



NEWSLETTER

Term 1 No 2

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Chairperson – Tim Scanlon

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Dear Parents,

Next week we are looking forward to the commencement of our 'new' class. Due to additional enrolments a decision was made to appoint a contract teacher, Danielle Warburton, to our school to teach the Year 1 and 2 students for the remainder of 2013. This will mean our class arrangements will be:

- Reception
- Year 1 and 2
- Year 3 and 4
- Year 5, 6 and 7

The introduction of a fourth class to Mil Lel is a very positive outcome for our school and all of our Reception to Year 4 students. Danielle has recently graduated from her studies and is excited about the opportunity to work at Mil Lel.

Thank you to all families who were able to attend our Acquaintance Night on Monday. It provided a good opportunity for families to catch up and visit classrooms. This year we had a slight change in our format in that we had specific class visiting times. We would like to get your feedback as to whether you found this format useful and if it should continue for future Acquaintance Nights. Please fill out the reply slip in this week's newsletter to do so.

Regards,
Stephen



Our School Captains & Vice Captains

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February

Friday 15th

Issue 1 Book Club closing date.

Monday 18th

T-Ball commences.

Tuesday 19th

Lunch Roster – Julie Baldock & Liza Kirby.

Wednesday 20th

Swimming lessons commence (Years 1-7).

Thursday 21st

Heat Ups Roster – Judi Paul.

Monday 25th

Pancake Day.

Tuesday 26th

SAPSASA LSE Swim trials.

March

Friday 1st

Lunch Roster – Lucy Innes & Jacinta Clark.

Swimming lessons continue (Reception and Years 3-7).

Heat Ups Roster – Naomi Mitchell.

Clean Up Australia Day.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND SRC

REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following students who will represent their class as SRC representatives during Terms 1 and 2.

UP		
5	6	7
Zoe Simpson	Brianna Scanlon	Brianna Simpson
MP		
2	3	4
Jorja Mitchell	Mia Kirby	Wil Scanlon
JP		
Rec	1	
Rachel Mitchell	Zac Shanks	

At our assembly this week we also announced our school captains and vice captains. Congratulations to Patrick Mitchell and Brianna Simpson for being elected school captains and Riley Burn and Brianna Scanlon as vice captains. We look forward to all of our SRC representatives and school leaders being positive role models for our school.

STAFFING UPDATE

In Weeks 5 and 6 of this term, February 25th – March 8th, Judy Harradine will be taking leave. Mrs Julie-ann Rayner will be teaching the MP class during this time. Julie-ann is familiar with our school having taught some subject areas in the UP class last year.

SCHOOL & SWIMMING FEES

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following our Acquaintance Night the Annual General Meeting was held, and afterwards, the first Governing Council meeting for the year. Our Governing Council will be composed of the following parents:

Tim Scanlon (chairperson), Michael Kirby (vice chairperson), George Beck, Mark Robinson, Judi Paul, Rebecca Opperman, Anne Gaffney, Stacey Stafford and Lucy Innes. Along with this group we have Scott Simpson and Deb Burn who will also be involved in Council meetings.

SWIMMING

A reminder that swimming commences next week and that there have been changes to the arrangements for R to Year 2 students. The lessons begin at 1.30pm and conclude at 2.15pm.

Monday Feb 18th – Friday Feb 22nd

Year 1 and 2 class will attend lessons

Reception class to stay at school

Monday Feb 25th – Friday March 1st

Reception class will attend lessons

Year 1 and 2 class to stay at school

If you intend to collect your child from the Aquatic Centre 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.

SRC NEWS

The SRC will be selling icy poles under the shelter during lunch times this term from next Monday. They will cost 40¢ each. Students will be limited to buying no more than 2 icy poles a day and we also discourage children buying icy poles for their friends.

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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Our **Clean Up Australia Day** activity will be held Friday 1st March. 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).

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.

FACILITIES NEWS

Our school has received funding to undertake some maintenance projects this year. Areas that have been identified include upgrading the Library office area, external painting of the Art Room and replacing the garden edge around the play equipment with a rubberised edging. Another area that has been identified for upgrade is the seating around the 'big tree'. This was no longer in a safe condition and has been removed. Aluminium seating will be installed as a replacement.

