



## Important Dates

Week 7

Governing Council  
Tuesday 5th September  
2pm

Week 8

Basketball Carnival 14th &  
15th September

Week 10

School Photos - 25th  
September

Sports Day - 26th  
September

School Closure: Smelter's  
Picnic - 27th September

Last day of Term  
September 29th  
Early Dismissal 2:15pm

## Reminders

School finishes at  
1.35pm on a  
Wednesday

Respect

Responsibility

Confidence

Persistence

Making a difference by  
engaging & empowering



# Newsletter

week 7, term 3, 2023

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have been fortunate enough to win another grant. Variety are providing the school with just over \$15, 000 to purchase 14 new specialty bikes and new helmets for the students. This will provide the students with increased opportunities to support gross-motor and wellbeing. It will also mean that we can start accessing the Road Safety Centre more regularly with the students.

As part of our Site Improvement Planning, we have been looking over some of the student assessment data for the year. We have seen significant improvements with student academic, social and personal skills.

### Literacy:

- 62% of students improved in their literacy assessment.
- 57% improvement in student writing skills.
- 79% improvement in students ABLES Reading and Writing skills.
- 57% of students achieved their literacy semester 1 goals.

### Numeracy:

- 73% improvement in students ABLES Mathematics skills.
- 50% improvement in students Numicon assessment skills.
- 57% of students achieved their numeracy semester 1 goals.

### Communication:

- 70% improvement in students ABLES Speaking and Listening skills.

### Regulation:

- 86% improvement in student regulation skills.

Please feel free to contact the school if you would like more information on the student assessment results.

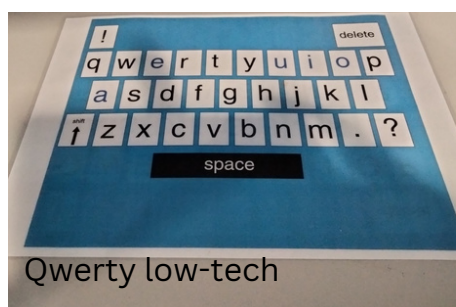
Kind regards,  
Shannon Davis.

# Literacy

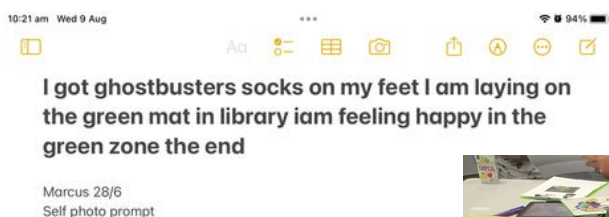
As part of the Jane Farrall Literacy approach, we have been implementing writing tools. These are alternative ways for students to write without using a traditional writing implement. Each student should be using the writing tool they are most comfortable with. Most of our students are using either the alphabet flip charts or the Qwerty low-tech keyboards to select letters. Others are typing their work using either the iPads or a classroom computer.



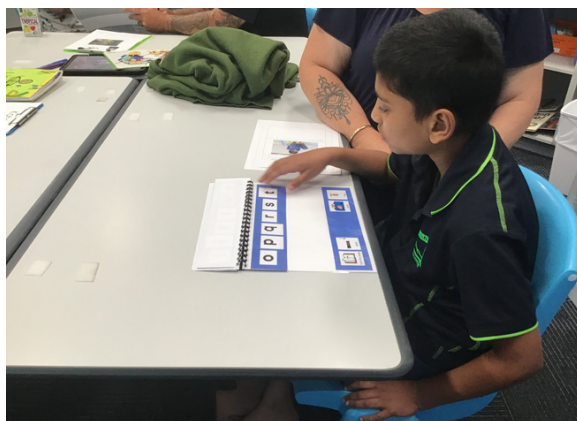
Alphabet flip-chart



Qwerty low-tech



Marcus 28/6  
Self photo prompt



## Core words

Week 7-think

Week 8-play

Week 9- take

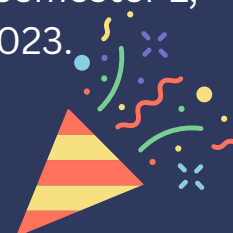
Week 10-have

## 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 have been assessed. We have seen a 62% increase in student skills from semester 2, 2022 to semester 1, 2023.





# Numeracy

Our students are making great progress following the Numicon program and utilising the Numicon resources.

50% of students have demonstrated improved results in their Numicon assessment between semester 1 and semester 2 of this year.



