



NEWSLETTER

Term 1 No 6

Wed April 13th 2011

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Principal – Stephen Jolley
Chairperson – Gene Lassaline

PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- BER Recognition Ceremony reply slip
- Parent Club Lunch Roster reply slip
- Parent Club Heat Ups Roster reply slip
- SRC Hamburger order form
- Netball Coaching reply slip
- Basketball Tower reply slip

Dear Parents,

A busy term is almost completed. Well done to the students on their efforts so far and I look forward to them achieving even further success as the year progresses. One of our school priorities is to improve writing skills and recently I looked through all of our students' writing books and it is fantastic to see the learning that is occurring in this area with students, especially in the middle and upper primary, constructing pieces of writing that are quite sophisticated and skillfully written.

Recently there have been some occasions when cars have been parked in the bus area on Sherwin Road in the afternoons. I have spoken to the bus driver about this issue, if you know that you will be at school beyond 3.45pm please park in a different location (it is ok to use this space as a pick area so long as you leave by this time). By doing so it helps promote the safety of students getting on and off the bus. Thank you for your support in addressing this matter.

Thank you also to our parents who have supported the school this term – your support is invaluable. Next term we have much to look forward to, including Move It, UP Leadership Conference, Cross Country and preparations for the Eisteddfods (Term 3).

Our newsletter has been sent home today because it is near the end of the term and there are several reply slips that need to be returned – please endeavour to do so prior to the holidays.

On behalf of the staff, we wish you a Happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday.

Regards,

Stephen

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April

Friday 15th Hot Dog Day.
Car Wash, 1pm.
End of Term, 2.30pm dismissal.

May

Monday 2nd Term 2 commences.
Lunch Roster – Lynette Fritsch & Fiona Pearson.
Tuesday 3rd Heat Ups Roster – Naomi Mitchell.
Thursday 5th Parent Club meeting.
Friday 6th BER Recognition Ceremony, 10.45am.
Tues 10th – Thurs 12th NAPLAN.
Fri 20th Naracoorte Cross Country.

DISTRICT SPORTS DAY

Our students participated very well during District Sports Day. The school looked very impressive in our new jackets provided by Parent Club and the drummers carried out their role very well. I have heard many positive stories from parents who observed the great determination displayed by our students during their events. Thank you also to the parents who volunteered at the Long Jump during the day. Congratulations to the following students on their Championship Sprint Results:

Tayla England	3 rd 12yrs & over girls
	3 rd Open Champ.
Jhett Perry	2 nd 10yr boys
Poppy Kentish	2 nd 9yr girls

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to the many families who made an appointment to meet with their child's class teacher as a part of parent – teacher interviews. If at any stage during the year you have any concerns or would like feedback about your child's progress please make a time to meet with their teacher. In conjunction with this, please make a time to catch up with myself if you have any other queries about our school.

CLASSROOM OPENING CEREMONY

As a part of the Federal Government's BER Program all schools need to hold an official opening ceremony for their project, ours will be on Friday May 6th

between 10.45 – 11.45am. The format for the ceremony will involve student speakers, Gene speaking on Governing Council's behalf and Senator Dana Wortley will also be in attendance for the official unveiling of the plaque. Following the ceremony a morning tea will be provided by Parent Club. All parents are welcome to attend. To assist with our planning please indicate on the reply slip if you intend to come.

NET SET GO NETBALL COACHING

Thanks to Jacinta Clark we are able to offer netball coaching sessions for our students in Term 2. Jacinta will bring her Mount Gambier High School Yr 9 and 10 students to Mil Lel and provide a 6 week coaching block for interested students. These free sessions are a part of Net Set Go which is a netball coaching program that targets children from ages 5-10, however we have negotiated with Jacinta to include older students if they are keen to have a go. Children, if they choose, can also pay \$25 for a participation kit – this is optional. The sessions will be held once a week during lunchtime and will commence on Tuesday May 10th. This is a fantastic opportunity for our us to establish a partnership with the high school so please encourage your child to participate – even if they are not a netballer it will be great practice for their ball handling skills, boys are also able to participate. A nomination form is included in our newsletter reply slip. Students who do nominate will be expected to attend every session.

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AUSKICK UPDATE

Some further information regarding the AUSKICK packs has been made aware to us. When families purchase a pack they get insurance for their child which covers accidents that may occur during the sessions. For those participating students that don't purchase a pack, our school insurance does not cover these incidents. A reminder that AUSKICK will commence in Week 1 of Term 2.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will occur next term from Tuesday May 10th to Thursday May 12th. NAPLAN involves students in Years 3, 5, and 7 (and Year 9) sitting tests that assess a range of areas in Literacy and Numeracy. The tests are administered simultaneously across Australia with individual student assessment reports expected to be ready during September. All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN however parents may withdraw their child from the NAPLAN if they choose – if you wish to do this, please contact the office so that appropriate documentation can be completed.

