



NEWSLETTER

Term 1 No 4

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Principal – Stephen Jolley
Chairperson – Gene Lassaline

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Dear Parents,

Tomorrow we have our Internal Sports Day which all students are looking forward to. The day commences at approximately 9am and we encourage all parents and other family members to come along and support the children; not only do the students appreciate your presence but it also creates a great atmosphere for the day. Last year Banksia achieved a hat trick of wins and now has Wattle's winning streak of 5 (1998-2002) in their sights. Thanks to George Beck who kindly donated his time to mow the cricket oval in readiness for the day. The forecast for the weather tomorrow includes clearing showers so we are anticipating that the day will go ahead. If the weather prevents us from having Sports Day lessons will be as normal and we will have a modified version on Monday afternoon (next week) commencing at approximately 1.30pm.

Many families have already requested a Parent Interview time for Week 9. If you have not already done so I encourage you to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher as they provide an important opportunity to communicate and discuss student progress.

Regards,

Stephen

JP students pictured with one of the towns that they have been building.



DATES TO REMEMBER

March

Friday 16th

Mil Lel Internal Sports Day.
Issue 2 Book Club closing date.

Monday 19th

Lunch Roster – Jacinta Clark & Amanda Simpson.

Tuesday 20th

Heat Ups Roster – Naomi Mitchell.

Finance meeting, 6.20pm.

Governing Council meeting, 7.00pm.

Wednesday 21st

Choir at Mulga Street PS, 9.15-11.15am.

Friday 23rd

District Sports Day.

Monday 26th

Lunch Roster – Amanda Simpson & Lucy Innes.

Tuesday 27th

Heat Ups Roster – Fiona Harten.

Tues 27th – Thurs 29th

Parent/Teacher Interviews.

STAFFING NEWS

We have recently appointed a new groundsperson to our school, Patrick Dean. Patrick has a broad range of skills and we are confident that he will be a great asset to our school. Patrick is also currently the groundsperson at Mulga Street Primary School and therefore his time at Mil Lel will be predominantly be on Tuesdays.

SMALL SCHOOLS' SPORTS DAY NEWSLETTER

Next Monday a special newsletter will be sent home with final details about the upcoming District Sports Day to be held on Friday 23rd March.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

A reminder that our next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday March 20th beginning at 6.20pm. Governing Council will follow at 7.00pm.

ASSEMBLY

A reminder that our next assembly will be held on Tuesday March 27th at 3pm. All families are welcome to join us.

THANKS

Thankyou to a number of parents who continue to assist with re-erecting the verandah. Our next working bee, which will involve putting on the laserlite sheets, will be held on April the 21st at 1pm (the Saturday before school returns).

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES ASSESSMENTS

We are in the process of completing entry information for our Yr 3-7 students for the University of New South Wales Assessments. All students in these year levels will be automatically entered into the English, Mathematics and Science Assessments with Parent Club contributing to entry costs. In addition to the areas above, students are also able to complete the following assessments;

- Computing (Entry Fee \$7.70)
- Writing (Entry Fee \$16.50)
- Spelling (Entry Fee \$11.00)

If you wish your child to enter any of these extra assessments then families will need to pay the entry cost for them. Please indicate in the reply slip the following;

- If you **do not** wish your child to complete the English, Mathematics and Science Assessments (this note does not need to be returned if you want your child to enter these tests, they will be automatically entered).
- If you want your child to complete any of the additional assessments for which families will have to pay the entry fee.

CAMP REPLIES

Not all families have returned their reply slip indicating if their child/ren will be attending our Term 3 camp. If you have not already done so, can you return it as soon as possible so that we can proceed with further planning for this trip.

SAMPLE BOOK FEEDBACK

In our last newsletter we requested parent feedback about the current arrangement of Sample Books being sent home. We had a strong response from families and the majority of replies indicated their preference for entire subject books to be sent home. As such we will put in place a rostered system whereby subject books will be sent home from now on. This process will also include having open class visits. The arrangements for the remainder of the year will be as follows and will be consistent for each term from this time on;

Week 6; Class teachers to organise a time (approximately for 1 hour) for parents to come and visit the classroom during the school day.

Week 9; Student books to be sent home for 4 subject areas.

To go with this system, we do encourage parents to come in either before or after school to look through their children's work at any stage during the term.

SWIMMING

At a recent Parent Club meeting the suggestion was raised about the possibility of having swimming lessons all during the one week. What this means is that 'double lessons' of 90 minutes over one week for students in Yr 3-7 would be offered rather than a single 45 minute lesson over 2 weeks. We would appreciate your feedback as to what your thoughts are on this proposal, including the possibility of having it as a trial for 2013.

T-BALL

After the game tomorrow the Baseball Association will be putting on a sausage sizzle as well as selling drinks (we haven't been informed of the cost of these items). A reminder also that there is no game on Friday March 23rd for our school.

SCHOOL SPORT **Netball**

School netball for Year 3,4 & 5 students will be held in Term 2 on Saturday mornings at Olympic Park. Students will be placed in either A (Year 5 and experienced Year 4 players) or B grade (Year 3 and inexperienced Year 4 players).

Football

School football for Year 3,4 & 5 students will be held in Term 2 on Saturday mornings at various schools around Mount Gambier. Our school has combined with other small schools in the past and we hope to do so again this year. There are two competitions – a nine-a-side for Year 3 and fifteen-a-side for Year 4 & 5 students.

