



NEWSLETTER

Term 1 No 2

Thurs Feb 12th 2015

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Principal – Stephen Jolley
Chairperson – Tim Scanlon

PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- Student Profiles
- Clean Up Australia permission slip
- Swimming Help reply slip
- Sports Day Help reply slip
- Year 3&4 Class page
- Christmas Concert feedback sheet
- Jelly Slice Day order form
- SA Government Sports Vouchers fact sheet

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the families who were able to attend our Acquaintance Night earlier in the week. Family participation in school life is strongly valued at Mil Lel. One of our school values is 'Success' and by parents taking an active interest in their child's learning and encouraging them to be successful by putting in their 'best effort' you will be modelling to them the importance of school and learning. Some children can develop the belief that success is about getting everything right (such as in a test) however this can lead to them believing that ability and intelligence are fixed and not something that can be changed. It is important to reinforce the message that through consistent, steady effort and practice everyone can improve and achieve...success! Our Middle Primary class has provided some great examples of this in their contribution to this week's newsletter.

Also in our newsletter this week there is a separate insert that contains some information regarding our annual end of year Christmas Concert. Please take the time to read it and provide your feedback where appropriate.

Thank you to all families who have either checked on the status of or, completed, the Volunteer Screening application. Your support in ensuring our school processes are in line with DECD expectations is appreciated.

Regards,
Stephen



Congratulations to Ben and Zoe for being elected school captains and Saige and Levina as vice captains.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February

Friday 13th

Issue 1 Book Club closing date.
T-Ball commences.

Monday 16th

Heat Ups Roster – Kylie Lamb.
Swimming commences – Year 3-7 & Year 1&2 class.

Wednesday 18th

Jelly Slice Day.

Thursday 19th

SAPSASA District Swimming Day.

Monday 23rd

Heat Ups Roster – Amanda Munn.

Friday 27th

Swimming commences R/1 class and continues Year 3-7.
Clean Up Australia Day.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following our Acquaintance Night the Annual General Meeting was held, and afterwards, the first Governing Council meeting for the year. Our Governing Council will be composed of the following parents:

Tim Scanlon (chairperson), Michael Kirby (vice chairperson), Anne Gaffney (secretary), Rob Harding (treasurer), George Beck, Lucy Innes, Matthew Johns, Paul McFarlane, Judi Paul, Mark Robinson, Melissa Shanks and Stacey Stafford.

SWIMMING

Please note the following reminders for swimming. Lesson details are as follows:

- **Monday Feb 16th – Friday Feb 20th †**
Years 3-7 and Miss Sloan's Class
- **Monday Feb 23rd – Friday Feb 27th**
Years 3-7 and Mr Savage's Class

The lessons begin at 1.30pm and conclude at 2.15pm. As stated above Reception to Year 2 students only participate in one week of lessons whilst students in Years 3-7 have lessons for two weeks.

We will be departing school at approximately 1:10pm and returning at approximately 3:00pm. If you intend to collect your child from the Aquatic Centre at the end of their lesson please ensure that you let their class teacher know. Children are not to bring any money to spend at the Aquatic Centre and please ensure all clothing, towels etc are labelled. It is also a good idea to have a separate bag to put wet clothes in and for children to have footwear that is easy to get on and off. If time permits children will be given the opportunity to change in to their bathers at school prior to leaving.

SWIMMING HELPERS

We require some male volunteers to help JP students change after lessons next Monday and Thursday. If you are able to help out, please indicate your preference on the reply slip enclosed. Helpers are required to have up to date volunteer screening .

JELLY SLICE CANBERRA CAMP FUNDRAISER

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Jelly Slice order form. All slices must be pre-ordered with order form and money returned **no later than Monday 16th February.**

SPORTS DAYS: ADVANCED NOTICE

- Internal Sports Day (held at school), Friday 13th March, 9:00am-2:30pm. Teams will be published and displayed on the Noticeboard next week.
- Small Schools District Sports Day (held at Blue Lake Sports Park), Friday 27th March, 8:45am-1:30pm.

Further details will be published in upcoming Newsletters.

SPORTS DAY HELP

Due to there being no scheduled cricket on the oval next to the school, this area is not being mowed. Therefore we are seeking some volunteers to assist with mowing this area over the next few weeks leading up to Sports Day. We anticipate it would need to be mowed on at least 2 occasions starting as soon as possible. The plan would be to mow the oval next week and then again in Week 6 of this term. The mower is located on the oval and is towed around by a vehicle. If you are able to assist please complete the reply slip.

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SRC

Congratulations to the following students who will represent their class as SRC representatives during 2015. We look forward to all our SRC representatives and school leaders being positive role models for our school.

