

NEWSLETTER

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We love libraries!

If you are visiting Adelaide, a brand new children's library has opened at the State Library of South Australia in North Terrace. It is called 'Little Library' and is absolutely stunning. Beautiful books, cosy reading sections, creative play, historical information and so much more. While you are there, walk upstairs to see the Mortlock Library, opened in 1884. It has been voted the second most beautiful library in the WORLD! And it is in Adelaide! How lucky are we?

Little Library | State Library of South Australia

Storytime at dusk

As part of our Book Week celebrations we celebrated with two nights of Storytime at Dusk. Children returned to school at dusk wearing comfy pyjamas and teddy bears in arms ready to snuggle down to a feast of books, milo and biscuits. The library was transformed into a wonderland of light and story reading. Thank you to Kirsty Hill, Erin Jones (Mount Gambier Library), Cameron Ortlepp and Nicole Thompson for captivating us with stories.

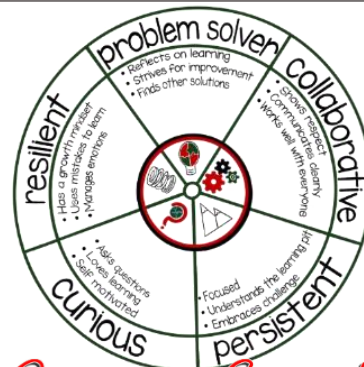
Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge ends Friday September 4th (week 7). Please return your forms to the resource centre or see resource centre staff for new forms. Forms are also available at the front office.

Thank you for being part of the challenge!

Book Week

Book Week is in full swing at McDonald Park School. Classes are enjoying Book Week activities in the library. Here are A1 and A3 receptions creating the crocodile from 'Bob and Dob' by Sean Avery.



Coming Events

WEEK 6

ALL WEEK

- Book Week

Friday 7 August

- Book Week Parade
9:00 am

WEEK 7

ALL WEEK

- Gooroo Animation Workshops
- Year 1/2 Swimming Lessons

Friday 4 September

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

WEEK 8

ALL WEEK

- Reception Swimming Lessons



VISION AWARDS

Term 3 week 6

RESPECT		
Presented to	By	For
Theo O-Mc	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Harding	consistently demonstrating good manners and being a helpful and thoughtful member of our classroom community.
Oscar H	Mrs Merrett & Mr Agnew	always following instructions and trying his best with his learning.
Aryana R	Mrs Cooper & Ms Hutchinson	being respectful and kind by always listening to others and using polite words. You are a wonderful helper in our class, supporting your friends and making our school a happier place for everyone.
Audrey C	Miss Schulz, Miss Amanda & Ms Hutchinson	Audrey is a respectful member of our class, always helping others and listening to the teacher. Thank you for always being so kind.
Taylor H	Mrs McCracken	working in a respectful manner.
Gabriella A	Mr Bigg	always showing respect to her classmates, teachers and others in the school.
Rydah P	Miss Eldridge	being a kind and considerate class member who treats others respectfully.
Amelia J	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	consistently supporting and encouraging others to do their best.

THRIVING		
Presented to	By	For
Valerie T	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	striving to make improvements with independent writing. Well done Valerie!
Jack F	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	developing his resilience and independence. Well done Jack!
Adeline H	Miss Day	showing confidence and resilience when settling into new school routines. Addie is thriving in A4!
Bailey F	Mrs Merrett & Mr Agnew	thriving at school and showing maturity following school routines.
Zahara R	Mrs Cooper & Ms Hutchinson	bravely having a go at your maths tasks on your own, showing great independence and determination. Your positive attitude and willingness to try new challenges is a wonderful example for others in our class.
Hunter R	Mrs Cooper & Ms Hutchinson	always having a go, even when things feel challenging, and you never give up. You also show great listening skills by following instructions carefully, which helps you learn and grow every day.
Owen G	Ms Simpson	being an enthusiastic and engaged learner who always tries his best and has a positive attitude each day.
Layla B	Miss Schulz, Miss Amanda & Ms Hutchinson	Layla has been working very hard this term. She is becoming more confident both in and out of the classroom. Keep shining Layla!
Lukas H	Mrs Dew	his excellent progress with division numeracy fluency.
Eden K	Mrs McCracken	showing independence to complete tasks unassisted.
Jesse J	Mr Bigg	engaging well in lessons and doing really well in the class quizzes.
Sasha T	Mr Bigg	showing great improvements in her work within PhOrMeS lessons and her spelling.
Jacob C	Mrs McLean	attempting all work independently and being proud of what he does.
Max B	Mrs McLean	always participating with tasks in a positive manner.
Amelia F	Ms Bundy & Mrs Dempsey	growing in confidence in maths and showing responsibility when carrying out jobs.

