



NEWSLETTER

Term 4 No 20

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Chairperson – Gene Lassaline

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Dear Parents,

During the past week and also for next week each class has been spending time rehearsing at the hall for the end of year concert that will be held on Thursday December 13th. Along with the class items there are other special parts of the evening. This includes farewelling our Year 7 students who are moving on to high school next year; Tyler Cook, Leigh Davies, Amy Kirby, James Lassaline, Katelyn Nitschke, Keisha Pearson, Caleb Perry, Melanie Smaling and Maddison Storck. On behalf of the school community I would like to extend our best wishes to these students.

Also on concert night we have the presentation of our two student awards; Student of the Year and the School Values Award. The Student of the Year Award is awarded to a student who has applied themselves to their learning and strived for ongoing improvement in an outstanding manner. The School Values Award recognises a student's efforts in consistently displaying our school values of Respect, Participation and Success. This year our award recipients will receive a voucher from Collins Bookshop who has offered to sponsor the awards this year.

On a personal note, I would like to thank both the students and staff for their efforts this year. I would also like to acknowledge the ongoing support and involvement of our families. Our school has many strengths, with the most important being the ongoing commitment of the school community to support our students. I look forward to working with everyone again in 2013.

Regards,

Stephen



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DATES TO REMEMBER

December

Thursday 13th

Friday 14th

End of Year Concert, 7.00pm.

End of Year Assembly, 2.15pm.

End of Term 4, 2.30pm dismissal.

January 2013

Monday 28th

Tuesday 29th

Australia Day Holiday.

2013 School Year begins.



END OF YEAR REPORTS

Our end of year reports will be sent home next Tuesday December 11th. If there are any concerns or questions relating to your child's report, please make a time to speak to their teacher.

STAFFING UPDATE

Emmanuelle Pratt has been appointed as Upper Primary teacher for 2013. We look forward to Emmanuelle joining our staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cathy Saxby for her efforts this year, her commitment to her role as Upper Primary teacher has been valued and we wish her and her family all the best for the future.

END OF TERM DISMISSAL

A reminder that the last day of term is Friday December 14th with dismissal at 2.30pm. We will be having a whole school assembly at 2.15pm. All families are welcome to join us.

LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books must be returned by tomorrow, Friday 7th December, for our annual stock take. Please note that there will be no more borrowing after this week.

SAPSASA GOLF

A few weeks ago Jhett Perry was a member of the State Golf Team that travelled to NSW to play.

"In Week 6 of this term I was a member of the State 12 and under team that competed at the Bankstown Golf Club against other players from all states of Australia. After 3 full days of golf I came in second place overall in stroke, but first in the net scores." **Jhett Perry**

SCHOOL BANKING

There will be **NO** school banking next Tuesday 11th December. School banking will resume on Tuesday 5th February 2013 (Week 2).

2013 TERM DATES

Term 1 29th January – 12th April

Term 2 29th April – 5th July

Term 3 22nd July – 27th September

Term 4 14th October – 13th December

SCHOOL CONCERT

Our end of year concert will be on Thursday December 13th starting at 7pm. We request that all students arrive around 6.45pm.

Reminders for the concert:

- Gold coin donation at the door.
- Please bring sufficient supper for your whole family.
- Children are to stay in the hall unless supervised by parents. We also ask that parents supervise their children once Father Christmas leaves.
- All younger siblings and pre-school children are to be in the care of parents during the concert.
- Seating at the front of the hall will be reserved for the families of Year 7 students; please let us know how many seats you require. We do ask that requests are for close family members only.

CHOOK ROSTER

Thank you to those that have offered to feed the chooks over the holiday break, if any of the dates in the roster below are not suitable please let us know.

Dec 17th – Dec 30th Lassaline Family

Dec 31st – Jan 13th Harfull Family

Jan 14th – Jan 20th Clark Family

Jan 21st – Jan 28th Robyn Mason

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YEAR BOOK REMINDER

Last minute orders for the Year Book will be accepted tomorrow, Friday 7th December.

CERTIFICATES

Shaunn Robinson and Brad Scanlon for putting so much effort into his reading throughout the whole year.

Deklin Joyce for fitting into MP class in an amazing manner.

Wil Scanlon for a consistently diligent attitude to all aspects of school life.

Flynn Harfull for consistently high quality Visual Arts work.

Brianna Scanlon for improvement in her sentence structure when writing.

James Lassaline for outstanding effort on his self-portrait.

Amy Kirby for fantastic effort on her self-portrait.

Holly Baldock for always trying her best.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

Zac Savage for consistently displaying positive behaviour.

Caitlin Crouch for showing great persistence with her class work.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Christmas Raffle Reminder

Last day for donations for our hamper and all raffle books are due on Friday 7th December.

Monday Lunch Orders

NB: There will be no lunch orders next Monday 10th December.

