



# NEWSLETTER

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## PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

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- Concert feedback
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- Parent Club Cadbury Fundraiser reply slip

Dear Parents,

Included in this week's newsletter are final reminders regarding tomorrow's District Sports Day. Students have been practicing marching and drumming this week and we look forward to them putting in their best effort tomorrow and cheering each other on.

Also included in this week's newsletter is a collation of the feedback that has been received about the end of year concert. Responses were overwhelmingly in favour of the concert remaining at the Mil Lel Hall. Other suggestions will be considered in the hope that our concert continues to improve and be a great community event for the school.

At our recent Governing Council meeting the school improvement priorities for this year were shared. For 2015, we are maintaining a strong focus on developing the learning achievement of students in literacy and numeracy. Whilst all of the work that we do in these areas is important, some key improvement aspects for this year include focusing on writing skills, particularly in regards to sentence structure, and in reading, building students inferential knowledge. For numeracy, we have a dual focus on developing students' number fluency and problem solving. In coming newsletters information will be provided in each of these key focus areas. Starting off this week is some information about sentence structure. An insert has been included that describes the different types of sentences and how as students become more proficient writers they move from creating 'simple' sentences to more 'complex' sentences.

Regards,

*Stephen*



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### March

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

District Sports Day.

Heat Ups Roster – Sandie Oehms.

SAPSASA District Athletics Day, Marist Park.

### April

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

Canberra Camp Cupcake Day fundraiser.

Easter Parade, 2:15pm.

Early Dismissal, 2:30pm.

Good Friday.

Easter Monday.

Heat Ups Roster – Jacinta Clark.

End of Term, 2:30pm dismissal.

## PARENT & TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all families that have requested a parent – teacher interview. A booking slip has been sent home today that details the day and time of your catch up. On Tuesday and Wednesday, Mrs Hogg will be available to speak to in the Art Room between 4:00 and 5:00pm if you would like to catch up with her.

## MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES

### REMINDER

Thank you to the families who have paid school fees. Statements for outstanding accounts have been sent home today. We request that these be paid by the end of term. The following payment options are available for your convenience:

- Cash/cheque
- EPTPOS
- Direct bank deposit
- Instalment plan (please see Stephen to arrange this).

The School Card Scheme is also available to support families who may be entitled to apply.

## EARLY DISMISSAL ON THURSDAY

### APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>

Last week Governing Council gave approval for students to be dismissed at 2:30pm on Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The local high schools had made the decision for a 2.30 dismissal earlier in the term which consequently impacts on bus runs. Therefore, to enable bus timetabling to remain consistent, it was decided that we too would dismiss students at this time.

## TERM 2 SCHOOL SPORT

Next term students in Years 3-5 will have the opportunity to participate in school soccer (netball and football will be in Term 3). Games will be played on Saturday mornings commencing Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> at various schools. If your child/children would like to nominate please fill out the reply slip in the newsletter. School sport relies on parents to help out with coaching/umpiring/managing so if you are able to assist in any of these roles that would be appreciated. If we do not have enough students to make our own school team we will combine with another school. Further details will be sent out once we are provided with a draw.

## TERM 2 PUPIL FREE DAY

Next term our school will be having a Pupil Free Day on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this day will be for teachers to learn more about a new Australian Curriculum subject, Digital Technologies. Digital Technologies will be taught from Reception to Year 7 in primary school and cover topics such as the components of digital systems (e.g. hardware, software and networks) and the use of data (collecting, representing and analysing). Computers, smartphones, digital cameras, printers and robots are all examples of digital technologies.

## CHOIR

Reminders.

- No choir next Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> due to early finish for Easter.
- Term 1 Week 11 Choir at Glenburnie, Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2:30-3:15pm.

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Recently two of our choir members, Flynn and Jasmine, represented our school during a performance at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.

"Last Saturday night two Mil Lel choir students went to perform at the Pink Floyd Experience Concert at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. We sang 'Just Another Brick in the Wall' on the stage with the band while they played the music. I really enjoyed the concert. It was extremely loud and so we could wear ear plugs if we wanted to. My dad went to the concert with me. He loved the music."

**By Flynn**

"We had to be at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre at 4 o'clock for our rehearsal. Then we had to go back at 8 o'clock for the performance. There were a lot of people in the audience. I was more excited than nervous when we had to sing on the stage with the band. My mum went with me and she enjoyed the singing but there was more music played than there was singing."

**By Jasmine**

## **EASTER PARADE: THURSDAY APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**

Families are invited to attend our school Easter hat parade at 2:15pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

It will be lots of fun and we look forward to seeing you there.

