



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Our recent classroom opening ceremony was successful and thank you to all that were able to attend. Apart from the formalities of the day there were several things that occurred that are wonderful features of our school, these included parents arriving early to not only help with the morning tea preparation but assisting in tidying the yard, students offering to help with sweeping, our groundsman coming to school outside his normal working hours to help set up and the year 7s (and some yr 6s) doing a great job of welcoming our guests. All of these efforts were greatly valued and contributed to an enjoyable day. Many of our past school community members commented on how much they enjoyed the ceremony and also commended our students. A later email message I received from one of our guests was;

*You should be very proud of your school. It was a treat to visit on Friday and to see the new buildings being so well used and appreciated. We couldn't even dream of such luxuries as the modern buildings when our children were in attendance. But it is not the buildings that make a great school, it is the relationship between teachers and students supported by parents and the community. Mil Lel still has the vibes that set it above the rest.*

*Thank you for inviting me to join in the celebrations.*

It is credit to our school community that even during a short visit our guests were able to get a sense of the great environment that we have here at school.

Regards,

*Stephen*



The Upper Primary Students assisting the Senator during our ceremony.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### May

Fri 20<sup>th</sup>

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tue 24<sup>th</sup>

Mon 30<sup>th</sup>

Tue 31<sup>st</sup>

Naracoorte Cross Country.

UP Leadership Conference

Lunch Roster: Kerry Henningsen and Karen Douglas

Heat Ups Roster: Rachael Perry

Lunch Roster: Julie Baldock and Michelle Storck

Heat Ups Roster: Katrina Potter

### June

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>

Tue 7<sup>th</sup>

Tue 21<sup>st</sup>

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup>

Move It

Lunch Roster: Lynette Fritsch

Heat Ups Roster: Lynette Fritsch

Governing Council and Finance Committee meeting

Pupil Free Day

**Please refer to the term calendar in this newsletter for further dates.**

### MOVE IT INFORMATION

- Dress Rehearsal.

We are aiming to have a dress rehearsal at school next Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure your child's costume is labelled and is brought to school in a bag. If you need any help with the costume requirements please let us know.

- Scholarship Opportunity.

Hype Dance Studio (who Kim, our instructor, manages) is offering a dance scholarship for one of our students. The scholarship will cover dance tuition and costume costs for the remainder of 2011. If your child would like to nominate for this scholarship please fill out the reply slip in this week's newsletter. The winner will be announced after our Move It commitments have finished.

- Watching Move It.

After our performance on the Thursday matinee session, students will go into the theatre to watch the rest of the performances. Tickets have been purchased by the school – there is no cost to families. We will return to school at approximately 2.45pm. For the Friday matinee performance we will return to school immediately after our dance.

- Friday Evening Performance.

After our performance on Friday night all children will need to be collected from the theatre (we will let you know where to collect the kids once we have been informed by the organisers). However, if you have purchased tickets

for this performance, including one for your child, they will be supervised up to the interval break. At this time they can be collected to enter the theatre (once the performance has started, theatre staff won't allow anyone to enter until the interval break). Please fill out the reply slip if your child needs to be supervised until the interval break.

### CERTIFICATES

**James Lassaline** for simply superb spelling work.

**Keisha Pearson** for trying really hard when writing expositions.

**Darcey Newton** for excellent progress in exposition writing.

**Estelle Paul** for huge improvement in exposition writing.

**Wil Scanlon** for excellent exposition writing.

**Ryan Smaling** for showing great concentration when playing a game.

**Charlotte Tracey** for remembering to put her hand up in class.

**Brad Scanlon** for always trying his best.

**Ava Simpson** for working well with a partner.

**Alex Oehms** for remembering to change his readers every morning.

### SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

**Tara Henningsen** for displaying positive leadership.

**Brianna Simpson and Darcey**

**Newton** for displaying care and respect toward our school.

## **EISTEDDFOD PLANNING.**

The Mt Gambier Eisteddfod events that we will participate in this year will be held between August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>. A variety of performance sections are available to all students with our school traditionally focusing on Speech and Drama, Debating and Music. The process for organising our eisteddfod participation will be:

### **Individual Participation.**

- On June 22<sup>nd</sup> a school-based event will be held whereby all students in Rec – Yr 7 will present an item based on the sections offered in the Mt Gambier Eisteddfod. (These will be prepared and practiced in class time) This will occur between 11.45 – 12.30 and parents are welcome to attend.
- From this, students who are interested will have an opportunity to nominate for the Mt. Gambier Competition. This will be a non-compulsory process. Students who do nominate will be given support at school to prepare.

