



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Thankyou to all families who have contributed either Coles or Woolworths docketts over the past few months. A terrific amount has been raised and the points earned have been put towards getting additional books for our library and further sports equipment. Thanks to Parent Club for implementing this initiative and to Liza Kirby for collating the docketts.

During this term we will begin preparing for the new year and an important part of this process is establishing our projected enrolments for 2012. If your family is possibly looking at moving to a new area next year or if you know of families that may be moving into our district could you please let us know. At this stage we have approximately 15 new reception students starting at the school next year.

Last week we began work on building a new chook shed for the school. Aaron Newton and some UP students are working toward having it completed this term. The building of a chook shed will be a great step towards establishing an environment where our students can grow produce and then participate in follow up cooking activities. One aspect that we do need to plan for is if we do get some chooks this term, we will need some families to feed them over the Christmas break. If you are able to do this, please indicate on the reply slip in today's newsletter.

Regards,

*Stephen*



Some of our students working with Mr Newton on the chook shed.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### November

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Orders: Lucy Innes & Fiona Pearson
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	Heat Ups: Fiona Pearson
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Orders: Lucy Innes & Alexi Kentish
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	Heat Ups: Deb Burn
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Parade
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Lake Fun Run
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lunch Orders: Karen Douglas & Alexi Kentish
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Heat Ups: Naomi Mitchell
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Orders: Fay O'Connor & Lynette Fritsch
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	Heat Ups: Lynette Fritsch

### December

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Finance Committee (6.30pm) and Governing Council (7pm)
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> & Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 7 Orientation Days
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Concert
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term.

### CHOIR

Last Wednesday evening our choir students participated in the Millicent Music Festival which was an enjoyable performance. Several other schools in the region were also involved on the night. Now that choir has concluded we would like to seek feedback from our families about the present arrangement of choir participation for the whole year being compulsory for Year 5 students. A suggestion has been put forward that in Term 1, at the beginning of the year, all Yr 5 students participate in choir and then at the end of this term, a decision can be made whether they continue or not. Please fill out the reply slip in this week's newsletter if you wish to provide feedback on this matter.

### CERTIFICATES

**Zac Savage** for being such a happy and positive member of the class.

**Jorja Mitchell** for always offering to help children who need assistance.

**Harry Robinson** for always being attentive, for really trying and improving in Maths and for pleasing improvement in Writing.

**Cameron Smaling** for all round effort and improvement.

**Wil Scanlon** for always being attentive and for a great description of 'Shearing a sheep'.

**Brianna Simpson** for always displaying a positive attitude towards choir.

**Darcey Newton** for displaying a positive attitude towards his work.

**Patrick Mitchell** for continuing to work really well in Maths.

### School Values Awards

**Zoe Simpson, Ebony Sherrard and Crystal Ba Tu** for displaying a helpful attitude and for assisting others.

### MOUNT GAMBIER PARADE

Thank you to the families that have returned their Parade reply slips, in today's newsletter the same note has been included again, if you have not returned it yet please do so (on it there is also a section to say if your child/children are not participating). It is important that we have this information in readiness for a briefing meeting that is being held for all float entrants.

In relation to costumes, a number of families have offered to loan kangaroo costumes and a mouse costume that are suitable for JP students. If you would like one please inquire at the front office.

### BLUE LAKE FUN RUN

We have included the reply slip for this event again, at this stage we have 14 participants (students, parents & staff). The entry information will be filled out next week. Entries for children cost \$12.

## **ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

Yesterday the MESS (Mil Le Environmental Student Society) team met with 7 other school groups to participate in an environment themed day. We departed from the Lady Nelson and our first activity was to climb Mt Shank. Some of us who did skipping in the morning found it hard.

The next stop we went to was a restored wetlands called Pics Swamp. We had lunch in a shearing shed.

After lunch we went to Picanniny Ponds and then to Nelson. At Nelson we cleaned up an area of the beach. There were lots of plastic items and rope. We then took our shoes and socks off and walked across the mouth of the river to clean another section of the beach. We found 2 leafy sea dragons. This was our last activity for the day.