COLLABORATION		
Presented to	By	For
Spencer H	Miss Schulz, Miss Amanda & Ms Hutchinson	Spencer is a valued member of the class, always helping others and working well in group tasks. Thank you for being a caring member of our class.
Jordan N	Ms Simpson	displaying excellent collaboration skills. Listening, sharing and working together with others.
Kanan D	Mrs McCracken	showing consideration for others when working in a small group.
Presayis G	Miss Eldridge	working effectively with her peers in group and partner tasks.

PROBLEM SOLVING		
Presented to	By	For
Kane G	Miss Eldridge	striving to improve his multiplication fact fluency.
Riley W	Ms Bundy & Mrs Dempsey	showing excellent improvement in his maths fact fluency and growing confidence to solve problems.
ENGAGEMENT		
Presented to	By	For
Storm R	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Harding	showing improved concentration and greater engagement in learning. He is a well-mannered and respectful member of our class.
Alexander L	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Harding	confidently using his words to communicate, share ideas, ask for help and warmly greeting others in our room.
Maliiah H-P	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Harding	consistent effort across all learning areas. Well done Maliiah.
Ella W	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Waters	consistently engaging in all learning areas and showing a positive mindset when in the learning pit.
Lux J	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Waters	thoughtfully collaborating with his peers during learning and demonstrating leadership skills.
Pippa VDL	Miss Day	getting started on the learning task straight away and showing great focus and persistence when learning something new.
Spencer C	Miss Day	always putting 100% effort into each learning task and even helping other classmates where he can.
Harper W	Mrs Merrett & Mr Agnew	having a fantastic start to school and showing excellent engagement in her learning.
Abel F	Mrs Cooper & Ms Hutchinson	his dedication, persistence, and resilience are evident in the way he stays focused on his work and applies effective strategies to solve complex addition and subtraction problems, even when they are challenging.
Emilia E	Ms Huitema	engaging with her learning, particularly with writing.
Vincent A	Ms Huitema	engaging with his learning, particularly with math fluency.
Kade T	Miss Schulz, Miss Amanda & Ms Hutchinson	always the first ready to learn. Kade always tries his best in class and gets his work done. Keep up your good work.
Mateo S	Ms Simpson	showing enthusiasm, confidence and a wonderful willingness to learn.
Aizah H	Ms Simpson	settling in so wonderfully and thriving in her new classroom with confidence, enthusiasm and a positive attitude.
Abi G	Mrs Dew	her engagement and achievement in planning for her desert biome.
Saxon A	Mrs McCracken	actively participating during PhOrMeS lessons.
Alissa B	Mr Bigg	engaging well in all class activities and striving to do her best in lessons.
Hudson C	Miss Eldridge	independently researching the desert biome and creating an informative diorama.
Michael R	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	working independently, staying focused and being an active learner.
Harrison W	Ms Bundy & Mrs Dempsey	showing growth in his learning and engagement in HASS and health tasks.
Imogen B	Ms Bundy & Mrs Dempsey	showing commitment to learning and improving in spelling and writing.
Hannah M	Mrs McLean	tracking and focusing consistently in class.
Lucas M	Mrs McLean	connecting authentically with learning experiences.
Mia C	Ms Mitchell & Ms Jordan	showing interest and engagement in all learning and providing thoughtful responses in class discussions.
Mai C-T	Ms Mitchell & Ms Jordan	being persistent and engaged with her learning in Maths.