### **Group Participation.**

- The Junior Primary and Middle Primary will present class recorder items at the Mt Gambier Eisteddfod.
- Teams of Upper Primary students will be nominated to represent our school in the debating section.

### **Transport.**

- Transport for the whole class Middle and Junior Primary recorder items and Upper Primary debating will be provided. It is anticipated that we will need parent help with transport for children who have nominated in the speech and drama section.

### **Entry.**

- Entry Forms are available from the Front Office. Children compete in the category according to their age on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 and the cost for performing in a solo event will be \$5.

For more information please see Shirley or Stephen.

## **PLAY TIME FOOD.**

From time to time a child's specific medical needs impact on those around them, this is particularly the case for children who suffer from nut related allergies. In the past we have had students who had such allergies and we requested that nut products were not packed in children's lunch boxes. This request is not such a priority now meaning nut based products can be brought to school. However we do ask that if you do choose to include these food types for your child that you re-inforce to them that they do not share with other students.

## **PUPIL FREE DAY.**

On Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be having a school closure day for Training and Development. Staff will be participating in a Literacy workshop with a visiting consultant to the region.

## **BOOK CLUB ORDERS.**

A reminder that orders for Book Club are due by tomorrow morning, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## **CROSS COUNTRY.**

Tomorrow we have 22 students participating in Cross Country at Naracoorte – good luck to all of the runners. For those competing, please wear our normal Sports Day uniform.

We are still awaiting some entry fees for Cross Country and also the Term 1 Athletics Day (\$3 for each). Please check at the front office if you are unsure if you have paid or not.

## **UP LEADERSHIP COURSE.**

On Sunday students in the UP class are travelling to Ballarat for a leadership course to be held on Monday. The course will cover topics such as leadership principles, public speaking and working with others.

## PARENT CLUB NEWS

**Fundraising:** Pie Drive Orders have been sent home with this week's newsletter.

**Soup Day:** 30<sup>th</sup> June (please note the change of date). Soup will be provided free to students on this day. Normal lunch orders will still be available during that week.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 9am. All parents are welcome to attend. Hostess – Michelle Storck.

**School Jackets:** The jackets are getting much use, with students participating in Cross Country and the Upper Primary Class (Leadership Conference) having one provided. Please ensure they are returned next week if your child has one.

## ABSENCE

Judy Lacey is currently taking intermittent leave from her front office role. Arrangements have been made to cover her absence, but we ask for your support by having all money brought to school placed in a labelled envelope/bag. A 'letterbox' has been put in the front office so that students and parents have a common spot to put all notes etc. if someone is not available to help. Normal banking processes will apply but there might be a delay in providing some receipts.

## AUSKICK

A keen group of Auskick participants have commenced their sessions under the guidance of Michael Kirby. Thanks to the parents who have assisted so far – the kids really enjoy your presence.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB Make your own buzzing skill tester

Lots of hands on activities about light and colour – find out the difference between reflection, refraction and diffraction and much more.

WHEN: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 6.45pm

WHERE: Tenison-Wood College Science Lab

AGE: 8+

COST: \$1 for members, \$3 for non-members, \$5 for a family.

To book your place, phone Thea Shaughnessy on 8725 9051, or email

[jtshaughnessy1@bigpond.com](mailto:jtshaughnessy1@bigpond.com)

### Reading Rocks Session

WHEN: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 10am – 12 noon.

WHERE: Mount Gambier Library

COST: Free

WHO: Suitable for 3-8 year olds

For more information contact the library or email: [angela@wowbooks4boys.com](mailto:angela@wowbooks4boys.com)