



## Important Dates

Week 4  
SCIENCE WEEK

Governing Council - 2pm  
18th August

Week 5  
Student Free Day - 22nd  
August

BOOK WEEK  
Book Week Parade - 25th  
August

Week 8  
Basketball Carnival 14th &  
15th September

Week 10  
School Photos - 25th  
September  
Sports Day - 26th  
September  
School Closure: Smelter's  
Picnic - 27th September

## Reminders

School finishes at  
1.35pm on a  
Wednesday  
Respect

Responsibility  
Confidence  
Persistence

Making a difference by  
engaging & empowering



# Newsletter

week 3, term 3, 2023

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This term we have been fortunate enough to coordinate many extra activities to get the students engaged in their learning. Please keep an eye on Facebook for reminders for some of the exciting things we have planned.

Auskick has been on site this week to provide a football clinic to the students. Most students were engaged in the activities and enjoyed the opportunity of having someone new on site to teach them fundamental ball skills.

Our OM Interactive Projector, that we purchased through a successful grant, has just been delivered. We look forward to setting this up and letting the kids explore it to support their skill development in many different areas.

The school underwent the On Track Evaluation at the end of last term. The experience was successful, and the review officers were delighted with the progress that the site has made. Our updated directions can be found on the school website. A recommendation that was made by the review officers was to consider the change in class names as there was still considerable attachment to the previous class names. The site has decided to go back to these names after much discussion. Social stories will be coming home with all students shortly to support their understanding of the change.



Eyre



Flinders



Spencer



Heysen

**A reminder that school starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3:15pm (Wednesday 8.50am-1.35pm). Students should not be on site until 8.30am when supervision can be provided.**

Kind regards,  
Shannon Davis.

# Literacy

The students are continuing to engage really well with our writing focus. Students use their individualised writing tools to support them with their writing abilities.

Our students have started a pen pal program with the students from the Solomontown Primary School special options classes.

This initiative was started to support student writing skills and to help develop connections in the community.



## Core words

Week 4- not

Week 5- wait

Week 6-good/bad

Week 7-think

Week 8-play

Week 9- take

Week 10-have

## Key Vocabulary

Alphabet

Book

Consonant

Letter

Letter Name

Letter Sound

Name

Read

Sentence

Diagraph

Space

Vowel

Word

Write

Writing Tool

## Other information

Students literacy skills will be assessed using the Jane Farrall approach over weeks 4-5.



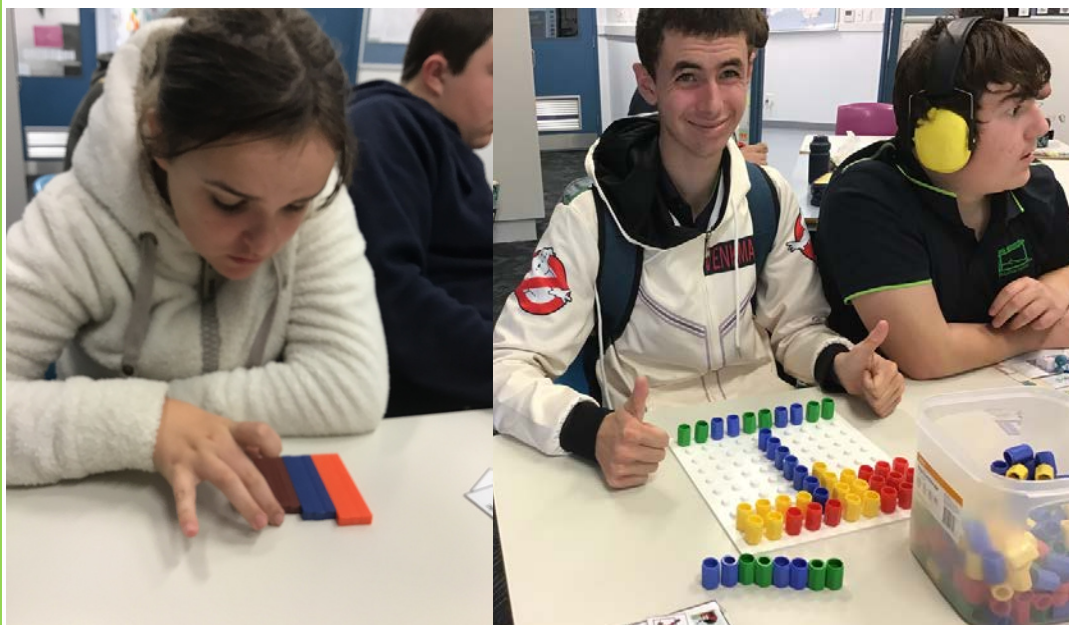
# Numeracy

The students have responded really well to the introduction of the Numicon math resource this year. Students are becoming more hands-on and curious about their learning.

