



# NEWSLETTER

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## PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- SRC Hamburger Order form & Salad Roster reply slip
- Cross Country information sheet & reply slip
- Holiday Chook Help reply slip
- Auskick reply slip & registration form for students in Rec-Year 2.

Dear Parents,

This week concludes what has been a very busy yet positive term for our school. Many extra-curricular activities have taken place this term however our teachers continue to strive to ensure that student learning remains at the forefront of their work.

Thank you to all the families that participated in parent – teacher interviews this week. This process is very important in supporting your children to be successful at school. Interviews will be held again later this year in Term 3 however I encourage you to contact your child's class teacher at any time if the need arises.

Well done to our students for their efforts during last week's Sports Day. It was great to hear that they represented our school in a positive manner and tried their best in the events. Our third placing this year means that we have now scored four third placings in the past 5 years! A special mention must go to the drumming students who did an excellent job during the march.

Finally I wish to thank the many helpers and volunteers who have supported our school this term, your help is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

*Stephen*



**Our School Captains proudly holding the school banner prior to the District Schools' Sports Day street march.**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### April

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

Last day Term 1, 2:30pm dismissal.  
Term 2 commences.  
Heat Ups Roster – Fiona Harten.

### Advance Notices

May 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>  
May 16<sup>th</sup>  
May 20<sup>th</sup>

NAPLAN (Year 3,5&7 students).  
Naracoorte Cross Country.  
Governing Council meeting.

### EARLY DISMISSAL

A reminder that our students are dismissed at 2.30pm tomorrow. Term 2 commences on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

### LOST PROPERTY

We continue to accumulate a number of clothing items, particularly school jumpers, un-named, in our lost property basket in the Library foyer. Any unclaimed lost property will be handed over to the Parent Club at the end of term.

### CROSS COUNTRY

The Naracoorte Cross Country event will be held on Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>. An insert has been provided in today's newsletter. All students who nominate will be expected to participate in training sessions either before school or during lunchtime. Please fill out the reply slip and return it to school by Week 1 Term 2, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### SRC HAMBURGERS

During Terms 2 and 3 each year SRC organise hamburgers as their major fundraising activity. SRC members learn valuable teamwork skills through ordering, preparing, cooking, serving and packing up. Students are provided with a nutritious lunch consisting of a fresh burger, choice of salads and cheese presented in a fresh bread roll at a cost of \$2.50 each. Term 2 hamburger lunches will begin Week 2, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Order forms are enclosed. SRC rely upon parents to provide the salads. If you are happy to support the SRC by providing salads please return the reply slip which is also enclosed.

### HOLIDAY CHOOK HELP

If you are able to assist with feeding the chooks and collecting the eggs during the holiday break please fill out the reply slip in the newsletter and return tomorrow.

### SCHOOL FEES

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

### SAPSASA ATHLETICS

In Week 9 a group of students participated in the LSE SAPSASA Athletics Day at Marist Park. Below are comments from some of the participants.

"On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March we participated in the SAPSASA Athletics at Marist Park. I entered the High Jump, 100m and 200m Sprints and Long Jump. My best result was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Long Jump." **Wade**

"I was pleased to come 4<sup>th</sup> in the Shot Put event. I also entered the Long Jump and 100m Sprint." **Saige**

"I entered the 100m Sprint, High Jump and Shot Put. I didn't do very well in the Shot Put but was really happy to have learnt a new event that I hadn't done before. I was a little disappointed that I missed out getting a place in the 100m final by just a few seconds." **Jack**

"I loved going to SAPSASA Athletics. I entered the 100m and 200m Sprints, High Jump and Long Jump. I came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the High Jump and it was my favourite event."

#### Amelia

"I found the events really tough. My favourite event was the 100m Sprint but I ran into the wrong lane by mistake. I also ran in the 200m Sprint and the 800m."

