



NEWSLETTER

Term 2 No 10

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Dear Parents,

Next week we have our whole school Speech and Drama activity which will involve all students presenting a short oral presentation in front of an audience. This promises to be a valuable learning activity because it has close links with reading. One aspect of becoming a good reader is 'fluency'. Fluency refers to not only the rate of reading but also the application of skills such as expression and phrasing – all skills that are required in a speech and drama presentation. Another reason why fluency is important is that children who read very slowly are devoting much of their attention to decoding words which means their memory and recall of what they are reading is limited. A reading rate of at least 90-100 words per minute is regarded as a good reading rate. Unfortunately, the children who need to practise most are sometimes those who avoid it because they find it difficult and hard work. It is very important that this doesn't occur, and one strategy to overcome this is to select books that children can read independently so that they build their confidence; the opportunity to get regular reading practice at home is vital. At school, all classes participate in a range of learning activities that explicitly teach reading skills, including Guided Reading and specific intervention programs for targeted students. If you have any questions about your child's reading progress or what books would be useful in supporting their reading development please speak to their class teacher.

Wednesday afternoons after school have become a hive of activity with training for both football codes, football and soccer, occurring. It is great to see our students actively involved in these activities and the presence of many parents is fantastic.

Regards,

Stephen

DATES TO REMEMBER

June

Friday 17th

Issue 4 Book Club closing date.
Salad Roster – Robinson Family.

Tuesday 21st

Lunch time Netball.
Finance Committee 6.30pm.
Governing Council meeting 7.00pm.

Wednesday 22nd

Whole School Speech & Drama activity.

Thursday 23rd

Pupil Free Day.

Monday 20th

Lunch Roster: Vanessa Lassaline & Karen Douglas.

Tuesday 21st

Heat Ups: Julie Baldock.

Thursday 23rd

Pupil Free Day – School closed.

Friday 24th

Salad Roster – Lassaline Family.

Monday 27th

Lunch Roster: Alexi Kentish & Vanessa Lassaline.

Tuesday 28th

Heat Ups: Naomi Mitchell.

Wednesday 29th

Assembly.

Thursday 30th

Bounces performing at Nangwarry.

Lab on Legs.

Soup Day.

July

Friday 1st

Speech and Drama Entries close for Mt Gambier Eisteddfod.

Salad Roster – Mitchell Family.

'Hairlarious Day'.

Monday 4th

Lunch Roster: Julie Baldock & Alexi Kentish.

Tuesday 5th

Heat Ups: Vanessa Lassaline.

Friday 8th

Salad Roster – Henningsen Family.

Last day of Term, dismissal 2.30pm.

YOUTH ENVIRONMENT FORUM

On Wednesday June 8th, our Youth Environment Group composed of Amy, Lisa, Tara, James and Brenton travelled to the Naracoorte Caves and Bool Lagoon. They met with other school groups and gave a presentation about the project that they had been working on. Their project involved planning a native garden in the area between the UP room and the Art room. This is a work in progress with the group still trying to source some edible native plants. Below is a comment from each group member about their trip.

"I liked going on the mini bus to Bool Lagoon. I also like looking through the binoculars at the different animals and habitats." Tara

"I liked having hot soup for lunch as well as going to Bool Lagoon and seeing two black swans through the binoculars. It was a bit scary on the boardwalk because there was nothing on the edges to stop you falling." Amy

"I really enjoyed the whole day but Bool Lagoon was really windy and cold. My

favourite part was planting the seeds in the miniature greenhouse." Lisa

"My favourite part was the lunch, especially the soup. It was also really fun making a mini garden because it was something that we were actively involved in." James L

"One of my favourite items was the Aboriginal dances because it was about their ancestors and their traditions. The food was also good." Brenton



LAB ON LEGS

On Thursday June 30th all classes will be travelling to Glenburnie to participate in the Lab on Legs Program. This program provides excellent 'hands on' science activities. This year's theme is 'Push and Pull'. Students will be transported by bus and the school will cover the cost of the session.

