATING: PG

\$5.00 PER PERSON
PURCHASE TICKETS AT MT GAMBIER POLICE STATION
DRINKS & SNACKS FOR PURCHASE

UNDERAGE EVENT
POLICE SUPERVISED/
LOCKED-IN EVENT
BEST DRESSED COSTUME PRIZE

PG MILD SUPERNATURAL THEMES, VIOLENCE, SEXUAL REFERENCES AND COARSE LANGUAGE, SOME SCENES MAY SCARE YOUNG CHILDREN





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