#### Tayne

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## AUSKICK

Auskick sessions for students (Reception-Year 2) will commence in Week 2 of next term, Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 3.45pm-4.30pm under the guidance of Michael Kirby. To maintain the success of our Auskick program we do need parents to help with the training sessions, please consider assisting if you are able to. Families have two options outlined below. Option 1 – participants who wish to purchase an Auskick pack will need to complete the registration process and payment online. A registration form with required details to guide you through this process has been sent home today. The registration fee includes the contents of the pack and insurance which covers accidents that may occur during the sessions. (The registration form does not need to be returned to school.) Option 2 – Students do not register online but pay \$15 to the school. 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. To help assist with our planning please indicate on the reply slip in the newsletter if your child will be participating next term and if you are able to help with training.

## PARENT CLUB NEWS

### Friday Lunch Orders

Thank you to Anne Gaffney and Judi Paul for the wonderful lunches provided each Friday during Term 2. The variety of lunches have been warmly received and enjoyed by students and staff.

### Soup Day

Thank you also to Parent Club members who donated, prepared and served pumpkin soup yesterday to all students and staff at lunch time. The soup was appreciated by all.

**Next Meeting.** Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the French Room. Hostess Sara Harfull.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

**National Youth Week 2014 Blue Light Disco:** Port MacDonnell Community Complex. Free event for 10-16 years. Friday 11 April – 6:30 to 9:00pm. Prizes, competitions, Give-A-Ways and more! Lock in event – once in stay in – no pass outs. For more information contact [judy.goodman@dcgrant.sa.gov.au](mailto:judy.goodman@dcgrant.sa.gov.au) or 8721 0443.

**Miniroos:** Miniros is a smaller version of football that provides boys and girls aged 5-9 with a fun introduction to the world game. Every Sunday, local clubs, local grounds. Round 1 27<sup>th</sup> April. To find a club email [minirosowbsa@hotmail.com](mailto:minirosowbsa@hotmail.com)

**Ac.care Understand Your Teenager Free Parenting Teenagers Workshop:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> may, 5:30-8:30pm. For more information or to register to attend, call the Family Relationship Centre on 8721 3500 or 1800 880 913.

**Mount Gambier Mother's Day Classic:** 4km/8km run or walk in the Valley Lakes area, starting at 10am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Register online at [mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://mothersdayclassic.com.au)





## **FREE HOMEWORK HELP FOR MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY CUSTOMERS**

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**Thanks to the Mount Gambier Library, customers now have access to free, anonymous and instant homework help online.**

The “yourtutor” service is now available from 4.00pm until 8.00pm, Monday to Friday. Students can connect online, as many times as they like, in order to understand their homework questions.

The service lets students who are stuck with homework or assignment research to connect to qualified tutors for one on one guidance in English, Maths, Science and assignment research.

Students just use their library card number to log in at [www.yourtutor.com.au](http://www.yourtutor.com.au), whether from the library or online from a home computer. There are no appointments necessary, and no registrations.

“Local school children deserve this kind of first class education service, and we are pleased to give families the special benefits that are already in existence elsewhere around the country” explains Jaclyn Gosling, Children’s Services Development Officer for the Mount Gambier Library.

“It is easy and quick to connect, and the tutors are specialists in their subject areas. Students can submit draft assignments to be proof read or go through step by step maths or science problems that they don’t understand, or receive assistance with where to start researching a new assignment.”

Parents will also find the service invaluable, especially those who may not have enough time to help their children with homework, or who studied too long ago to remember advanced content.

Students connect online to a real life person; certified teachers, professional tutors and graduates from Australian universities. The qualified tutors review specific homework and assignment questions with students online, using features like controlled chat and an interactive white board. Tutors don’t tell the students the answers, which makes yourtutor different to online learning tools that just provide pages of information.

In addition to this amazing online resource, The Mount Gambier Library will be hosting “Homework Help Hour” every Thursday from 4.30pm until 5.30pm in the IT room, where students can come in and access yourtutor as well as other library databases for their homework and study. “This is ideal for students who do not have internet access at home, ensuring no family misses out on receiving help” explains Jaclyn.

For further information please contact City of Mount Gambier Library Children’s Services Development Officer, Jaclyn Gosling 87212540 or [jgosling@mountgambier.sa.gov.au](mailto:jgosling@mountgambier.sa.gov.au)

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