



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to our Sports Day this Friday which is always a great whole school event. All families are welcome to come along and cheer and support our students. Last year Banksia achieved its 5<sup>th</sup> win in a row! Congratulations to the following students who will be team captains:

Boronia: Ella Davies & Jack Newton  
Banksia: Brianna Scanlon & Wade Blatchford  
Wattle: Levina Gruzlewski & Sam Birchmore  
Bottlebrush: Holly Baldock & Hamish Paul

Final information for our Sports Day is provided at the back of this week's newsletter. Good luck to all students.

In the final week of this term parent teacher interviews will be held. Interviews are an important foundation of home-school partnerships and provide an excellent opportunity to discuss student progress. I encourage all families to make a time to meet with their child's class teacher. If the dates in Week 11 are not suitable please feel free to make an alternative time.

Regards,

*Stephen*



**Our Sports Day Captains.**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### March

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Mil Lel Sports Day.

Heat Ups Roster – Felicity Pudney.

Finance Committee (6.30pm) & Governing Council (7.15pm)  
Pancake Day.

Parent Club meeting, 2:00pm.

Heat Ups Roster – Deb Burn.

Assembly (Yr 1&2), 3:00pm.

Yr 3-7 Hockey Clinic.

SAPSASA District Athletics Day, Marist Park.

## WELCOME

Last week we welcomed a new family to our school community, Alyssa Emmerson (Reception) and her parents Branden and Michelle. We trust their time with us will be rewarding and positive.

## DISTRICT SPORTS DAY (APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>)

On District Sports Day every school is responsible for managing one event. Ours is the Long Jump for students in Years 3-7. We are looking for helpers to assist with measuring and scoring for this event. If you are able to help please complete the reply slip, included with the Newsletter, and return it to school by next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Further information regarding the program and arrangements for this day will be sent home in the coming weeks.

## CERTIFICATES

**Caelin Hayman** for caring for the classroom environment by putting things away, and cleaning her table so well.

**Aaron Gamble** for remembering to put spaces between his words when he writes.

**Joshua Potter** for showing kindness to his peers.

**Charlie Kirby** for always being willing and eager to assist his peers with their learning.

**Tallara Davies** for creative art work and always trying her best.

**Harrison Stafford** for greatly improved writing that has a beginning, a middle and an end.

**Estelle Paul** for excellent use of problem solving skills in Maths lessons.

**Ben Gaffney** for making strong choices and respectfully supporting a classmate at a time of need.

## SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

**Tayne Perry and Ian Potter** for displaying a caring and respectful attitude toward others.

## STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Harradine will be on leave from March 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Julie-Ann Rayner will teach the class during this time.

Judy Lacey will be on leave from 11<sup>th</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April. We ask that all notes and money continues to be placed in the letter box at the front office. Please ensure money is placed in a clearly marked, sealed envelope. A finance support person will visit our school to ensure that money is banked and receipt processes are maintained.

## GOVERNING COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

A reminder that Governing Council (7.15pm) and Finance Committee (6.30pm) have their next meeting on Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup>.

## SCHOOL BANK REMINDER

School bank day is **Tuesday**. Student bank books may be deposited in the class bank bag by 9.00am.

## GREATSTART WEBSITE

Greatstart is an exciting new resource for parents to help give their young children a great start in their learning and development. The GreatStart website ([www.greatstart.sa.edu.au](http://www.greatstart.sa.edu.au)) has been developed as part of the Department's Numeracy and Literacy Strategy to provide ideas and activities for parents to

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develop their children's early numeracy and literacy skills.

Using neuroscience research regarding the importance of children's first years, the website provides parents with possibilities to engage and make a difference in their child's learning and development.

Greatstart is framed from a family perspective and is centred on everyday events: play, food, out and about, growing, getting ready and celebrations. Information is provided on why each activity matters and what it leads to in terms of numeracy or literacy development, along with examples of the language parents can use when they engage in the activity with their child. The website will be monitored and developed through 2014 and beyond, adding new ideas and activities so the content remains relevant and interesting to parents and families.

## **ROTARY DICTIONARY**

### **PRESENTATION**

At our assembly last Tuesday the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West presented dictionaries to our Year 3 students. We thank them for this ongoing initiative.

