

NEWSLETTER

McDonald Park School



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A clearer picture of every child's learning

Reviewing and improving our school reporting process

Reporting is most valuable when it gives families a clear, honest and complete picture of their child's learning. At McDonald Park School, our annual reporting process includes Acquaintance Night, learning conversations, student portfolios and two formal written reports. Together, these touchpoints are designed to help families understand exactly where their child is academically, how they are developing socially and the learning habits they bring to the classroom.

- ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT
- LEARNING CONVERSATIONS
- PORTFOLIOS
- TWO WRITTEN REPORTS

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

This has been our first year using the online reporting system. As with any significant change, it has highlighted opportunities to streamline the process, strengthen consistency and make the information families receive more useful. We are reviewing the full reporting cycle so that each component has a clear purpose and provides timely, meaningful information.

As part of this work, our written reports will become shorter and more focused. English and Mathematics will remain central to formal written reporting, while portfolios will play a greater role in showing learning, progress and achievement in other curriculum areas. This will give families richer examples of what students can do while reducing repetition across reports.

We are also working to strengthen learning conversations, with clearer expectations and greater consistency across year levels and classes. Our goal is for every family to leave these conversations with a shared understanding of their child's strengths, next steps and how school and home can work together.

HELP US IMPROVE REPORTING

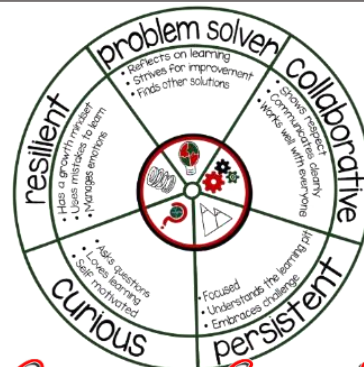
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[McDonald Park School Reporting Feedback – Fill out form](#)

McDonald Park School Reporting
Feedback



Thank you for helping
us make reporting clearer,
more useful and more consistent
for every family.



Coming Events

TERM 3 - WEEK 3

Friday 7 August

Whole school assembly in
the gym 9:10 am

WEEK 4

Monday 10 August

Special Person's Breakfast
8:20 am to 8:50 am
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

WEEK 6

ALL WEEK

Book Week

Monday 24 August

Governing Council Meeting

Friday 7 August

Book Week Parade

WEEK 7

ALL WEEK

Gooroo Animation Workshops
Year 1/2 Swimming

Friday 4 September

Whole school assembly in
the gym 9:10 am
Casual Day
School Disco

VISION AWARDS

term 3 week 3

RESPECT

Presented to	By	For
Gracie P	Mrs McCracken	working with peers in a respectful manner.
Maddox F	Mr Bigg	showing respect to his classmates and teachers and treating them with kindness and courtesy.
Hunter L	Mr Bigg	showing respect to his classmates through positive interactions and responsible choices.
Ayviana A	Miss Eldridge	being a kind and considerate class member who consistently demonstrates responsibility and respectfulness.
Storm A	Mrs McLean	being an outstanding community member. She is respectful to her role as leader, learner and friend.

THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Tali J	Mrs Dew	excellent achievements in room 7's Commonwealth Games D.P.A., winning 7 gold medals.
Mikayla T	Mrs McCracken	showing dedication to her learning.
Avery T	Mr Bigg	thriving with her work and demonstrating a positive attitude towards her learning.
Reegan R	Miss Eldridge	striving to make improvements to his reading.
Ruby F	Ms Bundy & Mrs Dempsey	consistent effort across learning areas and showing respect.
Archie C	Mrs McLean	continuing to achieve learning goals, producing excellent work samples.
Isabelle H	Ms Mitchell & Ms Jordan	developing her resilience, independence and initiative. Well done Izzy!

COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Connor C	Mrs McCracken	supporting others with challenging tasks.
Lyla T	Ms Bundy & Mrs Dempsey	working collaboratively, persisting through challenges and trying her best.
Amity W	Mrs McLean	displaying curiosity, reflective thinking and her generosity in sharing learning with her peers.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Presented to	By	For
Hemi L	Mrs Dew	problem solving in worded mathematical problems related to the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.
Evie K	Miss Eldridge	finding multiple solutions to problems and using effective strategies.
Clifton J	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	applying creative thinking and problem solving while developing a Scratch project.
Lucas M	Mrs McLean	receiving feedback better and working through his learning goals. Lucas' work is showing many growth points.

ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Shane O	Mrs Dew	engaging in room 7's Commonwealth Games D.P.A. and winning 6 medals.
Jamie F	Mrs McCracken	actively participating in all learning opportunities.
Aria L	Mr Bigg	engaging well in lessons and striving to do her best in her work.
Mario M	Miss Eldridge	participating effectively in all tasks and activities and producing work at a high standard.
Jax S	Ms Bundy & Mrs Dempsey	persisting and growing in confidence in maths and English.
Amelia O	Ms Bundy & Mrs Dempsey	trying her best and building confidence in maths.
Violet C	Ms Mitchell & Ms Jordan	improved concentration and quality of work produced. Keep it up!
Cheyden R	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	demonstrating focus and independence while planning, designing and developing a Scratch game.

Casual Day & DISCO

gold coin donation for casual day

gold coin donation for disco

Friday 4 September 2026

receptions to year 2
5.45pm to 6.30pm

year 3 to year 6
6.45pm to 8.00pm

fruit boxes \$1.00
glow sticks \$0.50 to \$2.00

lolly bags \$1.00
mini chocolates \$0.50

Welcome to McPark



We welcome the following new students and their families to McDonald Park for the beginning of this term:

Reception:

Veera B, Tate, B, Logan C, Spencer C, Bodhi E, Frankie E, Anna F, Maicey G, Adeline H, Cruiz H, Caspian O-B, Lainey P, Alice P, Dollars S, Archie S, Pippa VDR, Rory W, Gracie C, Jordan D, Bailey F, Aspyn F, Oscar H, Oran H-D, Houston K, Aurora L, Marley M, Audrey Mc, Arlo M, Fraser S, Annie S, Austin W, Harper W, Cooper R, Atreus D and Koa C.

Year 2

Willow C

SAPSASA NETBALL

In SAPSASA netball I was in the division 1 boy's team and we went undefeated. All of the people on our team had a lot of fun. I mainly played in goal shooter and goal attack. We played every game with pretty good sportsman ship and to top that off we won a gold medal.

Oliver E

SAPSASA netball was fun and we had good weather. We had huge success during the time we were there going undefeated and being the first country team to win it all. There were nine games in three days. The first day we had three games, second day there were four games and on the last day we had two.

My position was goal defence because I am a defensive player. I did get to shoot two times.

Dominic A

In the Lower South East netball team I had lots of fun. My main positions were wing defence, wing attack and centre. There were ten teams in the competition, including us. There were four city teams and 3 country teams. The hardest teams to beat were probably North East Metro, Southern Metro and Western Metro. Even though we went undefeated and came first place.

Overall it was really fun and I made so many more friends. My favourite part was when I got to play goal shooter.

Caleb P

SAPSASA netball was really fun. I made new friends and made lots of memories. I was in division 4 and we only lost one out of nine games that we played. The game that we lost we only lost by three. It was the second game. It was nice to have a holiday and have fun while playing my favourite sport for three whole days. We had Mel and Jade as the girl's coaches.

They made us better netballers and better sportsmanship people. Everyone was so nice and supportive through other people's injuries.

It was one of the nicest netball courts I've been to in my life so far. I wish I could do it again because of the people, coaches, players and the other teams. Overall the umpires were amazing and making bonds with people on other teams 'girls and boys' was amazing.

Hannah M

In SAPSASA netball I had great fun, it was a really good team. Everyone was so good. I made great new friends and I got taught a lot of new skills.

We came second overall, losing against Murraylands by three. They came first.

My team was so good that we only lost against one team which was really good out of nice teams. I wish I could have that team every weekend.

Ariella W



Book Bistro in the Resource Centre

Book Week is looming and to celebrate in week 1 we held a Book Week launch in the resource centre to celebrate the 2026 shortlisted books.

Each class was invited to 'dine' in our Book Bistro where students sampled books on serving plates to get a 'taste' for what is to come. Think candlelight, red and white cloths, Italian background music, a buffet of words, and platters and platters of the most delectable books! It was a fine feast of literature. Below are some pictures of Room 4.

Over the next few weeks, students will strum through a guitar case to discover different categories of shortlisted books during their Library Connection lessons.

The Book Week theme for 2026 is a

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

A Book Week parade will be held on Friday, week 6.

REMINDER : Premier's Reading Challenge forms due in by September 4 (Friday Week 7)



Drop off Zone Reminder



Please note that the area in front of the school is a drop off zone only.

Cars can not be parked in this area, during drop off and pick up times. Occupants can

not leave their car to deliver students to class or wait in the car.

Failure to abide can result in a fine.

Also a reminder not to park blocking the driveways of our neighbours, including Davison and Livingston Streets.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Community News

HOMELESSNESS & LONELINESS AWARENESS WEEK

3 - 9 August 2026



Little acts of kindness. Help spread a little joy.

We are collecting small luxury items; like chocolate biscuits, lip balm, fluffy socks and chips, that can brighten someone's day. While not essentials, these thoughtful extras can bring a smile to someone facing tough times. Every donation, no matter how small, is a reminder that our community cares.

