

# NEWSLETTER

## McDonald Park School

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# SPORTS DAY 2025

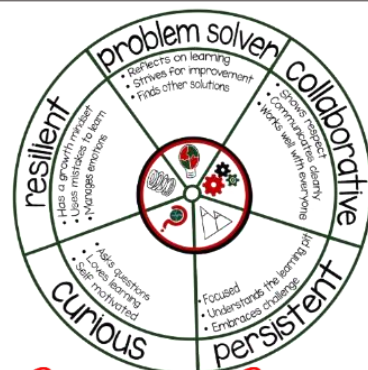
## CONGRATULATIONS KARU

KARU - 557

WARNAP - 470

MERIT - 463

PARRI - 423



## Coming Events

### WEEK 5

Friday 14 November

Assembly 9:10 am

Saturday 15 November

**Christmas Parade**

KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR OUR McPARK  
FLOAT AS WELL AS OUR STUDENTS'  
CARRYING SIGNS

### WEEK 6

Monday 17 November

**COMMUNITY PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**

8:15 am to 8:50 am

in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

### WEEK 7

Monday 24 November

Governing Council

Friday 28 November

Casual Day

Assembly 9:10 am

### WEEK 8

**Wednesday 3 December &  
Thursday 4 December**

Year 6 transition at high school  
Kindy transition

**Thursday 4 December**

Whole school transition to next  
year's classes

### WEEK 9

**Wednesday 10 December**

Class party Day

Year 6 Graduation

# VISION AWARDS

Term 4, Week 5 – Friday 14 November



RESPECT		
Presented to	By	For
Lily D	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	always being respectful to her peers and teachers, showing kindness to all.
Payton W	Miss Schulz & Mrs Deppeler	being a respectful classmate towards her peers and Mrs Telfer.
Spencer A	Ms Huitema	being a respectful, kind-hearted and caring class member who always considers the needs and feelings of those around him.
THRIVING		
Presented to	By	For
Ella G	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Harding	showing dedication to her learning and always being prepared to work hard.
Zoey P	Miss Schulz & Mrs Deppeler	settling into our classroom quickly and confidently.
Aleayah D	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	consistently working hard in all areas, always trying her best.
Koby J	Ms Hutchinson & Mrs Deppeler	showing incredible growth when reading and working with money.
Tali J	Ms Hutchinson & Mrs Deppeler	continuously challenging herself in all learning areas.
Jebb P	Ms Hutchinson & Mrs Deppeler	incredible growth when spelling and reading challenging words.
Leo C-F	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	improved focus, effort in work, neater hand writing and consistent respect towards classmates and staff. Excellent personal growth.
COLLABORATION		
Presented to	By	For
Alice F	Ms Huitema	working collaboratively in group situations, contributing her ideas and thoughts.

PROBLEM SOLVING		
Presented to	By	For
Lacey C	Mrs Wilson & Miss Day	growing her resilience and approaching problems with a practical and optimistic approach.
Darcy H	Ms Huitema	quickly solving challenging math money problems relating to real life scenarios.
ENGAGEMENT		
Presented to	By	For
Zephyr T	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Harding	showing an outstanding attitude and effort during all learning opportunities.
Bryn R	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Harding	articulating sounds and blending them together to make CVC words during Heggerty's.
Azrael C	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Harding	engaging well in lessons with enthusiasm, showing interest in topics and trying his best.
Zack R	Mrs Wilson & Miss Day	focusing on his learning and being self-motivated to do his best.
Anna C	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	excellent focus, staying on task and using her problem solving skills to do her very best.
Jack L	Mrs Cooper & Mrs Deppeler	displaying a growth mind-set in taking the time to complete your work to the best of your ability.
Isaac D	Miss Schulz & Mrs Deppeler	joining in with our PhOrMeS learning more frequently.