GOVERNING COUNCIL BACKYARD BLITZ

Well done to Governing Council for coordinating the working bees held over the past 2 weekends - \$1000 was fundraised as a result of their work. Thanks to the following families for your support: Douglas, Fritsch, Kirby, Lassaline, Pearson, Scanlon and Telford.

ROTARY DICTIONARY PRESENTATION

At our last assembly Bob Furner from Rotary presented our Year 3 students with a dictionary. Thank you to Bob and Rotary for this initiative.

SKIPPING TEAM

On Sunday our skipping team performed at the Public Library as a part of World Health Month. The team performed very well and it provided a great opportunity to promote our school in the wider community.

T – BALL

Well done to our students who represented our school in T-Ball this term. Special thanks to Kerry and Kimberley Henningsen who helped us out by doing a great job umpiring and managing our team.

SAPSASA FOOTBALL

Congratulations to James Telford who has been selected in the Lower South East football team. The team will participate in a carnival held in Adelaide next term.

HOLIDAY HELP

At some stage during the holidays we will need some help to lift our new basketball tower into place. Please let us know if you are available; I think that we will probably need a ute to stand on to place it in the ground sleeve.

CERTIFICATES

Jorja Mitchell for concentrating on spelling when she is writing.

Flynn Harfull for always encouraging others.

Jack Newton for amazing improvement in exposition writing: 'Pets Are Pests'.

Corrie Seabrook for amazing improvement in exposition writing: 'Pets Are Pests'.

Melanie Smaling for an excellent effort with her 'Almost Perfect' Handwriting.

Kaitlyn Greenfield for always being a hard-working, conscientious student in class.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

George Paul for showing good cooperation in sharing equipment.

Mia Kirby for helping someone solve a problem.

Caleb Perry for showing good sportsmanship toward others.

CANBERRA CAMP FUNDRAISER REMINDERS

Hot Dog Day – Friday 15th April

Any other parents of Canberra Camp students who would like to assist please contact Lynette Fritsch or Fiona Pearson. Thank you.

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Car Wash

Canberra Camp students and parents have organised a car wash, \$5/car, on Friday 15th April from 1.00pm at school.

Once again any parents of Canberra Camp students who are able to assist please contact Lynette or Fiona. You will need to bring with you buckets, sponges, detergent and chamois.



PARENT CLUB NEWS

Lunch Order & Heat Ups Rosters

If you are able to help with Monday lunch orders or Tuesday heat ups during Term 2 please indicate on the reply slips attached.

Next Meeting – Thursday 5th May at 9am. All parents are welcome to attend.
Hostess – Sandra Robinson.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

You will find further information regarding the following on our Notice Board situated in the foyer leading in to the Front Office or by contacting phone numbers or visiting websites provided.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mount Gambier Police in conjunction with residents of Conroe Heights have started a brand new Neighbourhood Watch Group in the Conroe area. To celebrate our new group and to try and involve new members, a free BBQ will be held at the Don McDonnell Reserve on Conroe Drive from 12noon to 1.30pm on Saturday the 16th April.

There will be balloons and other give-a-ways for the kids as well as a free bicycle engraving service for those who want to bring their bikes.

If you have any queries, please contact Senior Constable Paul Scicluna on 8735 1049 during business hours.

BASKETBALL MOUNT GAMBIER INC

Junior Training Programme on Friday nights for beginners, 6-8 year olds, beginning Friday 6th May. \$5 Registration fee & \$4/per session.

Registration nights for Juniors (Under 10, 12 and 14 age groups) for Winter Competitions – week commencing Monday 2nd May.

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

Wednesdays 20th & 27th April and Friday 29th April.

Bookings are essential and can be made from Monday 18th April by phoning the Library on 8721 2540.

BE ACTIVE – HEART FOUNDATION

Social Walking at Bool Lagoon 9th April and Nelson Great South West Walk 29th May.

Must register by contacting Angela Solly 0400 262 738 or beactive@lcrdb.com

MOUNT GAMBIER CHILDREN'S CENTRE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & PARENTING

Term 2 2011 Programme - Babies Playgroup - Mother's Day Morning

For bookings or enquiries for any of the above contact Fiona Pulford 8725 7375.

PENOLA COONAWARRA ARTS FESTIVAL

Little Kids, Big Kids Art Zone

Visit www.artsfestival.com.au for all you need to know!

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