



# MORGAN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1— Week 3

Monday 13th February 2017

Understanding - Care and Compassion - Responsibility - Doing Your Best - Respect



Monday 13th February  
Port Adelaide FC Visit

Tuesday 14th February  
Meet and Greet Evening  
5.00—7.30pm—BBQ Tea

Tuesday 21st February  
Wednesday 22nd Feb  
Grip Leadership Camp

Friday 3rd March  
Splash Carnival—Waikerie

Monday 6th March  
Governing Council AGM

Friday 10th March  
STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 13th March  
Adelaide Cup

Thursday 16th March  
Choir Rehearsal

## Principal News

### Welcome to Week 3

**Meet and Greet**—We hope to see you all at our Meet and Greet evening tomorrow starting in the classrooms at 5pm—Dinner starting at 6pm. Please remember your sweet / salad to share and bring your own chair / drinks. Please also bring your phone, device so we can connect you to our new online programs

**Student Photography Workshop**— We have been selected as one of the 100 schools in Australia to receive a free photography workshop on Friday 24th February— thanks to the Moran Arts Foundation (valued at \$1350). Students in the Upper Primary class will work with a professional photographer for the day to learn about photography, get out and about in Morgan taking photos, then choose 5 of their best to enter into an Australia wide competition.

Please complete the permission slip included for your child to participate.

### MESSAGE FROM THE MID MURRAY COUNCIL

*"This is a quick note to thank you for your cooperation during production of a short video to promote the Mid Murray Council Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan survey.*

*We appreciated tremendously your assistance during a busy week one of term!*

*Your students and staff were fantastic to meet and work with and the final product is now LIVE on the Mid Murray Council Facebook page:*

[https://www.facebook.com/Mid-Murray-Council-589954091147676/?hc\\_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf](https://www.facebook.com/Mid-Murray-Council-589954091147676/?hc_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf)

- The video is on our own school's Facebook page;

-The purpose of the video is to seek community feedback before the final plan is adopted here > <http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=1017>. **SO AS THE KIDS SAY—HAVE YOUR SAY"**

Have a cooler week!

Kind Regards,

Kellie Zadow

# DIGITAL LEARNING PORTFOLIOS—Seesaw

## Top 10 Reasons To Use Seesaw

@sylviaaduckworth

- 1 Easy to use for students, teachers and parents 
- 2 Digital portfolio and class blog in one 
- 3 One-stop place for students to showcase their work 
- 4 Students can choose to display their learning in many different ways 
- 5 Gives students an authentic audience and opportunities for feedback 
- 6 Increases family engagement and communication 
- 7 Gives parents an insider view of their child's learning 
- 8 Allows students to learn about digital citizenship 
- 9 Allows teacher to monitor and assess student progress 
- 10 It's free (and fun)! 

This year we are introducing an online program called SeeSaw as a digital learning portfolio to support student learning, growth, improved communication and feedback. Similar to the Homefolders that were used but this is instant, saves paper and is engaging. Staff had a training session on Tuesday and are excited about it's capabilities and where we can go. We look forward to sharing this with you on Tuesday and getting you all connected. Miss Taylor and Julie have trialled this last year and finally we have overcome some technical difficulties and now we are ready.

Benefits for our school community:

- ◆ Students can showcase their learning
- ◆ Improved student feedback
- ◆ Teacher feedback from students, staff and families
- ◆ Engaging families and community in learning
- ◆ Families keeping up to date with what your child is learning in the classroom
- ◆ Sharing Information
- ◆ Oral assessment of learning
- ◆ Deprivatisation of what's happening in the classroom
- ◆ Supporting learning for students, families and staff
- ◆ Improved communication
- ◆ Student pride—wanting to share their learning
- ◆ Ensure high expectation—Continuous improvement—Growth
- ◆ Students can use this as their learning journal—Improving conversations at home—support at home with language used at school, terminologies, concepts and questioning at home.