## **FROM THE STUDENT WELFARE WORKER**

### **Bring Up Great Kids – ac.care**

This 4 week program has been developed for parents of children from birth to ten years old. The program has been designed to assist parents and caregivers to expand and learn skills and build confidence in parenting; better understand your child's behaviour; provide tips to communicate more effectively with your child; enhance ways to build positive relationships with your child; explain the importance of your child's self-esteem and how to improve it, and help parents become the parents they want to be.

The workshop starts Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May for 4 weeks, between 9.30am-11.30am.

For further information or to register to attend this workshop, please call the Family Relationship Centre on 8721 3500 or speak to myself.

**Robyn Howard**

## **PARENT CLUB NEWS**

### **Pancake Day**

#### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Parent Club will be providing pancakes for all children on 18<sup>th</sup> March at morning recess. Pancakes will cost \$1.00 each with all proceeds going to Uniting Care.

#### **Volunteers to make pancake mixture**

Rebecca Scanlon

Stacey Stafford

Rebecca Opperman

Deb Burn

Sandra Robinson

#### **Volunteers to help on the Day**

Karen Douglas

Dearna Laney

Sally Wintulich

Sandie Oehms

Amanda Munn

Sandra Robinson

### **Easter Raffle**

Parent Club will be holding an Easter Raffle on Sports Day. It is not too late to contribute to the Easter basket. Tickets will be on sale on Sports Day @ \$1.00 each.

### **Sports Day**

Parent Club will be selling icy poles for 50¢ each under the shelter at recess and lunch time on Sports Day.

Volunteers will also be needed to help set up tables and place food into pie warmers at 8:30 on the day.

### **District Sports Day**

Please remember that students will need to wear 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. Orders will taken in for printing on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Next Meeting**

Will be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March in the French Room at 2:00pm. Pre-school children are welcome. Hostess Sandy Oehms.

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## INTERNAL SPORTS DAY UPDATE FOR FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

### Roster

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to assist on the day. Please check the roster to see when you are required.

### Reminders

- After morning bell, students are to go into their classrooms. Teachers will bring them out shortly afterwards to commence the day.
- Students are encouraged to wear their team colours. Please note sneakers / sandshoes must be worn at all times on Sports Day. Students will also need to bring a water bottle.
- We have planned to run cricket oval events in the morning and have events after lunch within the school grounds.
- Our presentations will conclude at approximately 2.30pm from which students will be dismissed.
- If the weather impacts on the day, normal classes will be held and a modified day will be organised for Monday afternoon on March 17<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1.30pm.
- There will be a pooled lunch under the shelter. Please provide a savoury and a sweet, enough for your family, to be shared. Students are to bring their own recess snack.

9.00	<b>Warm Ups</b>			
9.20	<b>Championship Sprints</b> - Mark Robinson (Starter) <b>Helpers</b> - Bec Scanlon, Jacinta Clark, Naomi Mitchell, Jill Gilmore.			
10.05	<b>Team Relay</b>			
10.20	<b>Recess</b>			
	<b>Acc. Kick</b>	<b>Marathon</b>	<b>Long Throw</b>	<b>Hurdles</b>
<b>Helpers</b>	Megan Beck Dearnna Laney	Suzanne Harding Michelle Storck	Suzanne Gilbert Mellissa Day	Jacinta Clark Leighann Gamble
10.40	Rec	5-6-7	3-4	1-2
11.00	1-2	Rec	5-6-7	3-4
<b>Helpers</b>	Deb Burn Liza Kirby	Stacey Stafford Naomi Mitchell	Catherine Clark Daniel Forrest	Bec Scanlon Scott Baldock
11.20	3-4	1-2	Rec	5-6-7
11.40	5-6-7	3-4	1-2	Rec
12.00	<b>Pooled Lunch</b>			
	<b>Long Jump</b>	<b>Sprints</b>	<b>Acc. Throw</b>	<b>High Jump</b>
<b>Helpers</b>	Mellissa Day Karen Douglas	Melissa Davies Penny Birchmore	Suzanne Harding Bec Scanlon	Sara Harfull Kylie Lamb
12.40	Rec	5-6-7	3-4	1-2
1.00	1-2	Rec	5-6-7	3-4
<b>Helpers</b>	Naomi Mitchell Kylie Lamb	Stacey Stafford Lucy Innes	Liza Kirby Rebecca Opperman	Melissa Davies Michelle Storck
1.20	3-4	1-2	Rec	5-6-7
1.40	5-6-7	3-4	1-2	Rec
2.00	<b>Presentations</b>			

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