



Mark Oliphant  
College

# Primary Years

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2, WEEK 7

12 JUNE 2015



*“True education does not consist merely in the acquiring of a few facts of science, history, literature, or art, but in the development of character.”*

- David O. McKay

## KEY DATES...

**Wednesday 17 June**  
School Photos

**Thursday 18 June**  
Governing Council @ 6pm

**Friday 19 June**  
PY Assembly  
Habitat for Humanity

**Tuesday 23 June**  
Photos – Mop Up

**Thursday 25 June**  
Photos – Mop Up

**Friday 26 June**  
Caring for your infant  
First Aid

## A NOTE FROM PRIMARY YEARS LEADERSHIP

### Reconciliation Week 2015

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27th May and 3rd June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. Reconciliation Week is a celebration of unity and respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-Indigenous Australians. It is about respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and valuing justice and equity for all Australians.

The reconciliation movement began with the 1967 referendum in which 90 per cent of Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Indigenous Australians.

As a result of the referendum, Aboriginal people were counted in the census for the first time. The referendum established citizenship status and confirmed voting rights for all Indigenous Australians.

In 1992 the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision that legally recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.

**Kim Cooper**  
Executive Leader (Birth-Year 6)



### CLASS CONTRIBUTION – KELLY HUDDY

I have enjoyed becoming a part of Miss Alana’s class this term and have also enjoyed our wonderful Art lessons. We have been learning about various methods we can use to create pieces of art. In these pictures, the students are creating an Australian sunset using the shading and blending technique. They then placed silhouette pictures of native Australian animals to complement their artwork. I am so amazed at what the students achieved.



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# THE UNIFORM SHOP

## OPENING HOURS

Monday 2.30 - 4.30pm  
Wednesday 8.30 - 10am  
Thursday 8.30 - 10am

## MEET THE STAFF

### Amy Bassani



"My name is Amy Bassani and I have been teaching at MOC for 4 years. I am teaching Health and PE and am incredibly passionate about healthy and active lifestyles for students. I am a mum of two toddlers and a black Labrador who keep me incredibly busy. I also enjoy playing netball, watching football and shopping."

## PRIMARY YEARS TEAM

### Kim Cooper

Executive Leader (Birth-Year 6)  
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### Chan Welfare

Senior Leader  
(Learning and Achievement)

### Barry Solomon

Leader  
(Learning and Well Being)

### Ashlee Button

Leader  
(Learning and Teaching)

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## BUDDIES

Over the past 2 weeks students in EY and PY have been embarking on 'buddy' activities focussed on Reconciliation Week. 'Buddy' time creates an opportunity for older students to work with younger students enabling them as leaders and role models. In doing this younger students are able to accomplish tasks of increased complexity and depth. Over the fortnight students explored such concepts as friendship, harmony, reunion and culture. Whilst this has had an indigenous focus students have also been able to share their personal experiences, identity and culture, giving a broader purpose to the intended learning. In addition to the learning and accomplishment benefits of 'buddies' this time also helps to create vertical relationships within the College. In this way younger students see older students as people they can trust and who are safe. Older students develop respect for and understanding of younger students as they grow and develop. 'Buddies' are a proactive way of helping students to develop a sense of responsibility, support others and create an achieving, compassionate culture throughout the College.

Chan Welfare - Senior Leader (Learning and Achievement)

## COMPASS

Mark Oliphant College is in its fifth year of partnership with the Adelaide University Compass program. MOC is a key partner and pilot school for Compass. In the Primary school, Years 4, 5 and 6 students are involved. Science is the main focus for the Compass program. All activities involved are closely linked with the Australian Curriculum.

The Compass Science programs are delivered in three phases:

- Phase 1 begins with a planning meeting with Compass staff and teachers. Students travel to North terrace in phase 1 for the delivery of the stimulus in a real University lecture theatre.
- In phase 2 students are involved in conducting small, fun, engaging experiments and investigating the science behind them.
- Throughout phase 3, students develop a showcase of an experiment that they have investigated during phase 2 and explain why it occurs along with demonstrating the experiment. The showcases occur at MOC.

The Compass program provides wonderful learning opportunities for our students. If you are interested in this program or would like to discuss it further, please let me know.

Ashlee Button - Leader (Learning and Teaching)



## Week 8 is Industry, Diligence and Perseverance



This means that you work hard to finish what you started. This also means that no matter what the project, you complete it in a timely fashion. In addition, this means that you do not get distracted when you are working.

Maryjane Tenison Woods - Coordinator of College Well Being

## ATTENDANCE COUNTS!



Research shows that success in learning is directly proportional to regular attendance and participation in education programs. We would like to remind you that the primary responsibility of a student's attendance rests with the parent/caregiver and when you enrol your child at Mark Oliphant College you accept the responsibility to:

- Ensure your child attends punctually and regularly. Children are expected to arrive at school no earlier than 8:30am and no later than 8:50am
- Provide an explanation when your child is absent via a conversation with a staff member, a letter, telephone call or email.
- Provide a Medical Certificate when your child is away for more than two days due to illness

If you would like support in improving your child's school attendance, please call a member of the Primary Years Team on 82091600.

Ella Ailmore

## "Say Cheese"

**MSP Photography are on their way!!!**

**School Photo Day is:**  
*Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015*

**Have your child's school memories captured forever.**

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP payment envelopes & remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other - You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given - cash, cheques and money orders only. Credit card payments can only be made online.

Please feel free to visit our web site  
[www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)  
For photo enquiries Phone: (08) 8132 1143 or Email: enquiries.ad@mosp.com.au

## HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit [www.campastralia.com.au/newparents](http://www.campastralia.com.au/newparents) to begin.

## 'Out of this World' School Holiday Fun! Service contact number: 0450 257 472

The Winter School Holidays are fast approaching, and bookings for our exciting Holiday Club program are now open. These holidays we have an "Out of this World" theme with lots of activities and incursions planned. We also have two excursions to look forward to: one to the movies to see The Minions and the other is to Bounce Inc. to see how high we can fly!

Bookings are essential and can be done online via [www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs) or by calling our customer service team on 1300 105 343.

Megan, Felicity, Charmaine and all of the OSHC team would like to wish everyone a fun and safe winter break, it is hard to believe we are halfway through the year already!

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