



# MORGAN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1—Week 2

Wednesday 6th February 2019

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



Friday 15th February

Yr 3-7 swimming at Cadell pool

Tuesday 19th February

AGM/SGC 5.30

Wednesday 20th February

MEET AND GREET

Open classrooms and bbq  
tea 5-7.30

Friday 22nd February

Assembly 9am

Friday 1st March

Student Free Day

Friday 8th March

Splash Carnival at Waikerie

## School News

### Welcome to Week 2

Welcome to week 2 and we've been busy with setting up our rooms, routines and swimming lessons. Please come in, see the changes to learning environments and chat with staff about your child or clarification of any processes etc.

Today **Yr 7 students** gave their speeches to become leaders for our school. They all did an excellent job. Our Sports captains are: Stevie Fitzgerald (Gold) and Nikita Danton (Blue)

And our School leaders are: Claire McWaters and Hayden Barty

They will be presented with their badges at the next assembly on Friday 22nd February.



As you can see from the attached **term calendar**, there are events that your child and family will be involved in. The more recent term dates are in the column.

Year 3-7s will be completing their **swimming lessons** at the Cadell pool on Friday 15th with a shuttle service to transport the different groups for their lessons. The supervising teachers on the day will be Mrs Zerner, Mrs Bolt and myself. Please return your consent forms.

The **Annual General meeting and first School Governing Council** meetings will be held on Tuesday 19th February at 5.30pm. We are always looking for more parents/carers to be on council so please nominate for this important position. (nomination form attached)

### Our LEARNING DISPOSITIONS in 2019

Self-motivation

Adaptable

Challenge

Concentration

# Information for families

## MEET AND GREET

The **MEET AND GREET** will be held on Wednesday 20th February starting at 5pm with classrooms open so your child/ren can show you their work and learning spaces.

This will be followed by a barbecue tea at about 5.45pm. The school will provide the plates, cutlery, sauces, bread and meat. We ask you to supply a salad or dessert to share, and your own drinks. For catering purposes please return the attached slip indicating how many from your family will be attending.

## M&S Charges 2019

Material & Services charges 2019 is set at \$210.00. Fees are due at the end of term 2.

The state government raised the school card income threshold in 2018 to help families with the cost of living. This means that families may be eligible to apply for a school card. School card application forms for 2019 will be available from the school or [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) at the beginning of January 2019.

If you have any queries or would like some help, please come in and see Jo.

## Healthy Lunches \$2 each

**Mon, Tues & Wed—healthy sandwich**

**Friday—Breakfast**

**Slushies on special occasions**

## How to nurture a child's mental health



SA Dental Service

## Keep your kids smiling



Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.  
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Waikerie School Dental Clinic

Phone: 8541 2434

[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental)

**MISSING—1 SIZE 4 NEW POLO SHIRT.** A lower primary student has lost a new polo shirt last while during swimming lessons. Can families please check at home. Thanks

## Early Years Centre News



Incorporating, Playgroup, Occasional Care,  
Preschool, MEC



TERM 1 - MONDAY FEBRUARY 4...WEEK 2

### PRESCHOOL FEES

Governing Council agreed late last year that preschool fees for 2019 will be \$30.00 per term. Invoices will be sent home this week. Please see myself or Jo Jericho in the schools front office for payment plan options.

### GORDON COMBES

On Wednesday I had a visit from my Early Years leader, Gordon Combes. He is a regular visitor so was able to appreciate all of the changes that have taken place during the holidays. He loved the new look of the centre and he can't wait for his next visit to see what fun things we have discovered. Thank you Gordon for your visit and kind words.

### OUR FIRST DAY

We had a wonderful first day on Tuesday. There was a lot of laughing and learning. Jaxon had fun balancing dinosaurs, Julien was very interested in checking out the insects with the magnifying glass. All of the girls, Ashley, Lola, Ellie and Jemima had lots of fun in the new mud pit. Take a look at us.



Here are some fun, helpful *Literacy* ideas which can be done at home with your child. These are designed to, *support children's literacy learning in the early years.*

They cover three areas,

- Drawing and writing
- Reading and viewing
- Speaking and listening

I thought I might add one to the newsletter from time to time for you to have a bit of fun at home. ☺

### Reading and Viewing

Pretend you are at a café or restaurant when you have your lunch and help your child write/draw out a menu.



### Important Dates/Reminders:

- \* Monday February 4 - Kindy and First Occasional care session
- \* Tuesday February 5 - Kindy and Occasional care session
- \* Wednesday February 6 - Kindy and Playgroup
- \* Tuesday February 12 - K-I day at kindy ☺

Trish Zerner. Early Years Coordinator/Educator



# INFORMATION for FAMILIES



Celebrating World Wetlands Day and witnessing the outcomes of environmental watering at the recently filled Cadell Wetland. The tour will be guided by Nature Foundation SA, Riverland West Landcare, NRM Education Officer and community. The Tour is free of charge but bookings are essential for catering. Please call 8541 2611 by 7 February to secure your spot!

**11:00am** Meet at Cadell Wetland  
intersection of Heinrich & Daxell Rd

**11:15am** Wetlands & Their Importance  
An overview of recent environmental watering that has occurred at this site with Natalie Stalenberg from NFA.  
Macroinvertebrates  
Find out what waterbugs are living in the wetland with Cindy from NRM Ed

**Adopt A Tree**  
A glimpse into the life of floodplain and wetland trees and the My Healthy River Toolkit with Dr Anne Jensen

**Birds, Water and Life**  
Pick up some binoculars and discover which water birds have made Cadell Wetland their new home

**1:15pm** Barbecue Lunch

**FREE EVENT**



**KIDS ACTIVITIES**



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Hello everyone,

I hope the break was relaxing and having a good start to the year. Here's some tips that you may want to ponder on:

Ways to Strengthen a Child's Mental Health

Emotions, Physical, Love, Play and Teach.

Let them cry. Validate their feelings. Establish Routines. Respect their boundaries. Talk about their feelings often. Teach them emotions words. Know behaviour is communication.

Teach body safety. Give them responsibilities. Healthy diet. Restrict and monitor screen time. Practice mindfulness together. Love them unconditionally. Listen first and talk second. Eat family meals. Play games together. Connect with your child daily. Create family rituals. Get out doors often. Provide lots of time to play. Praise effort over achievement. Use natural consequences. Support their friendships. Be consistent and follow through. Replace yelling with teaching. Model honesty. Encourage independence. Teach growth mindset. Accept mistakes. Nurture your child's gifts/ talents.

Regards,

Renee ☺

## Programs/ Partners / Contact Details



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