



NEWSLETTER

Term 1 No 2

Thurs Feb 16th 2012

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Principal – Stephen Jolley
Chairperson – Gene Lassaline

PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all families who were able to attend our Acquaintance Night on Monday. It was a nice evening and provided a great opportunity to welcome new families to our school community.

Later this year we are planning to have a whole school camp (Term 3, September 5-7) and we generally plan to visit a different destination every 2 years on a rotational basis. The length of the camp will be 3 days/2 nights. The past 3 camps have been to the Grampians, Port Fairy and Little Desert Lodge (at Nhill). This year we will be attending Pendleton Farm at Keith. According to the previous rotation we were due to visit Little Desert Lodge however we have added another destination due to cost factors and also the fourth option will decrease the likelihood of students visiting the same camp venue twice during their schooling.

The approximate cost for the camp to Pendleton will be \$90-95 (Little Desert Lodge would have been \$180). Please fill in the reply slip to indicate if your child/children will be attending the camp in Term 3.

More information regarding the camp will be sent home later on in the year including requests for parent volunteers, at this stage we only need an indication of numbers.

Regards,

Stephen



Our School Captains & Vice Captains

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February

Friday 17th

Monday 20th

Tuesday 21st

Wednesday 22nd

Thursday 23rd

Friday 24th

Monday 27th

Tuesday 28th

Issue 1 Book Club closing date.

Lunch Roster – Michelle Storck & Fiona Pearson.

Swimming commences, 1.30-2.15pm.

Heat Ups Roster – Deb Burn.

Pancake Day.

Verandah working bee, 5pm.

Clean Up Australia Day.

White Sports Day polo shirts due for printing.

Lunch Roster – Fiona Pearson & Tania Virgo.

Swimming continues.

Heat Ups Roster – Bec Scanlon.

MESS Youth Forum.

HOT WEATHER & EXTERNAL FIRE POLICY AND BUS INFORMATION

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

KENNEDY AVENUE UPGRADE

Due to the road works we have been asked to advise parents/visitors to avoid parking along the Kennedy Avenue side of the school. This will create some congestion particularly around home times so please be vigilant when dropping off or collecting your children. Please ensure that when parking along Sherwin Road that you leave enough space for children and adults to walk along the fence to reach their vehicles. A reminder also that the bus parking area along Sherwin Road needs to be kept free (the bus normally arrives at school in the afternoon at approximately 3.45pm). The District Council has indicated that they will be working on Kennedy Avenue until around April.

SWIMMING

A reminder that swimming commences next week. The lessons begin at 1.30pm and conclude at 2.15pm. If you intend to collect your child at the end of their lesson please ensure that you let their class teacher know. Children are not to bring any money to spend at the Aquatic Centre.

SWIMMING VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to everyone who responded to our request for help with the second week of swimming for the Rec-Yr 2s. Below is the roster. If we have missed your name please let us know.

Monday Feb 27 th	Megan Beck Jacinta Clark Sara Harfull
Tuesday Feb 28 th	Mark Robinson Naomi Mitchell
Wednesday Feb 29 th	Bec Scanlon Liza Kirby
Thursday March 1 st	Megan Beck Jacinta Clark Fiona Harten
Friday March 2 nd	Megan Beck Jacinta Clark Rebecca Opperman

SCHOOL & SWIMMING FEES

Thank you to those families who have paid swimming fees and also school fees. Your attention to payment in such a timely manner is appreciated.

PRESENTATION

At our assembly this week Russell Peate, CEO of the Grant District Council, formally presented a cheque to our school for the 2011 Blue Lake Fun Run. This was awarded to our school because we had the highest number of participants on average compared to other schools in the district. Well done to those that were involved last year and we look forward to this year's event!

SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND SRC

REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following students who will represent their class as SRC Representatives this year.

	UP		
	5	6	7
T 1 & 2	Brianna Scanlon	Brianna Simpson	James
T 3 & 4	Cameron	Riley	Amy
	MP		
	2	3	4
T 1 & 2	Flynn	Harry R	Ben
T 3 & 4	Tayne	Eliza	Hamish
	JP		
	Rec	1	
T 1 & 2	Ian	Kimberly	
T 3 & 4	Amy	Charlie	

At our assembly we also announced who our school captains and vice captains will be for this year. Congratulations to James Lassaline and Amy Kirby for being selected as School Captains and to Leigh Davies and Maddison Storck as Vice Captains. Well done to all the students who gave a speech to the classes, they set a great example for the other students in the school.

THE PREMIERS BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE (PBAC)

Our school will once again be involved in the PBAC this term. This initiative involves students attempting to complete at least 60 minutes of physical activity on at least 5 days of the week for at least 4 weeks. Daily activity, both in school time and after school, can count towards the daily 60 minute goal.