Lunch orders will re-commence in the New Year at a date to be advised.

AGM

At our AGM held on 22nd November the following office bearers were elected:

President – Deb Burn

Vice President – Liza Kirby

Secretary – Suzanne Harding

Ass't Secretary – Karen Douglas

Treasurer – Michelle Storck

Ass't Treasurer – Melissa Davies

Lunch Order Co-ordinator – Amanda Simpson

Gov Council Rep – Deb Burn

Fundraising Committee – Judi Paul, Karen Douglas, Sandra Robinson, Stacey Stafford, Sally Wintulich, Fiona Harten, Sara Harfull.

Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday of last week we celebrated the end of our busy year with a well-attended Christmas Dinner at Commodore on the Park. Many parents attended, all having a great time with lots of cheer and frivolity and enjoying great food. Thank you to all who attended.

Parent Club would like to thank the school community for its support of all fundraising activities and other events during the past year. This has enabled

Parent Club to contribute approximately \$2,500 to the school (details of the purchases can be found in the President's Report enclosed with the Newsletter). We look forward to continued success in 2013.



Wine Drive Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who ordered wine. Approximately \$550 was raised.

Concert Reminders

- Please leave your name at the Front Office if you would like to purchase a DVD of the concert.
- Remember also to advise the school of the number of preschoolers who will be attending the concert.
- If you are able to supply fresh cut flowers for presentations please leave them in the bucket provided at the Front Office foyer on the morning of the concert.
- Volunteers will be required to help decorate the hall for our Christmas Concert on Thursday morning 13th December at 9am, and again tidy the hall on Friday morning 14th December at 9am.

Next meeting: TBA in the New Year.



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STARTING SCHOOL

In 2013 children will only be able to start preschool in terms 1 and 2. Children will no longer be able to start in terms 3 and 4. By 2014, all children will start preschool and school on the same day; the first day of term 1. Please check the table below to find out when your child can start preschool and school.

| Year of birth | Child's birth date | Can start preschool | Can start school |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2009 | Before 29 January | Term 1, 2013 | Term 1, 2014 |
| | 29 January to 30 April | Term 2, 2013 | Term 1, 2014 |
| | From 1 May to 31 December | Term 1, 2014 | Term 1, 2015 |
| 2010 | From 1 January to 30 April | Term 1, 2014 | Term 1, 2015 |
| | From 1 May to 31 December | Term 1, 2015 | Term 1, 2016 |
| 2011, 2012 and onwards | From 1 January to 30 April | Term 1 of the year they turn 4 | Term 1 of the year they turn 5 |
| | From 1 May to 31 December | Term 1 of the year after they turn 4 | Term 1 of the year after they turn 5 |

For more information contact your local preschool/school or visit www.decd.sa.gov.au/samefirstday

COMMUNITY NOTICES

You will find further information regarding the following on our Notice Board or by contacting phone numbers or visiting websites provided.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

The Dental Clinic at the Mount Gambier Hospital will be closed from Friday 21st December 2012 – Tuesday 1st of January 2013. We will re-open for business on Wednesday 2nd January 2013. For emergency calls during this period phone Marion GP Plus Health Care Centre on 74258400. For dental concerns after hours advice from a registered nurse is available all hours through HEALTHDIRECT Australia 1800 022 222.

From 1 Jan 2013 there will be some changes to School Dental Service fees. For information about appointments, when your child/children are due for check up and fees, contact your local School Dental Clinic on 87211633, Monday – Friday, 8.30am, 4.15pm.

We hope that you all enjoy the coming festive season and wish you all a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year. **Dental Clinic Staff.**

BLUE LIGHT CHRISTMAS THEMED DISCO

Mount Gambier Library, 7th December 2012, 6.30pm-9.00pm. Year 4-7 only.

Lock in event (kids can't leave until their parents pick them up).

WII competition, plus many more party games.

Food and drinks available (bring some change to purchase).

Tickets \$5 and available from the Mount Gambier Police Station.

2ND MOUNT GAMBIER SCOUT GROUP CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ACTIVITY DAYS

Old Sutton Town Chapel, Sutton Town Road

Thursday 17th January – Scrap booking/Photo frames/Make a miniature go cart

Thursday 24th January – Cooking

Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea will be provided. Cost \$15/day. 10am-4pm. Ages 6-11yrs.

For bookings phone 0411 966 718 or 0417 562 880

COASTAL CONNECTIONS FREE SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM 2013

Wednesday 2nd – Sunday 13th January

Robe – Beachport – Southend – Kingston – Carpenter Rocks – Port MacDonnell

Program guides available from your nearest visitor information centre, caravan park.

For all enquiries call Tania Rajic 0467 739 211.

JOGGERS WORLD KINGSTON SE TRIATHLON

Sunday 10 February 2013 on the foreshore at Thredgold's

For more information: www.kingstonsetriathlon.com

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