



NEWSLETTER

Term 1 No 1

Thurs Feb 3rd 2011

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Principal – Stephen Jolley
Chairperson – Gene Lassaline

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all students and families. I hope everyone has had a happy Christmas and a positive start to the new year. Over the holiday break a large amount of work was completed around the school and we are all excited to not only have the classrooms completed but also the fencing removed from our play areas. The new classrooms look fantastic and they will be a terrific environment for our students to learn in, both now and in the future. It is also pleasing to know that we will be able to fully utilise other areas within the school, including our library, French/Art room and kitchen facilities. The obstacles overcome during the past year have been very challenging and much credit must be given to our school community – students, parents and staff for your patience, support and preparedness to work together. The end result has certainly been worth the wait.

This term we start with 64 students. We welcome Shaunn Robinson and George Paul who have started in our JP class and we look forward to them enjoying their time here at Mil Lel. Our class and teaching arrangements for this year are:

- Junior Primary (Rec-Yr 1): 12 students Ben Savage
(increasing to 20 by Mid Year)
- Middle Primary (Yr 2, 3 & 4): 30 students Judy Harradine/Shirley Hogg (Fridays)
- Upper Primary (Yr 5, 6 & 7): 22 students Adam Branford

Shirley Hogg will be teaching French in each class and also maintaining her role in teaching recorder in the JP and MP classes. My teaching time will be spread across all classes, with a focus on PE.

Our SSO staffing for this year is:

- Judy Lacey (Finance and Administration)
- Annette Hopgood (Library and Classroom Support)
- Jill Gilmore (Computing and Classroom Support)
- Angela Beltakis (Classroom Support)

It has been great to see students settle into their class routines and I am looking forward to a positive year for our school. Throughout the year I encourage you to talk to myself and the teachers at Mil Lel about your child, their learning and any concerns you may have.

Regards,

Stephen

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PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- Term 1 2011 Planner
- Governing Council nomination form
- Acquaintance Night reply slip
- Parent Club Lunch Roster reply slip
- Lunch Menu/Price List
- Hot Weather and External Fire Policy and Bus Information
- Swimming & Aquatic consent/medical form
- Bus travel consent form
- R-2 Swimming roster reply slip

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

Monday 7th

Tuesday 8th

Wednesday 9th

Friday 11th

Monday 14th

Tuesday 15th

Wednesday 16th

Thursday 17th

Lunch orders due, Roster – Vanessa Lassaline & Liza Kirby.

Parent Club meeting, 9am.

Pancake Day.

Adelaide Crows Development Team visit, 9.30am.

Issue 1 Book Club closing date.

Lunch Roster – Liza Kirby & Lynette Fritsch.

Combined Acquaintance Night, AGM & Governing Council
From 5.30pm.

Assembly, 3pm.

Adelaide Crows at Glenburnie PS, 10am.

Choir commences.

**COMBINED ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT
AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

A combined Acquaintance Night and AGM will occur on Monday February 14th.

Acquaintance night will commence at 5.30pm with a BBQ tea – families are asked to provide their own meat, salads and drinks. Classrooms will be open for informal visits from 6.30 – 7.15pm after which the AGM will commence. Following the AGM our first Governing Council meeting will be held. If you are interested in nominating for Governing Council in 2011 please register your interest by returning the attached reply slip with this newsletter.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

Student participation started early this year with our Skipping team being asked to perform at the Mil Lel Australia Day celebration. Approximately half of the regular team (including some of our now 'past' students!) performed a routine which was well received by the crowd. Well done to the students, your efforts are to be commended for your willingness to represent our school and even though the skipping surface presented some challenges it was good to see your persistence.

SWIMMING

Students from Yrs 3-7 will participate in 2 weeks of swimming lessons commencing on Monday Feb 21st. Rec – Yr 2 students have lessons with an instructor for the first week only. These students have an opportunity to use the pool in the second week however we do need parents to help with supervision (this will require getting in the pool with the students). Please indicate on the reply slip included with this Newsletter if you are able to assist. Lessons for all students are from 1.30pm – 2.15pm.

**SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS
PROGRAM**

During the first 2 weeks of school all classes will be looking at a range of topics and concepts that will promote our students' understanding and knowledge of our school values and how to be successful at school. These topics include identifying personal values, establishing class expectations and what high quality work looks like. As a part of embedding these concepts our school values will be stated in future school documents, including our newsletter. Students will get an opportunity to share their work during our first assembly.

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ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for the year will be held on Tuesday 15th February at 3pm.

HOT WEATHER AND EXTERNAL FIRE POLICY AND BUS INFORMATION

As a timely reminder we have included the policy with this Newsletter.

2010 YEAR BOOK

Limited copies of our 2010 Year Book are still available at \$5/copy. We wish to sincerely thank Phil McBain for printing them for us.

