



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1 No 1

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Principal – Stephen Jolley  
Chairperson – Tim Scanlon

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all students and families. Each class has made a great start to the term. We start the year with 95 students and it has been wonderful to see the support and welcoming nature shown toward our newly enrolled students by their peers.

Our class and teaching arrangements for this year are:

- Rec & Yr 1 (24 students) Teacher: Mr Savage
- Yr 1 & 2 (24 students) Teacher: Ms Warburton
- Yr 3 & 4 (24 students) Teacher: Mrs Harradine/Mrs Hogg (Fridays)
- Yr 5, 6 & 7 (23 students) Teacher: Mrs Pratt

A number of students have joined our school this year. Evan, Zari, Mia, Layla, Jobe, Oliver, Samuel, Thomas and Henry have started school for the first time this week whilst we also welcomed Aaron (Yr 1), Natalie (Yr 1), Isabelle (Yr 1), Jasmine (Yr 4), Nikki (Yr 5), Sam (Yr 7) and Wade (Yr 7). We welcome these students and their families and trust their time with us will be enjoyable and rewarding.

Our SSO staffing for this year is:

Judy Lacey (Administration/Finance)  
Angela Beltakis (Class support)  
Bronwyn Clode (Class support)  
Patrick Dean (Grounds)

Jill Gilmore (Library & class support)  
Carolyn Jones (Class support)  
Steven Grosvenor (Computing support)

The staff and I look forward to working collaboratively with the school community. Supportive and positive home-school partnerships are crucial in providing a great environment for our students to learn and develop. At any time during the year I encourage you to talk to myself and our teachers about your child, their learning and any concerns that you may have.

Regards,

*Stephen*



The above Reception students started school for the first time this week.

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## PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- Term 1 2014 Planner
- M&S & Swimming Accounts
- Swimming & Aquatic consent/medical form
- DECD Consent Form
- MLPS External Fire Policy
- Local Excursion permission slip
- Bus Travel consent form
- Acquaintance Night reply slip
- AGM nomination form
- T-ball Competition reply slip
- Information for Volunteers
- Parent Club page
- Parent Club Heat Ups reply slip
- Parent Club Meeting Options reply slip

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Heat Ups commence. Roster – Kelly Joyce.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Orders to be placed for Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Orders commence.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Club meeting, 2:00pm. Heat Ups roster – Fiona Harten.
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly, 3:00pm. Acquaintance Night BBQ, 5:00pm.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Governing Council AGM & general meeting, 7:30pm.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Club 'Welcome' morning tea, 9:00am. Issue 1 Book Club closing date.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	T-Ball commences. Heat Ups roster – Amanda Munn. Swimming commences – Year 3-7 & Year 1&2 class.

## ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Acquaintance Night

A combined Acquaintance Night and Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup>. The Acquaintance Night will provide an opportunity for families to visit their child/ren's class and find out about class routines and expectations. The format of the evening will involve each class being 'open' for a specific time, they being:

- 5.30 – 5.50pm Reception & Yr 1
- 5.50 – 6.10pm Yr 1 & 2
- 6.10 – 6.30pm Yr 3 & 4
- 6.30 – 6.50 Yr 5, 6 & 7

### Acquaintance Night BBQ

We have made a change to the BBQ set up this year. Families are able to place an order for sausages and hamburgers which will be cooked on the night by parent volunteers (see reply slip). Families will be responsible for bringing their own salad and utensils or other extras if they choose but will not have to bring any meat to cook. The BBQ will be available from 5pm and families can eat either before or after they visit the classrooms.

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will commence at 7.30pm and the first Governing Council meeting of the year will follow after this has been held. Parents are welcome to stay for the AGM; please see the newsletter information regarding Governing Council if you are interested in joining this group.

### GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR 2014

Following the AGM our first Governing Council meeting will be held. If you are interested in nominating for Governing Council this year please register your interest by returning the attached reply slip with this newsletter.

### Governing Council Member Information

#### **Continuing members for this year:**

Rob Harding	Lucy Innes
Rebecca Opperman	Judi Paul
Mark Robinson	Tim Scanlon
Stacey Stafford	

#### **Members whose tenure finished in**

**2013:** George Beck, Anne Gaffney, Michael Kirby

**Retiring member:** Danielle Chadwick

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## **MATERIAL & SERVICES FEES AND SWIMMING**

Invoices have been sent home today for Materials and Services Fees and Swimming. Please ensure these are paid by the due date. These can be paid at the front office by cash or cheque or if you wish to directly deposit these payments into the school account please refer to the bank details printed on the invoice. If you have any concerns over the payment of these amounts please let us know. Swimming fees will need to be paid prior to the lessons commencing in Week 4.