## PARENT INFORMATION

headspace Berri have been servicing the Riverland for several years now, providing mental health counselling and education to individuals and the wider community. We have been actively involved within the high schools across the region and last year saw us increase our involvement within local primary schools as well. This has involved counselling, whereby one of our clinicians will visit the high schools once a fortnight, but also presentations and programs, which aim to increase people's awareness of mental health and related concerns.

headspace is a service for young people aged 12-25, however, we understand that the mental health concerns these young people may be experiencing can develop earlier on in their lives. Unfortunately though, these concerns can go unnoticed and the young person and/or their parents/carers may only realise it is a major concern until later, when the issue may have developed into something more serious. This highlights the importance of early intervention and increasing people's understanding of mental health and the symptoms related to poor mental health.

headspace Berri offers a range of education sessions to the community, free of charge. These sessions can be provided to young people, parents/carers and/or staff members.

If you are interested in finding out more about these education sessions, please let me know and I would be happy to send you some information. Alternatively, I would also be happy to come into your school to meet with relevant staff member/s to discuss the different education sessions we can provide.

We look forward to increasing our presence within the primary schools and hope we can be of service to your school in the near future.

Kind regards,

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## RENEE'S WRAP

Hello everyone,

I hope you had a wonderful break and all is well.

Now that the new school year is upon us, it may take a bit of time to get use to the routine of things and may get a bit chaotic. There are a few ongoing activities we could do to keep the "stress" levels down.

Every day talk about:

\*Happy things - at dinner time talk about a happy thing that happened to each person in the family during that day. It does not matter if it is a small event - everyone must find one item to talk about. Try to find out as much as possible about it.

\*Fun - talk about many things that you and your family can do to have fun together, e.g., we love to go for a walk together with our dogs.

Discuss as a family how in small steps you can improve on:

\*Daily exercise as a family - you can go for a walk, bike ride or play in the park together for 30 minutes a day before or after dinner.

\*Healthy eating and drinking - our family chose to drink water and only have soft drink or cordial on special dinners.

\*Rest - I try to have 10 minutes of quiet time, no electronics, no noise, taking 10 deep breaths, lying down, imaging a peaceful place, every day.

\*Sleep - we will all try our very best to sleep at least 8 hours a night.

These activities will help with your wellbeing.

Have a great week.

Regards,

Renee :]

# DECD Student Support Services

## Student Support Services

Children and young people who need extra help are often referred to the Student Support Services team by their teacher.

Student Support Services include social workers, behaviour support coaches, psychologists, special educators, speech pathologists and provide support to children and teachers in state schools and preschools.

If your child's teacher feels that your child or their class as a whole is having difficulties they may engage with the Student Support Services team regarding these difficulties. Your teacher will discuss this with you and obtain your consent before making a formal request for support is made for your child.

For more information, speak with your preschool or school or visit [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au)

## It's Playgroup Time at Morgan Preschool



<p><b>What?</b> Morgan Playgroup is starting up again soon!</p> <p><b>Where?</b> Morgan Preschool</p> <p><b>Who?</b> Anyone with children aged 0 to 5 years</p> <p><b>Cost</b> \$2 per session, plus Playgroup Association fees.</p>	<p><b>When?</b> 9 am - 11.00 am (during our Kindy sessions). Fortnightly Wednesdays: 8th Feb, 22nd Feb, 8th Mar, 22nd Mar, 5th Apr</p>	<p>To take full advantage of this service, you must become a member of the SA Playgroup Association. After 2 complementary sessions, you must join to be able to continue to come. Association costs are: <b>Full Year:</b> \$40 (or \$35 if paid by 16th March), or \$30 with a concession card. <b>Half Year:</b> \$25      <b>One Term:</b> \$18</p> <p><b>Please call in and see Trish Zerner or Jo Jericho for further information and to collect the forms, or call us on 8540 2321.</b></p> <p><small><i>This is a great opportunity for families to play together in a safe environment full of great educational resources in the company of other families.</i></small></p>
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## Keep your kids smiling

SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?  
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

Call now for an appointment.  
Your clinic is: Waikerie School Dental Clinic  
Phone: 8541 2434



### MORGAN MUSEUM:

**SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY—  
3.30PM**

**ALL WELCOME!!**

**DAN VAN HOLST PELIKAAN**  
will be visiting the Museum.  
There will be presentations etc

**Please come along and show  
your support.**

## Programs/ Sponsors / Contact Details

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