## Award Winner from Week 3



# SPORTS DAY RESULTS

## GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP SPRINT WINNERS

AGE	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
12 year old	Sailor A	Summer B	Alexis R	Zahalia C
11 years old	Alissa H	Amelia F	Lara L	Chloe B
10 years old	Stevie C	Amelia J	Isabelle H	Zara C
9 years old	Gabriella P	Matilda L	Alissa B	Meaghan H
8 years old	Ivy B	Jordyn B	Estelle J	Savannah S
7 years old	Lara P NEW RECORD 8.75sec	Hallie B	Loretta L	Michelle N
6 years old	Layla B	Isabella W	Mikayla G	Billie S
5 years old	Jasmine G	Jesuar R	Harlow B	Audrey C

## BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP SPRINT WINNERS

AGE	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
12 year old	Judd C	Tyler G	Haiden P	Benji R
11 years old	Cruz C	Blake W	Van A	Dominic A
10 years old	Nash M NEW RECORD 8.50sec	Denver T	Zade K	Riley W
9 years old	Elliott B	Hemi L	Albert N	Connor C
8 years old	Hunter L	Reegan R	Tim R	Hudson C
7 years old	Ty M	Byron T	Charlie Mc	Ryder K
6 years old	Vincent A NEW RECORD 9.22sec	Tex L	Oscar S	Leo C
5 years old	Bryn R NEW RECORD 8.94sec	Kade T	Alexander T	Kayden T

## CHAMPIONSHIP RELAY RESULTS

AGE	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
12 year old	Merit	Warnap	Parri	Karu
11 years old	Warnap	Karu	Parri	Merit
10 years old	Warnap	Karu	Parri	Merit
9 years old	Parri	Merit	Warnap	Karu
8 years old	Karu	Warnap	Parri	Merit

## MARATHON RESULTS - GIRLS

AGE	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
12 year old	Alexis R	Summer B	Sailor A	Charlotte G
11 years old	Chloe B	Anna L	Alissa H	Ruby F
10 years old	Amelia J	Stevie C	Isabelle H	Zara C
9 years old	Gabriella P	Scarlett P	Meaghan H	Alissa B
8 years old	Ivy B NEW RECORD 4.50min	Estelle J	Zoey Y	Paige G
7 years old	Alice F NEW RECORD 2.40min	Hallie B	Raven T	Zoey P
6 years old	Mikayla G	Isabella W	Thea J	Layla B
5 years old	Jasmine G	Claire A	Harlow B	Lily D

## MARATHON RESULTS - BOYS

AGE	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
12 year old	Benji R NEW RECORD 7.10min	Judd C	Kade J	Hudson F
11 years old	Cruz C NEW RECORD 6.20min	Logan M	Blake W	Caleb P
10 years old	Max Y NEW RECORD 6.39min	Romeo L	Max B	Nash M
9 years old	Elliott B	Zane C	Riley B	Levi C
8 years old	Reegan R NEW RECORD 5.08min	Tim R	Toby W	Hunter L
7 years old	Ty M	Ryder K	Charlie Mc	Spencer H
6 years old	Oscar S	Leo C	Vincent A	Zac R
5 years old	Bryn R	Alexander T	Theo O' Mc	Jak G

**New Shot Put Record** - 10 Year old Girls – Shibby H 6.37m  
**New Discus Record** - 11 Year old Girls – Charlotte B 18.67m

# CANTEEN NEWS

## End of Year Class Parties

Families are able to order party food for their child via the Qkr! app if their class is participating. Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup> is class party day. Some classes will be on excursion and therefore will not be participating.

This year party food via the canteen is being sold as a "plate of party food" instead of individuals selecting the party food item. The canteen will supply the total number of plates ordered to the class as an even mixture of the party food being offered. This is to ensure that there is an even distribution of both savoury and sweet items for each class.