Most of our students have completed their numeracy assessments to track their progress from Term 1. The results from the assessments are showing great progress with the introduction of the Numicon resources as a teaching and learning tool.

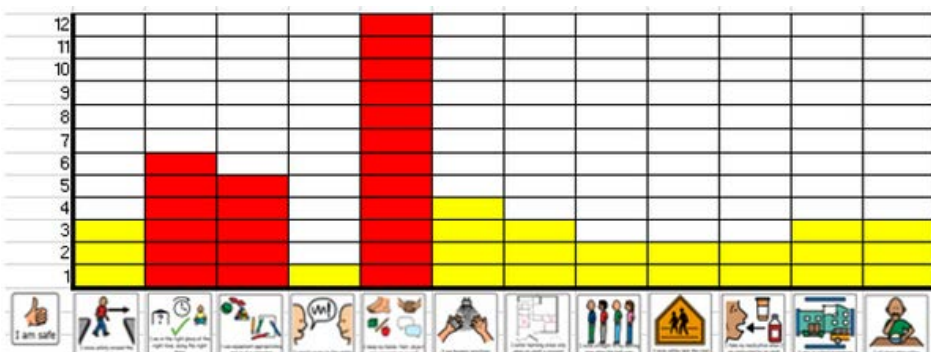
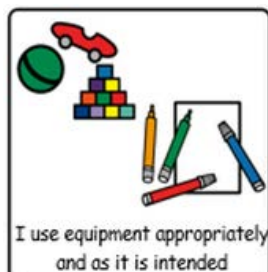
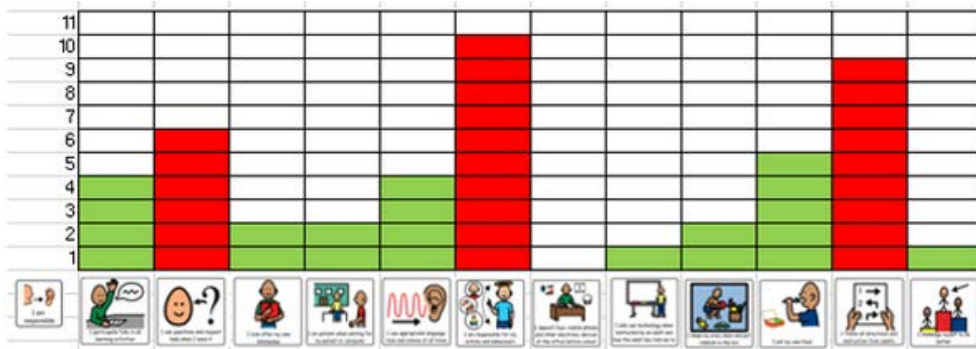
## Key Vocabulary

Add  
Baseboard  
Block  
Count  
Counter  
Equals  
Even  
Number  
Shape  
Odd  
Pattern  
Sort  
Step (Numicon Number Shape)  
Take Away  
Total



# Positive Behaviour Support

Staff and students were given the opportunity to determine what our school behaviour focus should be within each value for the remainder of the year. The following are the results.



## School Values for Behaviour Support

I am Safe



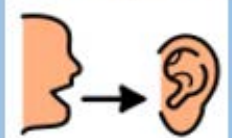
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I am Friendly



help

I am Responsible



listen

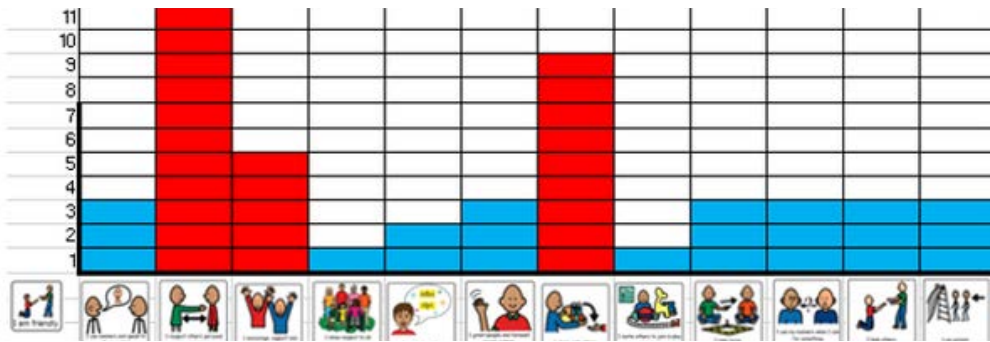
## Other information

The 2023 Positive Behaviour Support Agreement can now be found on the schools' website:

[midnorthech.sa.edu.au](http://midnorthech.sa.edu.au)



# Positive Behaviour Support



Shortly we will be sending home letters to ask for your input on the design we will be using to update the flags at the front of the school with our behaviour priorities. These are some of the options you can expect to see.



