



Mark Oliphant
College

Primary Years

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, WEEK 3
19 FEBRUARY 2016



*“Education
breeds confidence.
Confidence
breeds hope.
Hope breeds peace.”*

- Confucius

KEY DATES...

Adelaide Cup Holiday
- Monday 14th March

Good Friday Public Holiday
- Friday 25th March

Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Monday 28th March

Last day of term for students
- Thursday 14th April

Pupil Free Day
- Friday 15th April

Start Term 2
- Monday 2nd May

A NOTE FROM PRIMARY YEARS LEADERSHIP

Welcome to 2016 at MOC! We have a new Principal, Mr Frank Mittiga, a new Deputy, Ms Kathleen Hoare and a new Executive Leader 7-12, Ms Angie Madison. There have been changes in the Primary Years as well: Ella Ailmore, Miss A, is now Senior Leader in the Primary Years – you will find her based in building 10. She has a strong Positive Education background: the language of bucket filling and green/red choices will be reinforced this year! We welcome Ms McCall, Ms Robertson and Ms DiBiase to Year 3, Ms Boundey to Year 4 and Ms Smith joins the Year 5 team. Ms Churchett is teaching Music and Digital Technologies to our lucky Year 6 students in Term 1 before returning to Middle Years. She is also running Choir – try outs start soon. Keep an eye out for the letter coming home!

Welcome to all of our new and returning students and families. We look forward to a fun and successful academic year. The Primary Years classes run a program called ‘Bookend Reading’. It is the extension of ‘Read to Self’ in the Early Years and ‘Book Hug’ in the Preschool. This consists of 10 minutes of quiet reading at the beginning and end of each day. Because this is such an important part of our literacy program we ask that parents wait outside of the buildings at the end of the day until the bell goes at 3:00 to minimise noise and distractions. When dismissed, children leave the classrooms from the outside doors and not through the Learning Common, contributing to a calm end of day.

We’ve had a lovely start to the new school year and we look forward to working in partnership with parents and families.

Kim Cooper
Executive Leader B-6



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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

Bianca Gerardis



This year is the beginning of my second year of being a part of the Primary Years team at MOC. I enjoy seeing the students' keen enthusiasm to start their learning each morning and the creative pieces of Art and writing that they produce.

My interests outside of school include baking and water sports.

PRIMARY YEARS TEAM

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Ella Ailmore

Senior Leader - Head of Primary Years

Barry Solomon

Leader - Learning and Wellbeing

Jacki Magin

Leader - Learning and Explicit Teaching

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Leader - Learning and Mathematics



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A NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY YEARS

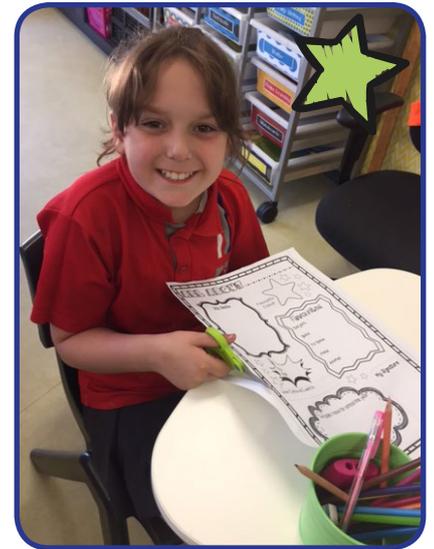
It is my honour to write my first newsletter article as Head of Primary Years! This is my sixth year at Mark Oliphant College and I am absolutely thrilled to have won the position! I have loved meeting with many of our families already and invite you to please call in and introduce yourselves. I am located in Building 10.

It has been a productive start to the year in PY! We have had a strong focus on the explicit teaching of our school rules, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe in order to ensure that all children have an understanding of what our rules, look like, feel like and sound like. We have also revisited what Bucket Filling is and how we can be the best Bucket Fillers at home, school and in the community. It has been fantastic to see so many of our students settle in well and receive Bucket Filler Awards at our Year Level Meetings held on Fridays.

I am looking forward to a successful year in the Primary Years!

Ella Ailmore

Senior Leader - Head of Primary Years



A SUPER START!

It has been a super start to 2016 for attendance in Primary Years! Most children have attended every day, arrived on time and ready to learn.

Children who attend school regularly will have the best chance of success now and later in life.

By attending school regularly, your child will have opportunities to develop:

- Essential academic skills in literacy and numeracy
- Self-discipline and organisational habits
- Social skills and positive relationships
- A sense of belonging at school

Please inform the school or your child's teacher ASAP by phone or note if your child has to be absent due to sickness (or for appointments that cannot be arranged out of school hours). For more than two consecutive days of illness - please supply a medical certificate when your child returns to school. Class teachers and I will continue to follow-up absences and offer any support we can.

If your child is reluctant to attend school please contact their teacher or myself as soon as possible so we can deal with any issues.

Barry Solomon

Leader - Learning and Wellbeing

