



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

This week our Year 3, 5 and 7 students participated in NAPLAN which is a National Assessment program that tests students in these year levels in the areas of Literacy (writing, reading and spelling) and Mathematics. The information gained from this testing is used to help inform school priorities and identify areas for improvement. The individual student reports from these assessments are provided to schools in Term 3 and are then sent home to families.

Later this term we are planning to hold a whole school public speaking activity (more information is provided in this week's newsletter). This will be a great opportunity for us to have a 'spotlight' on oral language. Oral language is closely related to the development of reading skills, which is school priority. Through children developing their oral language skills they develop an awareness of sounds in words, build their vocabulary and consequently develop communication skills to meet everyday needs. There are various ways to assist the development of children's oral language, some include:

- Reading and exploring books together.
- Asking questions of your child and allowing 'wait' time for them to respond.
- Engaging in conversations with them as often as possible.
- Modelling 'think alouds' to your child about how you solved a problem e.g. "I chose to do this because..."
- Modelling the correct way to use language during a social interaction e.g. giving eye contact, using manners.

We look forward to viewing the children's presentations on what will be an entertaining afternoon!

Regards,

Stephen

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May

Friday 16th

Salad Roster – Stafford Family.
Naracoorte Cross Country.

Monday 19th

Heat Ups Roster – Cindy Cox.

Tuesday 20th

UNSW Computer Skills test.
Facilities Committee meeting, 6:15pm.
Governing Council meeting, 7:00pm.

Wednesday 21st

Parent Club Breast Cancer Pink Bun Day & SRC Pink Theme Day.

Friday 23rd

Salad Roster – Clark Family (Evan).
Years 3-7 Da Vinci Exhibition excursion.

Monday 26th

Child Protection Information Session, 2:30pm.

Tuesday 27th

Heat Ups Roster – Sally Wintulich.

Wednesday 28th

Child Protection Information Session, 5:30pm.

Friday 30th

Salad Roster – Opperman Family.

Pupil Free Day.

INFORMATION SESSION ON CHILD PROTECTION

It is recommended that all volunteers participate in an information session on Child Protection. This information session covers a range of issues relating to child protection, including how to manage a concern you may have about the care and wellbeing of a student that you may be working with in your role as a volunteer. Two dates have been set aside for this session (volunteers only need to participate in one):

Friday May 23rd at 2:30pm

Tuesday May 27th at 5:30pm.

If you plan to attend please return the enclosed reply slip indicating your preferred session. Please note, if you have already participated in a session last year, you are not required to do it again this year.

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Governing Council meeting will be held next Tuesday 20th May at 7:00pm.

PUPIL FREE DAY

A pupil free day for staff to participate in a professional development day in the area of Mathematics has been approved for Friday 30th May. Please note that SRC will provide their hamburger lunch for those who order on the preceding Wednesday, 28th May, in that week.

CROSS COUNTRY

Tomorrow we have 18 students travelling to Naracoorte to participate in Cross Country. Distances start from 1300m for 8 year olds up to 2500m for older students. Good luck to our competitors.

UPPER PRIMARY FOOTBALL CARNIVAL

A football carnival for upper primary students will be held at Blue Lake Sports Park on Thursday June 19th. If your child is interested in playing please complete the reply slip and return to school by Wednesday May 21st.

AUSKICK

Yesterday we had our second session of Auskick. It is fantastic to see the participating students enjoying themselves and a big thank you also to the parents who are assisting. One of the opportunities available to Auskick participants is for some students to play in a half time match of an AFL game. Our school has been offered the opportunity to send 3 students to a match in Melbourne in the upcoming July holidays. Details are yet to be confirmed but it is likely to be on Sunday July 13th Richmond vs Port Adelaide. If you would like to nominate your child (only children participating in Auskick sessions are eligible) please fill in the reply slip in this week's newsletter. Selection of players is based on the following criteria:

- Year level (preference given to Year 2 students).

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- If they have attended a previous trip.
- Effort and behaviour during Auskick training sessions.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Brock Davies for displaying a helpful attitude toward others.

Estelle Paul for using excellent manners.

CLASS CERTIFICATES

Sam Birchmore for his enthusiastic adoption of new ideas and projects.

Jake Henningsen for improvement in his writing.

Jye Thompson for writing a whole page narrative.

Caitlin Crouch for amazing improvement in Writing and Maths.

Deklin Joyce for really improving in Maths, Writing and Hand Writing.

Kimberly Opperman and **Charlotte Stafford** for caring for classmates.

Patrick Robinson for always helping others.

Bonnita Earl for great writing about catapults.

WHOLE SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING ACTIVITY

On Tuesday 3rd of June we have planned a whole school public speaking event. All students will participate and will be required to either perform a reading or recitation to an audience.

This event will be a great opportunity for students to develop their speaking skills whilst also give them some exposure to the Speech and Drama category within the Mount Gambier Eisteddfod.