SAPSASA

Congratulations to Tara Henningsen and Tayla English for being selected in the Lower South East SAPSASA Hockey Team. The girls will be participating in a carnival held in Adelaide next week.

Recently James Telford participated in the LSE SAPSASA Football Team that went through their carnival undefeated. James was also vice captain of the team – Well done James.

MIL LEL SHOW PLANNING

This year our school is looking to expand our involvement in the Mil Lel Show. A part of this involves selling craft items made by students. Therefore we are looking for any parents that would be willing to work with interested students during a lunchtime on a weekly basis in Term 3 to start making items – the things made would be separate to the items displayed in the hall which are made during electives later in Term 3. If you have a 'flair' for this area as well as having some ideas of what could be made, we would like to hear from you.

CERTIFICATES

James Telford for submitting his continent study draft on time.

Amy Kirby for submitting her continent study draft on time.

Lachlan Greenfield for great adaptation work on Sugar Gliders in Science.

Leigh Davies for great adaptation work on Camels and Chipmunks in Science.

Hamish Paul for excellent work in Art when completing your Australian animal mosaic.

Brianna Scanlon for lovely neat work in Technology and Art.

Eliza Harding for excellent use of time, being motivated and doing lovely work.

Tayne Perry for always offering to help people out when they need help.

Amelia Clark for always being kind to the other children in class.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Harry Robinson for demonstrating positive and responsible behaviour.

Zoe Simpson for a great effort in keeping our yard tidy.

Estelle Paul for a great effort in keeping our yard tidy.

Brianna Scanlon for a great effort in keeping our yard tidy.

Chloe Kirby for a great effort in keeping our yard tidy.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to our families who continue to support our school uniform guidelines. Lately our stocks of lost property items has grown. Please ensure your child's clothes are clearly labelled to help remedy this issue.

MOVE IT

Congratulations to the students on their fine efforts during our Move It performances. Their behaviour and patience when waiting to perform was excellent with one of the organisers commenting that our school was one of the best they had seen in regards to this.

DANCE SCHOLARSHIP

As a part of Kim Cella's involvement in coaching our students for Move It, she also awarded 2 of our students a scholarship at her dance club 'Hype'. The 2 students that were selected for the scholarship were Ava Simpson and Jorja Mitchell. Congratulations girls.



NETBALL CHALLENGE

On Tuesday July 5th, our MP & UP students who have been involved in the lunchtime netball coaching sessions would like to challenge a group of parents in a netball match. If you are interested in participating please indicate on the reply slip. The game would be played at lunchtime, between 12.40 – 1.20.

SPEECH AND DRAMA ACTIVITY

We will be holding a whole school speech and drama activity next week on Wednesday June 22nd, beginning at 11.45am. Students will be broken up into 3 groups so that siblings are in the same group. Parents are welcome to come along and watch.

As a part of our preparation for this event Luke Fritsch, a past student, has visited each class to give a demonstration and provide tips on how to be successful at public speaking. Luke is in year 10 at Grant High School and we thank him for lending his support.

MT GAMBIER EISTEDDFOD

ENTRIES

Children are encouraged to enter the Mt Gambier Speech and Drama Eisteddfod in August. Entries are due on July 1st. For the Music section of the eisteddfod, Junior and Middle primary students will be participating in the group recorder event and once again, children are encouraged to enter the solo and duet events. Mrs Hogg will help children with their music selection. If you need any assistance with the entry process please see Shirley or Stephen.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Reminders

- **School Jackets:** Tomorrow, Friday 17th June is the last day to order if you wish to purchase one. If you are unsure of sizes you may check with the Parent Club supply.
- **Soup Day:** Pumpkin soup will be provided for all students by the Parent Club at lunchtime on Thursday 30th June. Please still send lunch for your child if they do not want soup or if a cup of soup is not enough for them.

