



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

This week marks the half way part of the term already, and our students are to be commended on the great behaviour and positive choices that they have made both in class and the playground since the beginning of the year. There have been many instances of students showing a caring and respectful attitude to one another. Many students have handed in money that they have found in the yard, and despite the wet weather last week during swimming lessons, our students showed great resilience in their participation. All of these examples are a great reflection of our school values.

With swimming lessons concluding this week we will now begin preparations for our upcoming Sports Days. In this week's newsletter you will find information about our Internal Sports Day which will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please take the time to read through it and if you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher. An important part of the success of these days, that we rely on, is having parent helpers to assist in managing the events. If you are able to help on either of our Sports Days, it would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

*Stephen*



**Students from the Reception & Year 1 class have had fun at their swimming lessons this week.**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Swimming concludes.

### March

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Heat Ups roster – Julie Baldock.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Assembly (Yr 3&4), 3pm.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Adelaide Cup Holiday.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Heat Ups roster – Tania Virgo.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Mil Lel Sports Day.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

Heat Ups roster – Felicity Pudney.

### Advance Notice

April 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

Parent Teacher Interviews. Booking sheets to be sent home in the coming weeks.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue 2 2014 booklets were sent home early this week. If you wish to place an order please do so by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. No orders will be accepted after this date.

## PREMIER'S BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE (PBAC)

Our school has commenced the Premier's Be Active Challenge for this year. This initiative involves students attempting to complete at least 60 minutes of physical activity on at least 5 days a week for at least 4 weeks. Daily activity, both in and out of school time, can count towards the daily 60 minute goal. Walking to the shops, playing sport on the weekend and running around during play times all count.

For each year completed, students will receive an award (a bronze medal in the first year, silver in the second year etc up to Hall of Fame in the sixth year). Our 4 week block began last week and will conclude in Week 7.

## FEEDBACK

Thank you to the families who have provided feedback for our Acquaintance Night and future school priorities. Your input is valued and assists us with our planning decisions and commitment to ongoing improvement. These feedback reply slips have been included again in this week's newsletter. If you have not already done so, please take the opportunity to complete them.

## ASSEMBLY REMINDER

Our next assembly will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. The Year 3 & 4 class will be providing comperes for our assembly and as such, will not be showing their work. Provided the weather is satisfactory, we will hold the assembly under the shelter and if the weather is unsuitable it will be held in the Library.

## 2014 ICAS UNSW ASSESSMENTS REMINDER

If you would like your child to participate in any assessments, please respond by returning the reply slip by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## SA EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

### Share Celebrate Reward

Nominations are now open for the 2014 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards. For the first time, 2014 will see nominations opened up to all DECD employees, recognising and rewarding the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders, support staff and also corporate and services staff from across the state. To nominate an employee at your school, preschool or corporate office go to [www.decd.sa.gov.au/teachingawards](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teachingawards). Nominations close 5pm Thursday 10 April 2014. For further information contact the Awards team 8226 3079 or email [DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au](mailto:DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au).

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## **SPORTS DAYS**

With swimming completed, students will now be preparing for the upcoming sports days:

- Internal Sports Day (held at school), Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Small Schools District Sports Day (held at Blue Lake Sports Park), Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>.

For our own school Sports Day (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March) students are encouraged to wear their team colours and bring along mascots and banners etc in their team colours. An insert of the programme and teams has been included in this week's newsletter.

Please note sneakers / sandals must be worn at all times on Sports Day.

We have planned to run cricket oval events in the morning before the heat of the day and have school based events after lunch around the shade of the school trees and the shelter.

Children will need to bring a water bottle. Please note the following arrangements for recess and lunch:

Recess – Students to bring their own.

Lunch – Families to provide a savoury and a sweet for a whole school shared lunch. Parent Club will coordinate this, with food being able to be left in the Art Room if it is brought in the morning.

Children arrive at school at normal time and go into class after the morning bell. Once the attendance roll is completed we will start our Sports Day at approximately 9:00am. We anticipate the day finishing at approximately 2.30pm. Parents are able to take students home at this time otherwise they will be supervised until normal dismissal time.