## Other information

On the recent Student Free day, staff attended Errington Special Education Centre.

Errington are also part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning trial that MNEC attends. Staff were able to collaborate on effective strategies that are used between the two sites.

We look forward to implementing some of the great ideas that we saw and continuing to collaborate with the other site.

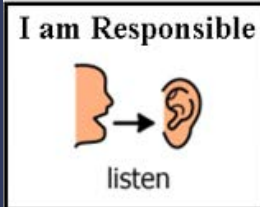


# Positive Behaviour Support

Students' positive behaviour is reinforced through Mighty Moment certificates.



Indiana Murray



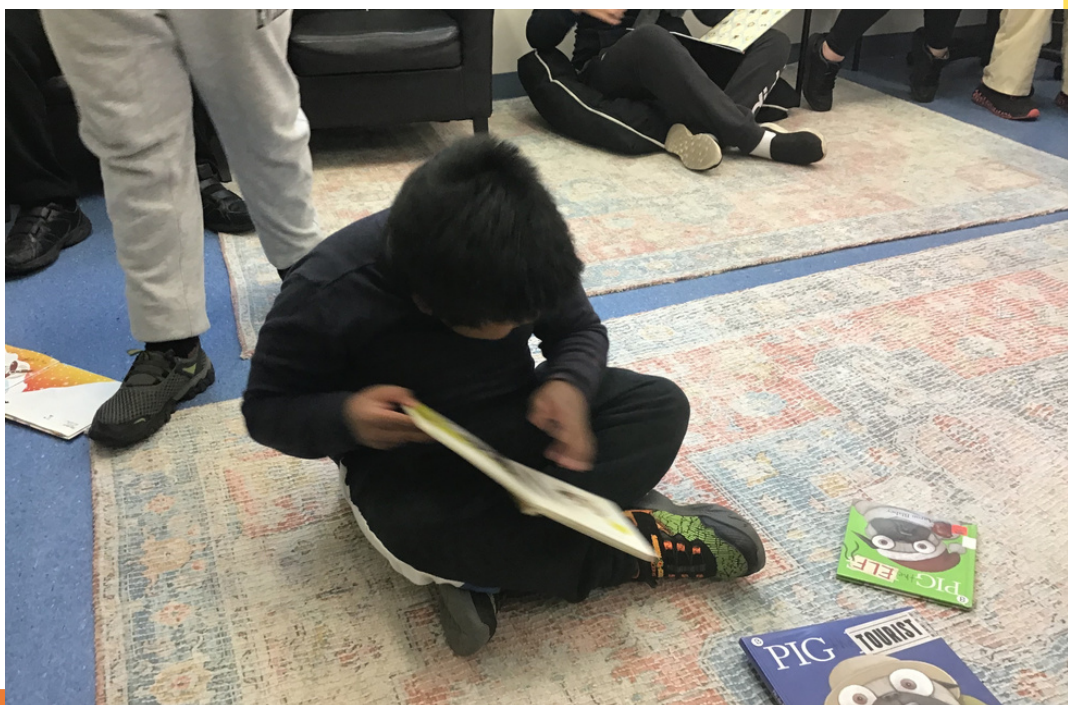
For persisting in her learning activities even when challenged.



Kohen Cox-Hanslow



For transitioning in from the playground the first time he was asked.



Percy Johnson



For completing his literacy work and taking pride in his work.



# Senior Students



*Year  
12's  
2023*

Thank-you to Cindy for her donation of 'Senior' uniform shirts for our three senior students. We are trialing these for the year and will seek parent input as to if we continue them in the future.



# School Photos

Reminder: School photos will be Monday 25/9 (week 10)

**school photographs are coming up  
soon**



**Please note:** Traditional, Composite or High-Resolution Virtual Group format is chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

## how to order

### order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal.

#### STEP 1

Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) on your computer, phone or tablet.

#### STEP 2

Enter your school code:

**7R2 ZYF MTY**

in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



#### STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available.

### cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

#### STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

#### STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

#### STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

**Please note:** You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

**School photographs will be returned approximately 6 weeks after the day of photography.**

**Please note this delivery timeframe is dependant on proofing and additional photography days at your school.**

#### **IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students**

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)

**advancedlife**  
school photography & print specialists



# What is happening in the community?



## **FREE Parent Workshop**

**Understanding reading difficulties - Why some children struggle and how to help**

- Develop an understanding of reading difficulties, including dyslexia
- Develop a practical understanding of the associated characteristics and difficulties
- Explore ways to support your child

This 2 hour workshop is a great first step to gaining a better understanding of reading difficulties and practical strategies that can help your child.

**Monday 11 of September, 6:00pm-8:00pm**



**Mid North Education Centre**



**BOOK ONLINE at:**  
[speldsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops](http://speldsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops)

Thank you to the Department for Education for supporting this initiative.