## **SCHOOL CARD**

For eligible families the School Card Scheme supports families with the cost of materials and services fees.

Families that feel that they may be entitled to School Card are asked to call into the front office and collect the application forms and details as soon as possible.

## **SWIMMING LESSON INFORMATION**

Students in Years 3-7 participate in two weeks of lessons and R-Year 2 students have one week of lessons. The dates for the lessons are as follows:

- Week 4 Feb 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>

Years 3-7 and Miss Warburton's Class

- Week 5 Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

Years 3-7 and Mr Savage's Class

Lessons for all students are from 1:30-2:15pm. We will be having an earlier lunch and depart school at approximately 1:00pm and returning to school at approximately 3:00pm during these dates. It is an expectation that all students participate in swimming lessons. If you have any further queries please speak to your child's class teacher.

If your family has a season pass to the Aquatic Centre can you please contact us because this will impact on the cost of your child/ren's swimming lessons.

## **SRC NEWS**

Icy poles are being sold under the shelter during lunch times this term for 40¢ each. Students will be limited to buying no more than 2 each day and we also discourage children buying icy poles for their friends.

## **ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS**

Due to our increased student numbers we have adjusted aspects of our assembly arrangements to trial for this term. Assemblies will continue to be held in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 however each class will take it in turns to introduce assembly items and if so, this class will not show their class work. Our arrangements for this term are (the named compere class will not be showing class work):

- Week 3 Monday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>  
Compere: Year 5, 6 & 7 class
- Week 6 Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Compere: Year 3 & 4 class
- Week 9 Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Compere: Year 1 & 2 class

Our assemblies commence at approximately 3pm and all families are welcome to join us. If the weather is fine, our first assembly will be held under the shelter.

## **FIRE POLICY**

Enclosed in this week's newsletter is our External Fire Policy. Please note the following points:

- Mil Lel PS is not rated a 'high risk' site therefore will remain open on days when Catastrophic Weather Conditions are forecast.
- If Catastrophic Weather Conditions are forecast, no buses will run in our local area, including the bus run to our school. If the forecast is upgraded to Catastrophic during the day buses will operate as per normal unless otherwise instructed by emergency services.
- Refer to the CFS website or call 1800 000 279 for further information. The CFS will declare fire danger ratings from approximately 4pm the day before.

## **LOWER SOUTH EAST SAPSASA SWIMMING**

Trials will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Age Groups - 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005. Entries close Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February (further information is available from the Front Office).

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## **STUDENT WELFARE WORKER**

Robyn Howard will be continuing in her role as Student Welfare Worker this year. Robyn has a background in Social Work and her role will be aimed at supporting and promoting student wellbeing at our school. Examples of Robyn's role at our school include managing SRC meetings, organising SRC fundraisers, running lunch time activities for students and helping with various class activities. If needed Robyn also acts as a support person to assist students with personal/social needs where appropriate. If you do not wish your child to participate in any activities involving our Student Welfare Worker this year please speak to Stephen.

## **STUDENT PROFILES**

A regular feature of our newsletters is 'student profiles'. Student profiles 'spotlight' our students whereby each fortnight 3 students are interviewed by our Student Welfare Worker to find out such things as their interests, hobbies and what they like doing at school. A photo of the child also accompanies their information which is then sent home to all families in our newsletter. Students enjoy reading one another's profile information and it also provides a positive way of getting to know our students at Mil Lel. We request that families let us know if they do not wish their child to be featured in a Student Profile. Even though our newsletter is available on our school website the student profile information is not put on the website. Examples of last year's profiles are displayed in our Library area if you would like to see what the final format looks like.

## **SCHOOL CAMP**

A camp for Year 3 – 7 students has been booked at Port Fairy for Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Nov to Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Nov in Term 4. This arrangement was based on parent feedback from last year. As a part of this camp we also intend to organise a 'day' trip to Port Fairy for the R – Yr 2 students so that the whole school can spend some time together on one of these dates. We are currently in the planning stages and once costing has been finalised we will let you know further details.