**Foods provided:** fruit, pizza, muffins, garlic bread, pies, sausage rolls, fairy bread.

**Plates will cost \$10 each.**

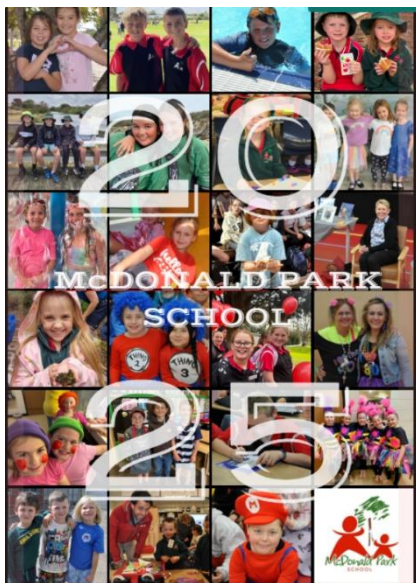
A limit of one plate per student is also requested to avoid food waste.

We appreciate your understanding and consideration in making this a special event for everyone involved. Governing Council has endorsed this initiative.

## 2025 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Reminder:

*Available to order on Qkr!*



## 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



## Remembrance Day



On Monday, we held a special Remembrance Day assembly to honour those who served and sacrificed their lives in Wars. We were joined by distinguished guests from the RSL, including Mr Bob Sandow, RSL President, who spoke about the significance of Remembrance Day. Students listened respectfully to an extract from 'The Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binton, followed by the last post and a minutes silence. Several classes created wreaths and made poppies, which were laid beneath our lone pine tree as a symbol of remembrance. We thank the RSL members for attending our commemoration.

**Lest we forget.**





**Saturday 15 November**

Keep a look on at the Mt Gambier Christmas parade for our McPark Stars.

This year we have a float number 11, as well as our older students holding signs throughout the parade.

**MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

# Pancake Breakfast

**MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 8:15 AM TO 8:50AM**

**In the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen**

We welcome all of our McPark families to our pancake breakfast.

Celebrating our wonderful school community

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In any school the front office is a very busy place. We are happy to pass on messages to students about urgent matters, but we do ask that all non urgent messages be kept to a minimum.

In addition to the front office being busy, please be mindful that teachers are not able to check Seesaw messages while teaching during the day and may not see a message until after the school day.

Please arrange with your children what is going to happen at home time before they go to school in the morning.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



## Come & Try Competitive Swimming

Swim the rest of Term 4 for just \$20



Scan for more Info



Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre



Coach.MGSC5290@gmail.com

## COME & TRY BLUE LAKE BMX CLUB

**Friday 14th November  
4:30pm - 5:30pm**

Discover the thrill of BMX racing, make new friends and learn new skills. Then stay and watch an action packed Friday race night to see where it can lead.

**Who can join? Anyone 2+ years and older  
All abilities welcome**

- **FREE** Come & Try event.
- Limited bikes, helmets and gloves provided.
- Participants are encouraged to bring their own bikes and helmets if possible.
- Participants must wear pants, long sleeve tops, closed toe shoes and gloves.

Register online at

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/bluelake/events/321547>

OR scan the QR Code



Blue Lake BMX Club



bluelakebmxclub



bluelakebmx@gmail.com



Hastings Cunningham Reserve, Millard Street, Mount Gambier, SA.



# OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

## Vacation Care | 15 Dec–23 Jan

### WEEK 1

**Monday**  
15 December

**In-House**  
**STEM Day**



Join us for a STEM Day full of fun and creativity! Build cool things in just minutes and see your ideas come to life. Bring your imagination, experiment, and have a blast creating amazing inventions!

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**Tuesday**  
16 December

**Incursion**  
**Little Animal Encounters**



A travelling petting zoo dedicated to provide hands-on educational experience for all ages.

Start: 9:30am  
Finish: 11:30am

Outcomes: 2, 3, 4, 5

**Wednesday**  
17 December

**Excursion**  
**Valley Lakes**



Spend a day at Valley Lakes with playground fun, wildlife spotting, and a tasty sausage sizzle by the water!

Depart: 9:45am  
Return: 12:00pm  
Transport: Private Bus

Outcomes: 2, 3, 4, 5

**Thursday**  
18 December

**In-House**  
**Christmas Creation**



Get into the festive spirit and create Christmas gifts for your loved ones. Make handmade treasures filled with love, creativity, and holiday cheer.