Monday Lunch Orders

There will be changes to the Lunch Order Menu commencing Term 3 due to a change in supplier and prices. Please use the new menu/prices when placing orders on Monday 4th July. The new

menu will be included with our next Newsletter.

School Telephone Book

If you have noticed any corrections to be made to phone numbers or email addresses, please note and leave in the Front Office letter box for the attention of Liza Kirby. Thank you.

Subway Lunch Day

Parent Club will be organising a Subway lunch instead of regular lunch orders on Monday 4th July.

Please note that no lunch orders other than a Subway order will be accepted.

Orders for this lunch need to be placed on **Monday 27th June** the same way as regular lunch orders.

For **\$6.50** students may order a sub (ham / turkey / beef or veg) with salad (cheese / tomato / lettuce / cucumber / carrot) and mayonnaise, on a white / wheat or herb & cheese roll. Orders will also include an apple juice / water / low fat strawberry milk / low fat chocolate milk, and a cookie. Please write on a brown paper bag – one meat filling, your choice of salad fillings, roll choice, and drink choice as you would a regular lunch order
eg: Joe Bloggs MP

1 Turkey sub with cheese, cucumber, carrot and mayo on herb & cheese roll
1 chocolate milk
1 cookie.

PRAWN FUNDRAISER

As you are probably aware, an order form went home last Thursday for our prawn fundraiser. Prawns are Australian King Prawns sourced from Port Lincoln SA.

Due Date – Wednesday 29th June (with money).

Delivery Date – Week of 4th – 8th July (a note will be sent home prior to delivery).

Remember just because you may not eat prawns, members of your family and friends may, so remember to ask them also!

Next meeting: Thursday 4th August at 9.00. Hostess – Liza Kirby.

UPPER PRIMARY FRENCH - MA CUISINE RULES

This term the UP class has been trying some French cooking. We were lucky to have Madame Pratt working with us and she helped each group to decide what they would serve. So far we have enjoyed La Poule moutard, jambon et fromage omelette, Lait au chocolat et profiteroles. We still have a couple of groups who are yet to try their hand I hear they are going to be doing Crepes and Croissants. Each group has to decide what they are going to cook, find out the ingredients needed and pass these on to Madame Hogg. In the lesson they need to cook the food and then present it to the rest of the class.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

You will find further information regarding the following on our notice board situated in the foyer leading in to the Front Office.

FOR SALE

Riley & Jennieva Burn have 6 ducks for sale, 3 ducks and 3 drakes. They are black and white muscovies and extremely quiet as they have been hand-fed. They love bread! \$15 each.

FOR SALE

One plastic beige round water tank, 130 gallons or 600 litres. \$200. Comes with PVS piping. Phone: 0439 729 424.

MOUNT GAMBIER BLUE LIGHT COMMITTEE

KUNG FU PANDA 2

Thursday 23rd June at the Oatmill Cinema. Commencing 6.00pm until 8.10pm (children can be collected by parents from inside the cinema from 7.55pm).

Tickets \$5 each, available from Mount Gambier Police Station.

Strictly open to children aged 7 to 12. Police supervisors present for the entire event.

DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB

FASCINATING FORENSICS

A crime has been committed and you are part of a Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) team that has to collect and analyse the clues left behind at the scene of the crime. You will be using forensic techniques including finerprinting, shoe and tyre prints, hair and fibre analysis, and bite mark evidence to help you narrow down the suspects. Can you solve the crime?

WHEN: Thursday 23rd June at 6.45pm

WHERE: Tenison Woods College Science Laboratory

AGE: 8+

COST: \$1/members, \$3/non-members, \$5/family. To book your place, phone Thea Shaughnessy on 8725 9051, or email jtshaughnessy1@bigpond.com

UPCOMING IMPORTANT COMMUNITY DATES

MIL LEL HALL MEETING

Monday 27th June at 7pm at the Hall. All welcome.

MIL LEL A&H SHOW

Tuesday 28th June at 7pm at the Hall. All welcome.