## **T-BALL INFORMATION**

A T-ball competition for boys and girls in years 3 to 5 will be run in Term 1. Games will be played on Friday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. The first game is on February 14<sup>th</sup> and the weekly venue is the baseball grounds at Blue Lake Sports Park. If you are interested in your child/ren playing school T-ball please fill out the reply slip and return it to the front office by Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup>. All equipment is provided and players wear their school uniform. We do require parent assistance with coaching/managing the team so please indicate if you are prepared to help out.

## **VOLUNTEER POLICY & CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS**

For parents and other volunteers that help out at our school in any capacity, such as listening to reading, attending a class excursion or being a Governing Council Member, a Criminal History Check is required. If you have not had a Criminal History Check and are intending to volunteer at the school please see us at the office so that we can help you with this process. Many parents have already completed one previously and if you are unsure when yours expires, please also ask at the office. Included in this Newsletter is a copy of our Volunteer Policy. We ask that all parents who anticipate volunteering at the school familiarize themselves with the information in this document.

## **STUDENT DETAILS UPDATE**

We remind parents of the importance to keep telephone numbers, especially mobile numbers, and emergency contacts up to date so that we can easily contact someone when your child is ill or injured. Medical conditions are of particular significance where it is necessary for us to know the condition and symptoms/treatment. Please notify us of any changes to your child's details by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

## **HOLIDAY HELP**

Thank you to the families that assisted with looking after the chooks during the holiday break. Your help is much appreciated.

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## **PARENT CLUB NEWS**

### **Parent Club Meetings**

Parent Club would really like to encourage all parents to become involved in Parent Club as this is by far your best opportunity to get to know other parents, the students and teachers. All in a fun environment with lots of chat and good company.

**Next Meeting** - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2:00pm in the French Room. Pre-school children are welcome. Hostess: Sandra Robinson.

### **Friday Lunch Orders**

Lunches have changed to Fridays this term with a new menu and commence on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Orders**

Orders must be placed on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Please ensure all orders are written on a paper bag and brought to school with name of child and classroom on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February along with the correct money and placed in their class lunch order container.

### **Menu**

Below is the menu for the first week. A menu for the remainder of the term will be sent out at a later date.

Ham Salad Plates consisting of 2 slices ham, grated carrot, slice of cheese, shredded lettuce, ¼ egg, 2 slices cucumber, scoop of noodle salad.

Sweets – slice of iced homemade chocolate cake. This order will be a flat \$5.

We will also be selling long life juices and flavoured milks which can be bought during lunch for \$2 each from the lunch ladies.

### **Heat Ups Roster**

Parent Club will again be offering Heat Ups also commencing Week 2 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. Parents are asked to please ensure the heat ups are wrapped in foil (or oven proof material) and clearly named. Parent volunteers will be needed. It will involve placing the heat ups in the pie warmers in the French/Art room at 10:30am and then returning at 12:15pm to hand them out.

### **Welcome Morning Tea**

Parent Club will be holding a morning tea on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> February in the French Room from 9:00am to welcome new parents to our school. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Pre-school children are most welcome.

### **Meeting Time Options**

Please indicate on the reply slip enclosed which meeting time suits you and return by next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

### **District Sports Day**

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 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### **School Uniforms**

The following school uniform items are available for purchase:

- School jackets \$33
- Bucket hats \$5
- Bomber jackets \$30
- Polo shirts with logo \$18

### **Second Hand Clothes**

An assortment of good quality second hand clothing is available for a gold coin donation.

### **2013 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. A list of winners is available at the front office.

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## PARENT CLUB REPLY SLIPS

### TERM 1 2014 HEAT UPS ROSTER

*If you are able to assist with Heat Ups please indicate your preferences below and return by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Feb	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kellie Joyce
	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fiona Harten
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Munn
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mar	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
April	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### MEETING TIME OPTIONS

*Please reply by next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February so that your response can be considered at the Parent Club meeting.*

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00am					
1.30pm					
6.30pm					

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

#### **MOUNT GAMBIER UNDER 10'S CRICKET**

Frew Park each Thursday from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 4:00pm-5:15pm.

[www.cricketsa.com.au](http://www.cricketsa.com.au)

#### **GAMBIER CITY SHARKS SOCCER CLUB**

If interested in playing this season please contact the Sports Director – Paul Alvey 0478 730 131

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