In late 16<sup>th</sup> century, within English literature, including Shakespeare, there are references to wearing new clothes at Easter. Because hats were common in those days, the new clothing included a new hat, or bonnet for the ladies. The Easter parade began in New York in the 1870's. It was a way for people to show off their new Easter clothes. The parade is still celebrated in New York with people wearing very elaborate hats and proceeding up 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It was immortalized in the Irving Berlin song, "Easter Parade". Ask Mr Savage about it, he attended a New York Easter parade! During integrated lessons about History, Art, Design, Technology, and Geography students from Reception – Year 4 will create their own Easter hats.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

The South East Cross Country Day will be held on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> at Naracoorte Primary School (Week 3, Term 2). An information page and reply slip has been provided in the newsletter today.

## **AUSKICK**

Auskick sessions for students (Reception-Year 2) will commence in Week 2 of next term, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 3:45pm-4:30pm. Jason Shanks has volunteered to coordinate our Auskick program however he will be unable to attend every session. Therefore we will need parents to assist throughout the term. Please consider assisting if you are able to. We are going to trial a roster system this year, please add your name on the week/s you will be available to help. Ideally we would like at least 3 adults (mums or dads) to assist each week, even more would be great!

### **Registering for Auskick**

Registrations for the 2015 Auskick program will be \$60. Last year was the final year which registrations were handled via a cash process. 2015 registrations are to be processed through the Auskick on-line process. Commencing in 2015, the State Government will be providing every primary aged student with a \$50 sporting voucher to assist with club subs and registrations (parents can choose to use this voucher to pay for Auskick program).

- When registering on-line, a section will be included that allows parents to tick a box if requiring the rebate along with their family medicare number.
- If a family cannot use the rebate with their Auskick registration because it has already been used the on-line system is programmed to only accept an amount of \$10 via this electronic method. The balance of \$50 will need to be paid to the school front office for forwarding to the SANFL.

### **Auskick Packs**

There have been some changes to the products which registered Auskick members can now source.

- *First time Auskick members*  
An AFL back-pack with AFL products included is recommended.
- *Second year Auskick members*

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An AFL back-pack which will include a coloured AFL sporting top (the AFL club of choice can be chosen when officially registering by ticking a box). This back-pack will not include the football.

If you require further information regarding the registration process or the back-pack products please contact Sarah Neal at the SANFL, 8424 2231.

## **CANBERRA CAMP CUPCAKE FUNDRAISER**

The next Cupcake Day is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Enclosed with this newsletter is a cupcake order form. All cupcakes must be pre-ordered with order form and money returned ***no later than next Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March.***

## **CERTIFICATES**

**Henry Virgo** for putting a lot of effort into his writing with spelling and neatness.

**Isabelle Gamble** for putting a lot of effort into her speech work.

**Lachlan Wintulich** for a great effort to complete his work.

**Noah Harfull** for taking pride in the presentation of his work.

**Rachel Mitchell** for always putting in a strong effort and completing good work.

**Alex Oehms** for neater handwriting and writing longer texts.

**Harry Robinson** for actively reading his exposition and independently finding lots to edit.

**Jennieva Burn** for receiving an enormous amount of feedback, appreciating it, implementing it and enthusiastically coming back for more.

## **SCHOOL VALUES AWARD**

**Jacob Opperman** for putting in an improved effort during class activities.

**Jessica Douglas** for demonstrating a great effort to develop her handwriting.

## **PARENT CLUB NEWS**

### **Mil Lel Sports Day**

A big thankyou to all people who helped set up, serve food and sell raffle tickets at our recent Sports Day. We raised \$411 for our school.

### **District Sports Day**

Last Friday students received their Mil Lel jacket for use on District Sport Day.

These are worn during the march and in between events. The jackets need to be returned to Parent Club either at the conclusion of Sports Day or on the following Monday (in a named Bag) to be washed by Parent Club.

### **Movie Night**

Please note that the Movie Night planned by Parent Club in Term 2 has been changed from May 8<sup>th</sup> to a date yet to be decided due to the Student Free Day on this date. More details will be included in the next newsletter.

### **Cadbury Fundraiser**

We have included with this newsletter an order form for the Parent Club Term 2 major fundraiser. Orders need be placed by Wednesday the April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Heat-Ups Term 2**

Parent Club are currently in the process of resolving issues with our current heat up system. Further details will be provided in the next newsletter.

**Next meeting** - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 2pm in the Library. Hostess: Sandie Oehms.

## **SCHOOL SPORTS DAY**

Our recent sports day was a great success. Thank you to the families and friends who were able to attend on the day and support the kids. Thanks also to the parents who assisted in running the events. All of these aspects contribute to making Sports Day an enjoyable day for our school community. Congratulations to the Boronia team for being this year's winner.



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