If you have a child interested in playing school netball or football please return the enclosed reply slip by Thursday 29th March.

AUSKICK

Next term Auskick will be held at our school. Auskick is an Australian Rules Football coaching program and students in Reception to Yr 2 are eligible to participate (Registration Forms have been handed out to students today). It is anticipated that sessions will commence in Week 2, Term 2 on Wednesday afternoons between 3.45 and 4.30pm. Michael Kirby will be managing the Auskick coaching sessions however we will need the support of other parents to assist – please indicate on the reply slip if you are able to. We have 2 options available to interested students: Option 1 – Students complete a Registration Form and pay \$55 for the Auskick Pack. This fee covers the contents of the pack and insurance which covers accidents that may occur during the sessions. (For more detailed information of what is in the pack please refer to the registration form). Option 2 – Students do not register and pay \$15. This amount will cover lesson participation only and does not include an Auskick Pack or insurance. Our school insurance does not cover any incidents that may occur.

AUSKICK AFL MATCH

Normally towards the end of AUSKICK a small number of players are selected/nominated to play in a half time game during an AFL match. This year our school has been allocated a match sooner than anticipated and will be in the upcoming holidays; Sunday 15th April Hawthorn vs Adelaide at the MCG.

If your child is planning to participate in Auskick activities next term, then they are eligible to nominate for this match. For students who do participate, families are responsible for transporting them to Melbourne. A free ticket will be provided for the student and one adult to accompany them. Any additional tickets need to be purchased through the normal booking agency. Please ensure you nominate your child promptly so that we can make the decision about who will be playing quite soon so as to allow enough time for families to make travel arrangements. If you have any questions please contact myself or Michael Kirby, our school's Auskick Coordinator.

CERTIFICATES

Melanie Smaling for being a positive class member, enthusiastic and great to have in the class.

Patrick Mitchell for being a responsible role model in and out of the classroom for your peers.

Riley Burn for being a quiet achiever, completing all your work on time and to a high standard.

Flynn Harfull for using eye contact much more, and for using the confidence key to success.

Estelle Paul for making all our class discussions work well by confidently giving your contributions.

George Paul for making great efforts with the size of his letters when writing.

Amelia Clark for getting along so well with everybody, and for her handwriting.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

Amelia Clark for achieving great success with her reading.

Jake Henningsen for demonstrating good persistence toward his learning.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Sports Day Lunch Reminder

Please remember to bring along a savoury and a sweet to be shared for lunch tomorrow.

Easter Raffle

Parent Club will be holding an Easter Raffle tomorrow at Sports Day. It will not be too late to contribute to the basket in the morning. Tickets will be sold during the day at 50¢ each with the raffle being drawn after presentations.

Reminder - Kentish Clearing Sale

Kentish's are holding a clearing sale on Thursday 22nd March. Donations of home-made biscuits, which must include printed ingredients on the wrapping, may be left in the staff room on the Thursday morning. Volunteers are needed to help on the day between 9.30am and 3.30pm. If you are able to volunteer at any of the following times it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave your name at the Front Office.

Hot Dog & Icy Pole Lunch Day

Parent Club will be organising a Hot Dog and Icy Pole lunch instead of regular lunch orders on Monday 2nd April. ***Please note that no lunch orders other than a Hot Dog order will be accepted.*** Orders for this lunch need to be placed on **Monday 26th March** the same way as regular lunch orders.

Cost: Hot Dog \$2.50 each with or without cheese & Icy Pole 50¢ each.

Bulb Fundraiser

The Parent Club major fundraiser for Term 1 is a Bulb Drive. Orders together with money are due Monday 23rd April (first day back for Term 2). Order forms are enclosed.

School Telephone Book

School telephone books will be updated again soon so if there are any families who would like to be included, or need a change of details, please let Liza Kirby know.

Next Meeting – Thursday 3rd May at 9am in the Art Room/French room.
Hostess: Vanessa Lassaline.

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 SLIME TIME

We'll have lots of gooey fun making slime of several different kinds, then playing and experimenting with it. It would be a good idea to wear old clothes!

WHEN: Thursday 22nd March 2012 at 6.45pm.

WHERE: Tenison Woods College Science laboratory.

AGE: 8+

COST: \$1/members, \$3/non-members, \$5/family. Parents welcome for free.

To book your place, phone Thea Shaughnessy on 8725 9051, or email jtshaughnessy1@bigpond.com

LSEHA MINI MINKEY HOCKEY

For all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students. Friday 27th of April for 6 weeks, 4.30 to 5.30pm

On the turf at the Blue Lake Sports Park. It's FREE. Hockey sticks and shin pads supplied.

For more details contact Mike Armour, LSEHA Junior Coordinator. michaelarmour5@bigpond.com

CAVALIERS HOCKEY CLUB INC

Come and play HOCKEY – it's more than fun! Under 13 Boys and Girls

Training: Wednesday Nights 5.30-6.30pm at the Blue Lake Sports Park Hockey Grounds.

Just bring yourself – a mouthguard and shin pads optional (but highly recommended)

Season commences on 20th April, training start date to be advised.

For further information contact Kurt Lunsman 0417 883 347, Wendy Lunsman 0419 857696, Nikki Blackwell 0417 843 818