Drop off your item to the Mount Gambier Library during Homelessness and Loneliness Week.

Donations distributed through ac.care.



O.S.H.C. @ McPARK

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE



- ▶ Before School Care
- ▶ After School Care
- ▶ Vacation care
- ▶ Quality educators
- ▶ Child led programs
- ▶ Art and crafts
- ▶ Excursions and incursions
- ▶ Cooking experiences
- ▶ Sporting activities
- ▶ Learn life skills
- ▶ Create long lasting friendships

ENROL NOW

CHILDCARE SUBSIDY APPROVED

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South INDIANS BASEBALL CLUB

COME & TRY + REGISTRATION DAY!

ALL AGES WELCOME

FREE BBQ LUNCH!

SUNDAY AUGUST 30 TH	
11:00AM	COME & TRY SESSION @ DIAMOND 1
12:00PM	BBQ LUNCH @ CLUB ROOMS
REGISTRATION FOLLOWING LUNCH @ CLUB ROOMS	
BLUE LAKE SPORTS PARK - DIAMOND 1 CLUB ROOMS	

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

JUST BRING YOURSELF & HAVE SOME FUN!

MESSAGE THE SOUTH INDIANS BASEBALL CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ENQUIRIES.

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Canteen Prices – Term 3, 2026



The canteen menu aims to provide healthy and nutritious food and drinks consistent with the DfE 'Right Bite' Healthy Eating Guide for schools and pre-schools and 'The Australian Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents'. You can order your child's lunch via the Qkr! app before 8:30 am each morning or alternatively, please write your **CHILD'S NAME** and **ROOM NUMBER** on a large paper lunch bag. Lunch bags are available from the canteen 10 for 50 cents or alternatively from Coles or Woolworths. Forks required for foods brought from home will be 10 cents each.

Foods brought from home will **NOT** be re-heated in the canteen due to health regulations. Any price changes or new items will be notified in the school newsletter. Late lunch orders will be accepted; however, they will be given what is available and if there is insufficient money in the bag the order will be reduced. **THERE IS NO CREDIT AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEEN.**



Daily Specials					
TUESDAY (ONLY) <i>To be ordered on Qkr! app by 12:30 pm on a Monday</i>		Sushi Assorted flavours and prices. See on Qkr! app			
THURSDAY (ONLY)		Hot Dog in Bread		\$4.00	
		Hot Dog in White Roll		\$5.00	
		Cheese		0.50c	
		BBQ, Sweet Chilli, Tomato Sauce, Mustard		0.50c	
THURSDAY MEAL DEAL		Hot Dog, flavoured Milk, Cookie		\$10.00	
FRIDAY (ONLY)		Pie		\$6.20	
		Pasty		\$6.20	
		Sausage Roll		\$6.20	
		Party Pie / Party Sausage Roll		\$2.20	
FRIDAY MEAL DEAL		Pie / Pasty & Juice		\$8.75	
		Sausage Roll & Juice		\$7.75	
		2 Party Pies & Juice		\$7.25	
		2 Party Sausage Rolls & Juice		\$7.25	
Sauces		Soy	0.50c	Tomato	0.50c
				Sweet Chilli	0.50c
Hot Food					
Cheese Burger & Sauce	\$7.25	Macaroni Cheese	\$6.75		
Lettuce	\$0.50c				
Tomato	\$0.50c				
Carrot	\$0.50c				
Cucumber	\$0.50c				
Beetroot	\$0.50c				
Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber	\$1.00				
Chicken Burger, Lettuce & Mayo	\$7.25	Spaghetti Bolognese	\$6.75		
Tomato	\$0.50c				
Cheese	\$0.50c				
Carrot	\$0.50c				
Cucumber	\$0.50c				
Beetroot	\$0.50c				
Tomato, Carrot & Cucumber	\$1.00				
Hot chicken & gravy roll	\$6.50	Nachos with Salsa, Cheese & Sour Cream	\$7.00		
Crumbed chicken sub, lettuce & mayo	\$6.75	Pizza – BBQ Chicken	\$6.00		
Sweet Chilli chicken sub, lettuce & mayo	\$6.75	Pizza - Hawaiian	\$6.00		
Garlic Bread	\$3.75	Steamed Dim Sim	\$2.50		
Garlic Bread & Cheese	\$4.25	Wedges with Sweet Chilli & Sour Cream	\$7.00		
Garlic Bread with Ham & Cheese	\$4.75	Wedges & Tomato Sauce	\$6.00		
Lasagne	\$6.75				