Outcomes: 2, 3, 4, 5

**Friday**  
19 December

**In-House**  
**Superhero**



Unleash your inner hero and dress up as your favourite superhero! Join us for a fun-filled day of action, adventure, and imagination.

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

IN-HOUSE  
EXCURSION  
INCURSION

**FULL FEE**  
**\$67.80**

**CCS REDUCED FEE\***  
**\$9.75 - \$35.75**

\*Estimation of fees after subsidy is applied

**Monday**  
22 December



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**Friday**  
2 January



## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

### McDonald Park OSHC

#### 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

All bookings must be received by Monday 1 December to avoid a \$3 casual fee. Cancellations must be made two weeks 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.

##### Excursions

Please make sure you arrive at the service at least 30 minutes before the bus departure. Please make sure you sign the 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.

##### Learning outcomes:



**OUTCOME 1**  
Children and young people have a strong sense of identity



**OUTCOME 2**  
Children and young people are connected and contribute to their world



**OUTCOME 3**  
Children and young people have a strong sense of wellbeing



**OUTCOME 4**  
Children and young people are confident and involved learners



**OUTCOME 5**  
Children and young people are effective communicators

##### 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  
Excursion and Incursion: **\$88.70**  
\*CCS Reduced fee: \$12.75 - \$46.75

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**Book your session via the Xplor Home App**

Visit [sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC](http://sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC) for more information

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## Vacation Care | 15 Dec–23 Jan

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### WEEK 2

**Monday**  
5 January

Incursion

**Sip And Paint**



Bring your imagination to life with paint! Explore colours, shapes, and textures to create your own magical artwork.

Start: 10:00am  
Finish: 12:00pm

Outcomes: 2, 3, 4, 5

**Tuesday**  
6 January

In-House

**Mystery Box Challenge**



Unbox the fun: Follow the clues to discover secret items and complete the challenge, if you dare!

Outcomes: 3, 4, 5

**Wednesday**  
7 January

Excursion

**Oatmeal Cinema**



Dive under the sea for a SpongeBob movie, then continue the fun with an imaginative sea small world play!  
Depart: 9:15am  
Return: 12:15pm  
Transport: Private Bus

Outcomes: 4, 5

**Thursday**  
8 January

In-House

**Olympics**



Go for gold at OSHC Olympics Day! Take on exciting challenges, celebrate teamwork, and have a blast with fun and sportsmanship.

Outcomes: 3, 4, 5

**Friday**  
9 January

In-House

**Free Choice Game Day**



Enjoy free choice games and be the master of your own play! Pick the games you love and create your own adventures. Explore, imagine, and have fun exactly the way you want.

Outcomes: 2, 3, 4, 5

### WEEK 3

**Monday**  
12 January

In-House

**Science Rocks**



Dive into the world of discovery and explore science through experiments. Spark your curiosity and have fun uncovering the wonders of science!

Outcomes: 2, 4, 5

**Tuesday**  
13 January

Incursion

**All About Fire Fighting**



Discover how firefighters stay safe, use their equipment, and tackle fires. Have fun, ask questions, and become a hero for the day.  
Start: 1:00pm  
Finish: 2:00pm

Outcomes: 2, 3, 4, 5

**Wednesday**  
14 January

In-House

**Adventure To The Garden**



Grab your explorer hat and see what amazing plants and creatures you can find! Discover their secrets, learn where they come from, and have a fun-filled nature adventure!

Outcomes: 2, 3, 4, 5

**Thursday**  
15 January

Excursion

**Kaboom Bowling**



Join us for an action-packed bowling session, then unleash your creativity with paper cup crafts to design your very own yarn baskets.  
Depart: 10:00am  
Return: 12:00pm  
Transport: Private Bus

Outcomes: 3, 4, 5

**Friday**  
16 January

In-House

**Disco With DJ-Kid -Chella**



Let the rhythm take over, show off your best moves, and compete for fun prizes. Dance, laugh, and shine on the floor in this thrilling dance challenge!

Outcomes: 2, 3, 5



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