Special Person's Breakfast

MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2026

Our community once again came together to share a breakfast with the special adults in our students lives. Raisin toast, fruit platters, vegemite and jam toast, plus wonderful choices of beverages which included hot coffee and tea, milo and juice available. It was wonderful to see all the families come out on a cold morning and help start the week with laughter, food and good company. So happy to see all the new families also venture out and join us. Thank you to the wonderful helpers who make these mornings happen it is greatly appreciated by all. We look forward to next terms breakfast.. Wonder what delights will be available ?



2026 Parent survey – Have your say

The annual Parent Survey is now underway and will close at midnight on Sunday 6 September.

The survey provides parents and carers with an opportunity to share their views and help improve education at our school. It focuses on:

- What we're doing well
- Where we can improve
- What is important to you as a parent or carer

Your responses are confidential. Neither you nor your child can be identified, and only collated feedback is provided to our school.

You should have already received a link to the survey via email or SMS. Reminder messages are also being sent unless you have already completed the survey or chosen to unsubscribe.

We strongly encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the survey. Your feedback is valuable and helps guide our school improvement efforts.

If you cannot locate your original survey link, please use the link below:

<https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/sc/wXbv3-x7K6GPolfGNJJlw2>

For more information about the Parent Survey, visit the Department for Education website. Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback and support our school's ongoing improvement.



OSHC @ McPARK

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 14 September 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.

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. Operational 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: \$70.60
*CCS Reduced fee: \$9.75 - \$35.75

Excursion and Incursion: \$92.40
*CCS Reduced fee: \$12.75 - \$46.75

*Estimation of fees after subsidy is applied



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

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care | 28 Sept–9 Oct

Incursion	FULL FEE	\$70.60	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$9.75 - \$35.75
Excursion	FULL FEE	\$92.40	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$12.75 - \$46.75

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WEEK 1

Monday
28 September

In-House
Ahoy, Mateys



All hands on deck! Join us for a swashbuckling day of pirate adventures. Treasure hunts, games, crafts and plenty of fun decorating ready for the high seas.

Outcomes: 2, 4, 5

Tuesday
29 September

Excursion
Tactical Ops



Go on a special mission to Reidy OSHC. Become a part of the Tactical Ops Team, play laser tag, build forts and conquer obstacles. Depart: 10:30am Return: 12:45pm Transport: Private Bus

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Wednesday
30 September

In-House
Apprentice Tradie



Get ready to learn, create, and get hands-on! Today you will have the opportunity to try out different trades and skills through fun, practical activities, challenges and team-based experiences.

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Thursday
1 October

Incursion
It's Party Time



Get ready to dance, laugh and party! We're turning OSHC into a mini disco with music, lights, dancing and fun party games. Show off your best moves, dress to impress and you might even win a prize!

Outcomes: 3, 4, 5

Friday
2 October

Incursion
Dwyers Boxing



Enjoy an exciting boxing incursion, learning basic moves, coordination, and fitness in a fun, safe, and energetic session.

Start: 10:00am Finish: 12:00pm Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

WEEK 2

Monday
5 October



Tuesday
6 October

Incursion
Colour Me Crazy



Design and colour your own name tile, collaborate on a colourful group mural, or enjoy a variety of fun and engaging colouring activities that you can take home.

Outcomes: 2, 4, 5

Wednesday
7 October

In-House
Interactive Tech Fun



Get moving while having fun with technology! Enjoy active games and activities like GoNoodle, Just Dance, SingStar, and Wii Fit to build coordination, stay active, and make screen time more engaging.

Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Thursday
8 October

Excursion
Sheep, Snacks and Screens



Get ready for a Baa-riffant movie adventure! Sit back, relax and enjoy the movie with your friends.

Depart: 9:30am Return: 1:00pm Transport: Private Bus Outcomes: 2, 3, 4, 5

Friday
9 October

In-House
Air Track Action



Get ready to jump, tumble and have fun at Air Track Gymnastics Day! Learn new skills, challenge yourself and enjoy a day packed with movement, laughter and gymnastics.

Outcomes: 2, 4, 5



Book your session via the Xplor Home App
Visit sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC for more information

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