Overall, the day was really fun even though it was cold.

**Lisa, Tara, Amy, James and BJ.**

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY**

Next Friday our school will be having a Remembrance Day Ceremony commencing at approximately 10.45am. Families are welcome to join us.

## **GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Please note the change of date for our next Governing Council meeting, it will now be on Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **TOILETS**

Due to some issues that have occurred over the past 2 weekends, the Governing Council have decided that the school toilets will now be locked each weekend.

## **SKIPPING DEMONSTRATION**

Yesterday our skipping team performed at Reidy Park PS. The team is likely to have one more performance this term prior to the end of year concert.

## **PARENT CLUB NEWS**

Please remember to organise your costumes for the Christmas parade if your child is planning on taking part. The theme is farming in the old days. Farm animal costumes or olden day farming clothes will be appropriate.

Advance notice: this term we will be trialling a "hotdog and icy pole" lunch order for \$3 instead of Subway on the last week. You will pre-order your hotdog with or without cheese and an icy pole the week before.

Our Parent Club Christmas dinner is to be held at Wild Ginger at 7pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. All are welcome and we ask people attending to bring a Kris Kringle gift to the value of \$5. Please RSVP to front office.

We are looking for donations for the Christmas raffle to be drawn at the end of year concert. We hope to make several large hampers as in previous years. Please drop your non perishable donation in the basket at the front office. If you know of any businesses that would like to make a donation of a prize please let Sandra Robinson know.

## **Prawn Fundraiser Information**

This term we are again doing our prawn fundraiser, just in time for Christmas. Orders are due back on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November and delivery will be 1 week prior to end of the school term (between 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of December). A note will be sent out closer to this date.

**Next meeting: November 30<sup>th</sup> 9am**  
**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.

### **T BALL COMPETITION**

For children aged between 5-8. The competition is run by the Mt Gambier Softball League and games are played on Saturdays during the school term between 9.45am and 11am. Equipment supplied. A \$5 registration fee applies and a weekly \$2 match fee. For more information contact Jill Gilmore on 0409152529.

### **ANNUAL SHOPPING SPREE**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Meet at CWA Hall in Mt Gambier. \$10 per ticket. Savings and discounts at a variety of shops. See Melissa Davies for more information.

### **ROYAL LIFE SAVING**

Water Safety Program – 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> December

For more information please visit <http://www.royallifesaving.com.au//www/html/2620-royal-life-saving-society-holiday-water-safety-program.asp> or email [jward@rlssa.org.au](mailto:jward@rlssa.org.au) or call 8234 9244.

### **BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November for children in Yrs 4-7. Compton Hall 6.30 – 9pm. Tickets \$6 from the Mount Gambier Police Station. 'Active Sports' theme.

### **MOUNT GAMBIER PRO-TOUR**

MLC Tennis Hot Shots Clinic, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Olympic Park, 4-5pm.  
Pro-Tour Event, 30<sup>th</sup> October to 6<sup>th</sup> November. Tennis daily at the Olympic Park Complex from 10am onwards. Free entry. Canteen facilities available.

### **WALK TO CURE DIABETES**

The Limestone Coast Walk to Cure Diabetes will be held on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011 around the Blue Lake from 10am. Visit the JDRF website [www.jdrf.org.au/walk](http://www.jdrf.org.au/walk) to register.  
For more information contact Narelle Klingberg 0409 695 861.

### **MOUNT GAMBIER CHILDREN'S CENTRE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND PARENTING**

Various information sessions and activities during Term 4 include: Bringing Up Great Kids, My Time (supporting parents of children with disabilities), Parents with Pushers, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teenagers!, How to Enjoy the Festive Season without becoming 'The Fruit Cake', Supporting Children through Grief and Loss, Separation Anxiety, Saturday Dad's Playgroup and more.  
For further information please contact Fiona Pulford 8725 7375.