Next week students will have an opportunity to practise in their house groups and to elect their house captains.

As in previous years, we may require a parent to mow the cricket oval prior to sports day. The mower can be towed behind a ute. Please indicate on the reply slip if you are able to assist and we will contact you if needed.

More information regarding the District Sports Day (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April) will be sent home later in the term.

District Sports Day will be held at Blue Lake Sports Park where we join six other 'small schools'.

## **FROM THE STUDENT WELFARE WORKER**

### **Keeping children safe in the digital world**

Cyber bullying is one of the biggest safety issues facing young people today. Bullying and harassment online is now commonplace. The appearance of social media sites has seen cyber bullying go to a new level. Messages and images can now spread like wild fire reaching a huge potential audience in the time it takes to upload an image or shoot off a text message.

Stranger danger and accompanying safe behaviours are just as relevant in the online world as they are in the real world. The following key messages can form the basis of an online safety strategy for children.

- 1) Respect others: Make children aware that what they say can offend.
- 2) Think before you send: Remind children that cyberspace is a very public and permanent forum.
- 3) Treat online passwords like your house key: Teach children to keep passwords guarded at all times.
- 4) Block bullies: Text messages and phone numbers can be blocked along with messages in applications such as kik.
- 5) Don't reply to harassment: Bullies can retain proof of your response, messages and addresses online. Responding to bullying behaviour simply encourages it.
- 6) Save the evidence: If your child is bullied they should keep the pictures and offending messages. These can be used as proof if needed.
- 7) Tell someone: Talk with your children about going to a trusted adult when they feel their rights or safety have been violated.

It is important to learn as much as you can about your child's online lives so you can help them respond to situations appropriately.

**Robyn Howard**

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## PARENT CLUB NEWS

### Reminder: Parent Club Community Phone Book

Please return the reply slip that was included with the last newsletter ASAP indicating whether or not you wish to be included in the phone book in 2014. Please reply Yes or No even if your details were included previously. This will ensure all families have been considered and family details updated if necessary.

### Friday Lunches

When ordering your child's lunch, please use a brown lunch bag, not plastic bags as lunches are returned in it. Also, please ensure your order includes your child's FULL name and classroom written on the bag.

### Heat Ups

Parents are asked to please ensure that heat ups are wrapped in foil (or oven proof material) and clearly named.

### Easter Raffle Reminder

Parent Club will be holding an Easter Raffle on Mil Lel Sport Day. Please place your donation of eggs or Easter goodies in the basket at the Front Office by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets will be sold on Sports Day and the raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the day.

### District Sports Day – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Please remember that students need a white polo shirt with school logo and green shorts. Parent Club arrange logo printing each year. You can leave your white shirts, clearly named, in a bag (also named) with correct payment \$5.50 / each at the Front Office by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March when they will be taken in for printing.

**Next Meeting** - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March in the French Room at 2:00pm. Pre-school children are welcome. Hostess: Sandie Oehms.



**Upper Primary students have enjoyed swimming lessons during the past two weeks.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

### RAISING BEAUT KIDS

#### Recipes for Parents on when to say 'yes' and how to say 'no'

Free Parent Workshop Mount Gambier Public Library Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7-8:30pm. To RSVP and register a place at the parent workshop phone Glenburnie Primary School 8725 3695 or email [dl.0148.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0148.info@schools.sa.edu.au) by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### POLICE AND COMMUNITY – WORKING TOGETHER

#### Participate in the Forum

Wednesday 5 March 2014, Dress Circle (Upstairs Main Corner complex, Mount Gambier), 7-9pm.

### MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

#### Twilight Reading Hour to celebrate Dr. Seuss' 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014 at 6.30pm. Bring the children, dressed in their PJs, and join us for some bedtime stories and songs followed by Milo and Cookies. This is a free community event. Bookings required for catering purposes telephone 8721 2540 or [www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library](http://www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library)

### FIRST CHILD TAX OFFSET

In 2001 the government introduced the "First Child Tax Offset". The offset was introduced to compensate parents for reduced income that followed the arrival of a child born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004. The Australian Tax Office has placed a 30 JUNE 2014 deadline on claiming this offset. There is further information on the ATO website.

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