SRC		
	Terms 1&2	Terms 3&4
Rec & Year 1	Jorja Beck Evan Clark	Mia Forrest Cooper Munn
Year 1&2	Caelin Hayman Zac Shanks	Lillie Lamb Thomas Shephard
Year 3&4	Amy Innes Charlie Kirby	Jorja Mitchell Brad Scanlon
Year 5,6&7	Mia Kirby Jordan Millard Eliza Harding Wil Scanlon Estelle Paul Saige Perry	Tallara Davies Tayne Perry Piper Storck Harry Robinson Levina Gruzlewski Hamish Paul



Semester 1 SRC Representatives



Semester 2 SRC Representatives

CERTIFICATES

Alice Mitchell for being so careful with her handwriting.

Evan Clark for helping the new Reception children to settle in by helping them in many ways.

Eva Peucker for having a positive and cooperative attitude to school.

Charlie Clark for his interesting and informative talk about crabs.

Abby Joyce for great leadership in 'Don't Stop Never Give Up' dance group.

Charlotte Tracey for great description writing.

Piper Storck for putting so much effort into helping her peers.

Hamish Paul for always enthusiastically contributing to class discussions.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

Jennieva Burn, Ben Gaffney, Levina Gruzlewski, Harry Harding, Estelle Paul, Hamish Paul, Saige Perry and Zoe Simpson for showing great leadership and presenting excellent School Captain nomination speeches to the school.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

As a part of Clean Up Australia Day our school has traditionally tidied up the railway lands area in Mount Gambier. Due to construction work last year this area was unavailable, however this year we can access it. Therefore, prior to the swimming lesson on Friday February 27th all students will travel to the Bay Road end of the railway lands to clean the area between here and up to where it is fenced off toward Wehl Street. Depending on the weather, we will have lunch together at either the railway lands or the swimming pool. Parents are welcome to meet us at the railway land and help with the clean up. We anticipate arriving at the railway lands at approximately 12:00noon. Rubbish bags will be provided but students are encouraged to bring their own gloves. Students will need to bring a packed lunch and drink bottle for this trip also.

PARENT HELP

Thank you to the many families that offered to help with removing the tree limbs in the yard. Thanks to Sam and Catherine Clark who were able to assist on this occasion.

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PREMIER'S BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE (PBAC)

Our school will commence the Premier's Be Active Challenge next week. 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).

PARENT REMINDERS

Our second newsletter for the year is an ideal opportunity to provide parents with the following reminders:

- Student Departure/Return Register, located in the Front Office, needs to be completed if you are collecting your child/children from school for an appointment, returning them during school time or bringing them to school late.
- Student details update – advise us of any change of address, telephone numbers, emergency contacts, medical conditions and check medication expiry dates.
- Front Office Hours – The front office is not staffed on Tuesdays.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Heat Up Reminder

All heat ups must be wrapped in foil or oven proof material labelled with child's name, class room and what is inside the heat up. Heat up's must **not** be frozen as the food will not be classed as 'food safe'.

Easter Raffle

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 provided at the front office by Tuesday 10th March. Tickets will be sold on Sports Day and the raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the day.

Reminder: Parent Club Community Phone Book

Please return the reply slip that was included with the last newsletter before Friday 20th February to be included in this year's 2015 Community Phone Book.

District Sports Day

Please remember that students need a white polo shirt with school logo and green shorts. Parent club arrange logo monogramming each year. You can leave your white shirts, clearly named, in a bag also named with correct payment (\$9.00/each) at the front office before Friday 13th March when polo shirts will be taken for monogramming.

Uniform Sales

Sandie Oehms will be available Tuesday mornings 8:30am to 9:30am for parents who wish to buy uniforms, new or secondhand.

Next Meeting - Monday Night 16th March 7:00pm upstairs at the South Aussie Hotel. All welcome. This will be the first of our night meetings for the year. It has been agreed that we will hold one night meeting each term.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

RELAY FOR LIFE: LINK ARMS AROUND THE BLUE LAKE – Sunday 22nd February. Registration from 10:00am at Archery Park. Link arms at 11:00am. \$2/person. Entertainment to follow at Archery Park until 1:00pm.

ARMY CADETS – Information/recruitment night for potential cadets and their parents on Friday 13th February at 7:00pm at the Army Reserve Depot, Shepherson Road, Mount Gambier. For further enquiries please call Rod Wewer on 0417 603 508.

JUNIOR CRICKET – Ages 10 & Under Thursday afternoons from 19th February at Frew Park 4:00-5:00pm. \$30 non-club registered players, \$20 for club registered players. Please contact SACA Cricket Officer Shelley Nitschke 0447 081 634 or snitschke@saca.com.au to register.

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