Lunch Packs			
Jurassic 3 x Dino Nuggets Pack Noodle salad, Carrot sticks, Cucumber	\$7.20	Pirate Pack – 2 pieces of fish & Wedges	\$8.20
Jurassic 6 x Dino Nuggets Pack Noodle salad, Carrot sticks, Cucumber	\$8.20	Veggi slice & Salad Pack Carrot, Cucumber, Noodle Salad	\$8.00
3 x Gluten Free Nuggets & Salad	\$7.20	Bento Box LARGE 6 Potato Gems, 3 Mini Spring Rolls, 3 Dim Sims, 2 Corn Cobs	\$8.25
6 x Gluten Free Nuggets & Salad	\$8.20	Bento Box SMALL 4 Potato Gems, 2 Mini Spring Rolls, 2 Dim Sims, 1 Corn Cobs	\$7.25
Pirate Pack – 1 piece of fish & Wedges	\$7.20		

Sandwiches			
Cheese Sandwich	\$3.00	Salad Sandwich	\$5.00
Chicken & Salad Sandwich	\$6.00	Tuna & Salad Sandwich	\$6.00
Chicken Sandwich	\$4.50	Tuna Sandwich	\$4.50
Egg Sandwich	\$4.50	Vegemite Sandwich	\$3.00
Ham & Salad Sandwich	\$6.00		
Ham Sandwich	\$4.50		

Rolls			
Cheese Roll	\$3.50	Ham & Salad Roll	\$6.50
Chicken Roll	\$5.00	Salad Roll	\$5.50
Chicken & Salad Roll	\$6.50	Tuna Roll	\$5.00
Egg Roll	\$5.00	Tuna & Salad Roll	\$6.50
Ham Roll	\$5.00	Vegemite Roll	\$3.50

Salads			
Munch and Crunch Box Crackers, Cheese, French Onion Dip, Carrot, Cucumber	\$6.50	Super Salad Bowl Lettuce, tomato, cheese, carrot, cucumber, egg, beetroot, noodle salad. Add Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender Add Plain Chicken Tender Add Ham Add Tuna	\$9.50 \$2.00 \$2.00 \$1.50 \$1.50
Noodle Salad LARGE TUB	\$6.00		
Noodle Salad SMALL TUB	\$5.00		
Wiggly Worm Box Cheese sandwich, Mini Muffin, Seasonal Fruit, Carrot, Cucumber	\$7.00		

Snacks			
Bag Rice Crackers	0.50c	Seasonal Fruit	\$2.00
Chocolate Chip Cookie	\$1.50	Jumpy's	\$2.00
Muffin	\$2.00	Monster Noodles	0.60c
Honey Soy Chips	\$2.50	Popcorners Cheese	\$2.50
Milo Cereal	0.50c	Popcorners Sweet & Salty	\$2.50
Cereal Mix	0.50c	Popcorn (Bag)	\$2.50

Drinks			
Bottle of Water	\$2.50	Pure Fruit Juice - Orange	\$3.75
Nippy's Milk - Honeycomb	\$4.00	Pure Fruit Juice - Apple & Black Currant	\$3.75
Pop Top Milk - Chocolate	\$4.00	Up & Go - Strawberry	\$4.00
Pop Top Milk - Strawberry	\$4.00	Up & Go - Banana	\$4.00
Pure Fruit Juice - Apple	\$3.50	Up & Go - Chocolate	\$4.00

Frozen Items			
Mini Callipo	\$2.50	Sour Lemon Icy Pole	\$2.50
Paddle Pop	\$2.50	Sourz Watermelon Icy Pole	\$2.50
Vanilla Ice-cream Dandy Cup	\$2.50	Sour Apple Icy Pole	\$2.50
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.50	Sour Grape Icy Pole	\$2.50
		Lemonade Icy Pole	\$2.50



MCDONALD PARK SCHOOL - TERM 3, 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Events subject to change at school's discretion if need arises)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	20/07	21/07	22/07	23/07	24/07
WEEK 2	27/07 Governing Council Meeting	28/07	29/07	30/07	31/07
WEEK 3	03/08 School Photos 	04/08	05/08 Year 4/5 Road Crossing Training 	06/08	07/08 Assembly 9.10am
WEEK 4	10/08 Special persons' breakfast 8.20am to 8.50am 	11/08	12/08	13/08	14/08
WEEK 5	17/08	18/08	19/08 YELP	20/08	21/08
WEEK 6	24/08 BOOK WEEK Governing Council Meeting 	25/08 BOOK WEEK 	26/08 BOOK WEEK 	27/08 BOOK WEEK 	28/08 Book week parade 
WEEK 7	31/08 Swimming lessons Yr1/2 	01/09	02/09	03/09	04/09 
WEEK 8	07/09 Swimming lessons Reception 	08/09	09/09	10/09	11/09 ↓
WEEK 9	14/09	15/09	16/09	17/09	18/09 Assembly 9.10am
WEEK 10	21/09	22/09	23/09	24/09	25/09 2.15pm early dismissal