READING EGGS

This year the school has purchased an online Literacy program called Reading Eggs which is designed to support the development of children's literacy skills. Students in R-4 have been provided with login information so that they can access this program at school and at home. It has come to our attention that there may be issues with Internet connection when trying to log on at home. The administrators of this program have provided the following options to pursue if you are experiencing any issues:

- Work through the troubleshooting page provided in this week's Newsletter.
- Call Blake Education directly (for Technical Assistance when having trouble accessing from home) on (02) 8585 4020.
- Take a screen image (by pressing 'control c' on your keyboard) and sending the image to the following address: kathy.sloan@3plearning.com

If you are unable to resolve any issues after going through these steps please let us know.

CLASS CERTIFICATES

Brianna Simpson for her excellent getting along skills, and in particular for the ongoing support and encouragement she gives others in the classroom.

Harrison Millard for positively settling into our school and for being a regular contributor to class discussions.

Jorja Mitchell for starting Year 2 with some amazingly good work.

Caitlin Crouch for a significantly higher standard of work in writing and reading.

Piper Storck for making significant improvements in your handwriting and spelling.

Eva Peucker for being willing to catch the bus in her second week of school.

Bonni Earl for doing lots of reading at home.

Morgan Munn for wanting to learn new things.

Patrick Robinson for always listening to other children.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

All Mil LeI PS Students for displaying many examples of excellent manners and cooperation since the start of the year.

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UPPER PRIMARY CYBERSMART DETECTIVES

A shared recount from the Upper Primary Classroom.

On Tuesday the 5th February the Upper Primary class participated in the online Cybersmart Detectives activity. Working from the Upper Primary classroom computers, our seven groups of three students tried to solve a mystery. We took part in the online activity to learn about online safety.

The first thing we did was setting up the computers and getting into our groups. We logged onto the Cyber Detectives website and with each team decided on a name for our team. Then Mrs Lassaline read out the instructions so that we knew how to accomplish the task.

After that we started our investigation and started receiving clues via email. Some of our online guides were Constable Barrett and Stacey. We were acting as a student from Narraville Primary School and we were trying to find the owner of a lost phone.

The owner of the phone was a student from the school and we had to find out who she was. In the phone were inappropriate text messages so we knew that she was in serious trouble. At the end of the story we found out the girl's identity and we contacted the principal and the girl was safe.

We enjoyed doing this activity because it was something new, we got enthused and we learnt a lot. We learnt about how open the internet is. It is very important not to reveal your identity on the internet. Some things to remember are: if you get cyber bullied always tell someone; don't reveal personal details online; don't talk to strangers online; never arrange to meet someone you've met online.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Meeting Times

Parent Club meetings will remain on Thursdays at 9.00am. Volunteer days (Pancake Day, fruit days, etc) will be on Wednesdays.

2012 End of Year Concert DVD

DVDs are available at the Front Office for \$5 each.

Pancake Day

Parent Club will be providing pancakes for all students on Wednesday 20th February at morning recess. Pancakes will cost \$1 each with all proceeds going to Uniting Care. Volunteers required to cook pancakes from 9.00am (mixture will be pre-made).

Fruit Day

There will be a fruit morning supplied by Parent Club on Wednesday 20th March.

Easter Raffle

Parent Club will be holding an Easter Raffle on Mil Lel Sports Day. Please place your donations in the basket at the Front Office by Monday 25th March. All donations most welcome. Tickets will be sold at Sports Day and the raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the day.

School Uniforms

- School jackets are available for \$35
- Polo shirts with logo \$15
- Second-hand items for a gold coin donation.

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.

2012 Christmas Raffle

The Mil Lel Parent Club sincerely thanks all generous Christmas raffle donors. Due to their kind support our raffle was once again a huge success.

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| 1 st | David Chadwick |
| 2 nd | Brad Scanlon |
| 3 rd | Chloe Chadwick |
| 4 th | Henningsen Family |
| 5 th | Bradley Mitchell |
| 6 th | Rachel Mitchell |
| 7 th | Douglas Family |
| 8 th | Colleen Pearson |
| 9 th | Stacey Stafford |
| 10 th | D Mitchell |
| 11 th | Binge Rivaz |
| 12 th | Sue Robinson |

Next meeting: Thursday 21st March at 9.00am in the French Room. Hostess: Suzanne Harding.

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