If students can achieve this challenge they will receive a bronze medal in the first year, silver in the second year, gold in the third year, champion in the fourth year, legend in the fifth year and hall of fame in the sixth year! Last year we had all students successfully achieve this target and I look forward to the same success. Our 4 week block begins next week and students will begin recording their information in a journal starting on Monday.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Our **Clean Up Australia Day** activity will be held next Thursday, Feb 23rd. We will depart school at approximately 11.50am and travel to the Old Railway Station where children will pick up rubbish between the Bay Road and Wehl Street area. Plastic gloves will be supplied however children can bring their own if they wish. After the clean up activity we will go to the Aquatic Centre to have lunch (children will need to bring a packed lunch and drink on this day).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following our Acquaintance Night the AGM was held along with the first Governing Council meeting for the year. Our Governing Council will be composed of the following parents: Gene Lassaline (chairperson), Scott Baldock, George Beck, Anne Gaffney, Rob Harding, Michael Kirby, Judi Paul, Fiona Pearson, Mark Robinson, Tim Scanlon and Scott Simpson. Thank you to these parents for taking on this role and also to Scott Davies, a retiring member, for his involvement in Governing Council. Along with this group we also have a number of other interested parents who will attend Governing Council meetings.

SAPSASA ATHLETICS

Information was given out to interested students today regarding SAPSASA Athletics. Please ensure their nomination is returned by Friday February 24th.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM UPDATE

To assist all schools with the implementation of the Australian National Curriculum the Department has allocated 2 additional pupil free days per year from 2012 – 2017. This means that there will now be 4 pupil free days plus the Mount Gambier Show Day for 2012. We will attempt to arrange these days so that they cause as little disruption as possible for families.

CLASS CERTIFICATES

William Virgo for learning the classroom routines so quickly.

Dean Harten for getting along so well with everybody.

Charlotte Stafford for always contributing her ideas in class discussions.

Ashley Beck for putting so much effort into learning her initial sounds.

Rachel Mitchell for always being so tidy and organised in class.

Ryan Crouch for doing his best with everything he tries.

Harry Harding for great improvement in handwriting, spelling and presentation.

Wil Scanlon for making a flying start to Year 3.

Harrison Stafford for using the resilience key to success in weeks 1 and 2.

Cameron Savage for making a very positive start to his time in Upper Primary.

Rebecca Smaling for really applying herself in class.

Caleb Perry for really putting a lot of effort into his work.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

Melanie Smaling for demonstrating a great willingness to help out and volunteer.

Leigh Davies for displaying an excellent attitude during sport activities.

Tayne Perry for demonstrating great honesty and responsibility.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

District Sports Day Polo Shirts

For the District Sports Day students are required to wear bottle green shorts and a white polo shirt with the Mil LeI logo on it. Clearly named, white polo shirts with payment need to be into the school by Friday 24th February. We will be going through Jagga Jagga this year at a cost of \$8.80 per shirt. If families prefer to buy a white shirt from Jagga Jagga, they will discount the price to \$7.70 per shirt for printing. We will pick up the shirts in time for District Sports Day and distribute them to

families so they can be ready in time to be worn.

Pancake Day

Parent Club will be providing pancakes for all students on Tuesday 21st

February at morning recess. Pancakes will cost \$1 each with all proceeds going to Uniting Care. Volunteers required from 9am.

Fundraising Committee

Meeting on Friday 24th February, 10am at Suzanne's house.

Next Meeting – Thursday 8th March at 9am in the Art Room/French room.

Hostess: Michelle Storck.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

DOUBLE HELIX SCIENC CLUB PLANT SCAVENGER HUNT

Weather permitting, we will go searching for different kinds of plants, especially leaves. Will you find all those on our list? We will try to sort them ourselves, then learn how scientists sort (or classify) them. Thursday 23rd February 2012 at 6.45pm at Tenison Woods College Science Laboratory. AGE: 8+. COST: \$1/members, \$3/non-members, \$5/family. Parents welcome free. To book your place, phone Thea Shaughnessy on 8725 9051, or email jtshaughnessy1@bigpond.com

JUNIOR MAYFAIR COME & TRY SESSION FOR FREE!

Ages 8-12. Mondays 4.30-5.30pm. Phone Cassie on 0418 815 101.

JUNIOR CRICKET CLINIC

Sunday 19th February, age groups 5-14 at Frew Park, 9.30-11.00am. 12 Glenelg 'A' Grade players will supervise the clinics. For further information contact Bill Burnett, SACA Cricket Department 8300 3277 or 0438 758654 or bburnett@saca.com.au

NEW MODIFIED U10 CRICKET COMPETITION

MGJCA are introducing a modified U10 comp for boys and girls. All equipment including helmets provided. Frew Park on Wednesday 22nd Feb, 29th Feb, 7th Mar, 14th Mar, 4.30-5.30pm. Contact Phil Lloyd on 0417 083 146 or Anthony Jennings on 0411 751 733. www.cricketsa.com.au

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