



# NEWSLETTER

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Chairperson – Tim Scanlon

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Dear Parents,

All classes are busily preparing for our upcoming school concert that will be held on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>. Along with class item performances we have the presentation of two student awards. This year we have re-named what was previously called our 'Student of the Year' Award to now being known as 'Year 7 Graduate of the Year'. This award will be presented to a Year 7 student who has applied themselves to their learning and strived for ongoing improvement in a strong manner as well as being a positive role model for their peers. Our second award, the 'School Values' Award recognises a student's efforts (from any year level) in consistently displaying our school values of Respect, Participation and Success. We look forward to a great night for our school community.

Well done to all students who participated in the recent Christmas Parade. It was enjoyed by all and we appreciate the local Lions Club for their efforts in allowing us to use their float. Thanks must also go to our staff who continue to support student involvement in this event.

Last week medals for both the Premier's Be Active Challenge (Term 1) and Premier's Reading Challenge (Term 3) were handed out to students. This is the second consecutive year that we have had all students in the school achieve the Reading Challenge which is a fantastic achievement, well done students!

Regards,  
*Stephen*



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### December

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Blue Lake Fun Run.  
Grant HS Parent Information evening & MGHS Year 7 meeting for parents, 7:00pm.  
Parent Club Christmas Dinner, 6:30pm.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Heat Ups Roster – Liza Kirby.  
Finance meeting, 6:30pm.  
Governing Council meeting, 7:15pm.

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Grant HS & MGHS Orientation Days for Year 7s.  
Heat Ups Roster – Fiona Harten.  
Assembly, 3:00pm.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Parent Volunteers Morning Tea, 10:30am.  
End-of-Year Concert & Presentation, 7:00pm.  
End of Term Assembly 2:15pm, dismissal 2:30pm.

## STAFFING UPDATE

Our staffing arrangements for 2014 have been finalised. Emmanuelle Pratt (Year 5,6& 7) and Danielle Warburton (Year 1 & 2) will continue in their respective roles next year. This is a positive outcome for our school and will ensure a strong level of consistency for our students. Our class arrangements for 2014 will be as follows:

- Reception & Year 1: Mr Savage
- Year 1 & 2: Ms Warburton
- Year 3 & 4: Mrs Harradine
- Year 5,6 & 7: Mrs Pratt

## END OF YEAR REPORTS

Our end of year reports will be sent home on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>. If there are any concerns or questions relating to your child's report, please make a time to speak to their teacher. A written comment and achievement standard will be provided for each curriculum area. Please note that this year History (Australian Curriculum) and SOSE (SACSA) have been combined and have a shared comment and grade.

## SCHOOL FACILITIES

Thank you to the families who provided feedback regarding possible school facilities upgrades that we could address in the future. The most common areas identified have been listed in a reply slip. We would now like you to order which ones you think are the most important so that we can prioritise them.

## ASSEMBLY

A reminder that our next school assembly will be held on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> commencing at approximately 3pm.

## YEAR BOOK REMINDER

Last minute orders for the Year Book will be accepted tomorrow, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov.

## END OF TERM DISMISSAL

A reminder that the last day of term is Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> with dismissal at 2.30pm. We will be having a whole school assembly at 2.15pm. All families are welcome to join us.

## GOVERNING COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Our next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6:30pm. Governing Council will follow at 7:15pm.

## 2014 SCHOOL DATES

Term 1 28<sup>th</sup> January – 11<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 2 28<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Term 3 21<sup>st</sup> July – 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Term 4 13<sup>th</sup> October – 12<sup>th</sup> December

## SCHOOL BANKING

The last day for school banking will be next Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. There will be **NO** school banking Week 9. School banking will resume in 2014 at a date to be advised.

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## SCHOOL CONCERT

Our end of year concert will be on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm. 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.

## WORKING BEE

In the week after school breaks up we are planning to install some new football/soccer goals on the oval. This work will be done in 2 stages. On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec the holes need to be dug for the posts and then on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec the goals will be concreted in. Whilst it would be great to have some help on both of these days, we especially need assistance on the Thursday because we will need a few people to lift up the goals when they are being put into the ground (if you are able to help on the Thursday we ask that if possible, bring a wheelbarrow that can be used to carry concrete). Each of the working bees will commence at approximately 8am, please fill in the reply slip if you are able to assist.

## SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

**Levina Gruzlewski** for displaying helpful and respectful behaviour.

**Jorja Douglas** for making a great choice and showing respect for school property.

## CERTIFICATES

**Shaylah Cole** for always keeping going, even when doing something tricky.

**Charlie Clark** for making an increased effort when reading.

**Alex Oehms** for working hard at problem solving in Maths.

**Mitchell Ruwoldt** for persevering with his reading every day.

**Tallara Davies** for willingly trying so many new things, and for working hard at 'fitting in' in a new school.

**Harrison Stafford** for working much more quietly, and concentrating hard in Maths.

**Jordan Millard** for correcting capital letters during spelling time.

**Jack Newton** for his application of the "Show, don't tell" narrative skill and using a very personal style in his writing.

**Riley Burn** for excellent improvement of his writing skills, across both fiction and non-fiction texts.

## FRENCH AWARDS

The following students received certificates for their great attitude towards French all through the year:-

**Amalia Oehms, Jocelyn Work, William Scanlon, Ella Davies.**

## FRENCH ACTIVITIES DAY

Last Wednesday the Upper Primary class organised and ran French activities for the other classes. Activities were boules, biscuit decorating, making Eiffel Towers from spaghetti and marshmallows, hookey, hopscotch (French style), pin the flag on the Eiffel Tower, marbles, jelly bean game, celebrity heads and French elastics. Thank you to students, teachers and parents who helped on the day.



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## CHOOK HELP

During the upcoming holidays we are looking for families that may be able to assist with feeding and collecting the eggs. If you can, please indicate on the reply slip.

## PARENT CLUB NEWS

### AGM

At our AGM held last Thursday the following office bearers were elected:

**President** – Sandra Robinson

**Vice President** – Deb Burn

**Secretary** – Sandie Oehms

**Ass't Secretary** – Shared role

**Treasurer** – Fiona Harten

**Ass't Treasurer** – Liza Kirby

**Gov Council Rep** – Judi Paul

**Lunch Order Co-ordinator/s** – Judi Paul, Anne Gaffney

**School Uniform Co-ordinator** – Megan Beck

**Fundraising Committee** – Karen Douglas, Judi Paul, Mellissa Day, Fiona Harten, Sara Harfull.

### Christmas Dinner Reminder

Parent Club Christmas Dinner will be held at Commodore on the Park on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.30pm. All are welcome and we ask those attending to bring a Kris Kringle gift to the value of \$5. If you have not already done so please RSVP to the Front Office tomorrow morning.

## Christmas Raffle

Raffle books for every family are included with this Newsletter and will be due back, sold or un-sold, on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please remember to place your donations of non-perishable foods or goods in the hamper that has been placed in the Front Office by next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December also.

### Concert Reminders

- Please return the reply slip, together with payment \$10 each, to the Front Office if you would like to purchase a DVD of the concert.
- Remember also to add names to the list in the Front Office 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 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9am, and again tidy the hall on Friday morning 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.

### Advance Notice

The Fundraising Committee will meet on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014 at 2:00pm in the French Room. All welcome to come along to work out a fundraising plan for the year. Please note this date in your diary.

**Next meeting:** TBA in the New Year.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

### SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

Please note corrected date: The clinic's last day will be Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2013 and we will re-open on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.



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### BLUE LIGHT SPORTS NIGHT – YEARS 4-7

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 6-8pm, Active8 Penola Road  
Tickets available from Mount Gambier Police Station.

Come and try indoor soccer, volleyball, netball.

\$5 includes sausage sizzle, fruit & water. Fully supervised 'lock in' event.

### NATURAL RESOURCES SOUTH EAST COASTAL CONNECTIONS

Free Summer Holiday Activities Program 2014 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Robe, Beachport, Southend, Kingston, Carpenter Rocks, Port MacDonnell  
For all enquiries call Tania Rajic 0467 739 211

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