SOIL REMOVAL

The areas identified with soil contamination were addressed during the holiday break with over 300 tonnes of soil being removed from the school (these areas can be identified through the presence of roll out turf). Now that this work has been completed the entire school grounds now meets acceptable health standards and no further work will need to be done in regards to this issue. As a part of this work our vegetable garden was removed (we have retained the materials for the garden beds) and in time we will look to re-establish it with a view to having higher raised garden beds.

FURNITURE SHIFT

A big thank you to the many parents and students who came along to help shift furniture and other resources – your assistance was much appreciated by staff. We knew that the timing wasn't ideal in regards to school holidays and it being a work day for many parents, but to get such a strong level of support was great.

We now have some surplus furniture (cupboards and storage lockers), if you are interested in purchasing any of this by making a donation to the school please see Judy at the Front Office.

MISSING LADDER

At some stage last year, probably during a working bee, our school ladder went missing. The ladder is 2.1m in height. If you think you might have it please catch up with us at school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND HATS

It has been great to see all of our students in school uniform this week – thank you to parents for supporting this. Our uniform guidelines are:

Girls' winter uniform

Bottle green skirt, skort *OR* pants
Green *OR* gold skivvy *OR* shirt
Green *OR* white socks *OR* tights

Girls' summer uniform

Green and white check dress, skirt
OR bottle green shorts

Boys' uniform

Grey *OR* green trousers *OR* shorts
Green, White *OR* gold polo-shirt
Grey shirt
Green *OR* gold T-shirt *OR* skivvy
Grey socks

All students

Footwear - to be serviceable
Green windcheater *OR* green jumper
Bucket hats can be purchased from the Front Office and for a gold coin donation you may choose items from a limited selection of second hand clothing.

* ***Thongs not allowed***

GUITAR AND PIANO LESSONS

Individual music tutoring offered by Deanne Turner (guitar) and Daniel Lynn (piano) is available once again this year for students in the MP and UP classes. If your child is interested in learning either of these instruments please let us know.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Monday Lunch Orders

Please note that lunches will commence on Monday 14th February. ***Orders must be placed the week before on Monday 7th.***

Lunch Order Roster

Lunch order volunteers are required a couple of times each term (or once if that is all you can do) from 9-10am and 11.30-12.30pm on a Monday. If you are able to help during Term 1 please indicate on the reply slip enclosed.

Second Hand Clothing

An assortment of good quality, clean, second hand school clothing is available for a gold coin donation.

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Pancake Day

Parent Club will be providing pancakes for all students on Tuesday 8th February at morning recess. Pancakes will cost \$2 each with all proceeds going to Uniting Care. Please contact Lynette Fritsch 8724 9286 if you would like to donate ingredients or toppings.

For Sale

20 Litre Langco Urn – best offer. Please contact Lynette.

Australia Day Lunch

Thankyou to everyone who donated baked goods, milk and your time at the Australia Day celebrations at the Mil Le Hall. Special thanks to Liza Kirby for taking the initiative in organizing this fundraiser for our school. Approximately \$450 was raised.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 8th February at 9am in the General Purpose Room.
Hostess – Lynette Fritsch.

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.

OSHC

Before School Child Care 6.30-8.30am
After School Child Care 3.00-6.00pm
Pupil Free Days Child Care 6.30am-6.00pm
5 – 12 year old

We can also accommodate for 4 Four year olds each session.
Call 8723 1922 to discuss your care options further or email mgoshc@higpond.com.
All children taxi transferred to and from school, BSC breakfast provided before 8am.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All preschool, primary and secondary students aged under 18 years, are eligible for care with the School Dental Service. Fees and conditions apply. For information about appointments and fees, contact your local School Dental Clinic on 8721 1633, Mon – Fri, 8.30am – 4.15pm.

**YOUNG FRIENDS OF THE MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY
BOOK CLUB**

15th February & 15th March, 4-5pm at the Multi Purpose Room at the Library.
Contact Chris Lloyd, Facilitator at youngfriendsmtglibrary@gmail.com

PARENTS WITH PUSHERS

Mount Gambier Public Library each Thursday of Term 1, 11am-1pm. Free.
Contact Fiona Pulford, Community Development Coordinator, Mount Gambier Children's Centre
8725 7375.

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Wednesday or Monday nights 4-5.30pm, \$15/session.
For bookings or information phone Sheree on 8723 2158 or 0408 232158 or visit
www.getrealkidsart.mosaicglobe.com

NATIONAL KARATE ACADEMIES

Free Come & Try at Mount Gambier North Primary School. Wed Feb 9th 6pm.
Contact 0437 523 913 or visit www.nationalkarate.com.au

BASKETBALL MOUNT GAMBIER INC JUNIOR TRAINING PROGRAM

Friday nights for beginners, 6-8 years old. 5.30-6.30pm beginning 4th February 2011 during school term. Children may join at any time. Cost \$5/Registration and \$4/Session.
Contact the Stadium 8723 2050 or admin@basketballmtgambier.com.au

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