## Key Vocabulary

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



# Regulation

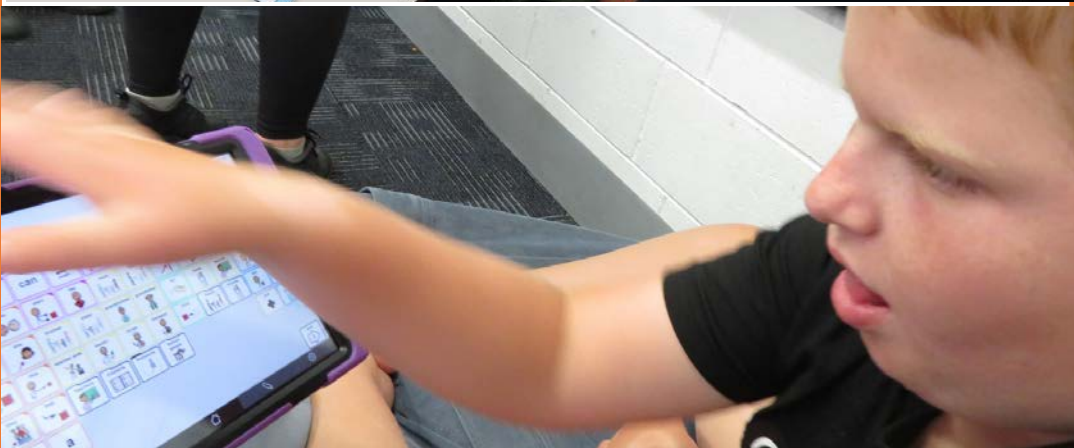
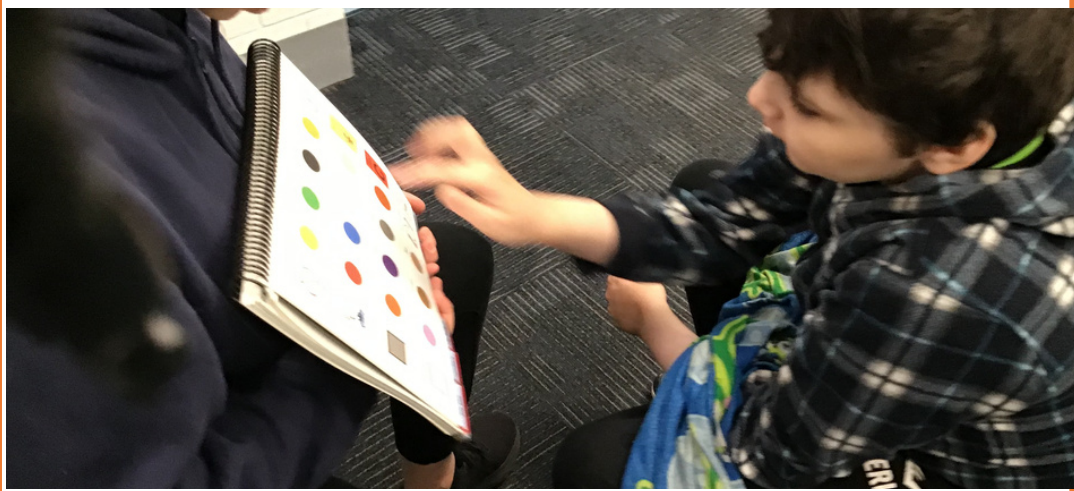




# Communication

Teachers have undertaken ROCC training and assessed students' current communication needs. All students now have a communication goal that they are working towards.

This semesters goals focus on students initiating communication.



## Other information

Teachers will be in contact this week to set a time to review student One Plan goals.



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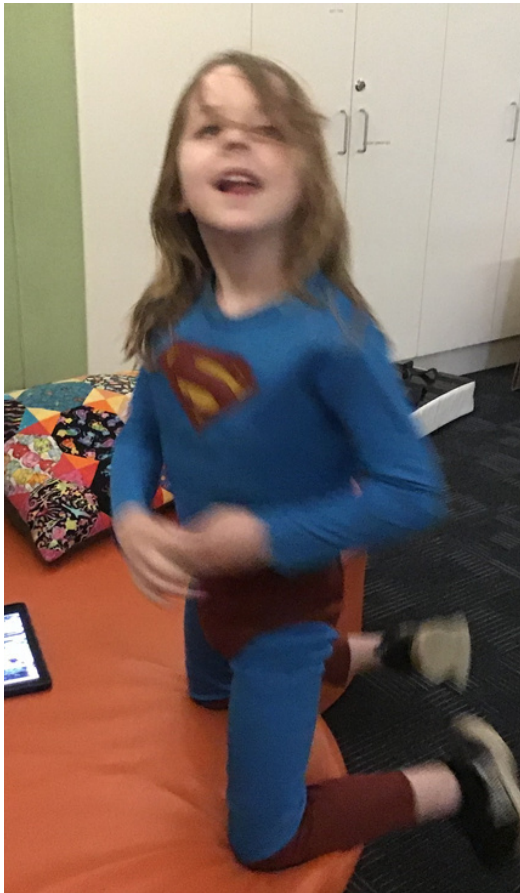


# McNally Farm 2023





# Book Week 2023





# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Mid North Education Centre

Day of Photography

**25/09/2023**

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography  
- Go to **www.advancedlife.com.au** and enter this code:  
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3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal
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# What is happening in the community?



## **POST SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION**

**FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Parents and students invited**

September 6, 2023

2 PM - 3 PM

at

Mid North Education Centre

55 David St, Port Pirie

### **INFORMATION FROM**

- Bedford day options
- Community Bridging Service (CBS)
- Novita
- Maxima

### **BROCHURES FROM**

- Orana

If you have any question or concerns please contact Rebecca McCarthy  
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# 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.