The details for this event are as follows:

- What:** Mil Lel Public Speaking Afternoon (all students to participate).
- Date:** Tuesday June 3rd, 2.45 - 3.30pm (We have scheduled it on this date because it will allow enough time for students to enter the Mount Gambier Eisteddfod if they particularly enjoy or have an interest in this area).
- Where:** At school. Students will be broken up into 4 groups that will be composed of students from Reception to Year 7.

Each group will perform in a different classroom.

Categories: Recitation (no notes to read from): of own choice book, poem, fairytale or their own class work.

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Reading: a passage from own choice book, poem, fairytale or their own class work.

Preparation: The maximum length of the student item is 2min. Classes will start preparing for this event soon. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

This activity will occur in place of our normal assembly for this week. Parents are welcome to join us on this date and we will endeavour to have all siblings in the same group so that parents will not have to move from room to room.

MOUNT GAMBIER EISTEDDFOD: TERM 3

The Mount Gambier Eisteddfod is held next term and in previous years we have had students represent our school in a number of categories. The categories that are available to students are: Dance, Calisthenics, Debating, Choral, Vocal, Music and Speech and Drama.

For our school, the main categories that we have had student involvement include Debating (for Upper Primary students), Music (Recorder; Rec – Yr 4) and Speech and Drama (Rec – Yr 7). Speech and Drama involves students either reciting or reading (depending on the category) a text to an audience.

The Eisteddfod events are held at the Wehl Street Theatre in Mount Gambier and normally occur around Week 2 and 3 of Term 3.

Please note the following in regards to the available categories:

- Debating: Mrs Pratt will enter teams from the Yr 5, 6 & 7 class to participate.
- Music/Recorder: Mrs Hogg will enter the Year 1 & 2 and Year 3 & 4 classes to perform.

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All other music entries including individual recorder items will need to be completed by individual families.

- All other categories, including Speech and Drama: Individual families will need to enter their child/children.

Entry Due Dates.

Speech and Drama: Thursday 5th June

Music: Friday 4th July

How to enter and payment.

All entries need to be completed online at the following website:

www.backstageincorporated.com.au.

Backstage Incorporated use a system called GENI for payment. When entering GENI you will be automatically prompted to enter credit card details. If you don't have a credit card you can print out your invoice and post a cheque or money order with a copy of the invoice to P.O. Box 1711, Mount Gambier or place the invoice with the correct money (cash acceptable) in the letter box at the Backstage Incorporated clubrooms, Reidy Park Centre, O'Halloran Tce, Mount Gambier.

Transport

Transport will be provided for students participating in Debating and whole class music items. For all other items, parents will be responsible for taking their children to and from the Eisteddfod. Depending on the number of sections a child enters they are not normally required to be at the theatre for the whole day (e.g. they might perform in the morning and return to school afterwards).

PARENT CLUB NEWS

School Uniform Sales

I will be available to help parents on Monday morning who would like to buy new or second hand uniforms from 8:30 to 9:00 to help Mrs Lacey out. Thanks, Sandra Robinson.

Cadbury Chocolates Fundraiser

Chocolates have arrived and have been sent home to families today. A big thankyou to the families who are helping sell these boxes. There will be some spare boxes also if anyone would like to sell more.

Breast Cancer Pink Bun Day

On Wednesday May 21st we will have pink finger buns for sale at recess for \$ 1.50 each. Please return the reply slip enclosed before Tuesday 20th to order your bun. SRC has agreed to support the cause by encouraging staff and students to wear pink on the day.

Free Parent Club Pizza lunch

On Wednesday June 4th Parent Club are offering a **free** Pizza Lunch. Please return the reply slip enclosed if you wish to order. Two pieces of pizza will be provided for each child either Ham & Pineapple or Supreme.

Mil Lel Parent Club Fundraising Quiz Night – Friday 13th June

Tickets go on sale today and can only be purchased at Canopy Interiors, Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier. See the flyer enclosed for all details.

Next Meeting

Friday June 6th in the French Room at 2:00pm. Pre-school children are welcome. Hostess: Deb Burns.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB - Is it getting hot in here?

Is the greenhouse effect really happening, if so how is it occurring? Thursday 22nd May at 6.45pm, Tenison Woods College Science lab. AGE:5+ COST: \$1/members, \$3/non-members, \$5/family. Parents can stay and assist children. To book phone Vanessa Courtney on 8725 5455, or email courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

AC.CARE 'BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS'

A 4 week program for parents of children from birth to ten years beginning Monday 28th July. For more information or to register to attend, call the Family Relationship Centre 8721 3500 or 1800 880 913.

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATIONS

How to Write a Fabulous Fiction Novel with Kerry Letheby, Thursday 15th May at 7:00pm. Bookings limited telephone 8721 2540. Book Launch & Signing – Cathryn Hein, best-selling romance author, Tuesday 20th May at 7:00pm. Registration required for catering 8721 2540.

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