



NEWSLETTER

Term 2 No 7

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. It has been great to see all the students settle into their learning and class routines so quickly and efficiently.

In the newsletter this week is some information regarding our Move It performance that is happening later this term. Please read it carefully as it includes details about costume requirements, performances and the purchase of tickets.

The beginning of the term also provides an opportunity to emphasise the importance of traffic and pedestrian safety. The safety and wellbeing of our students is of the highest importance and this requires a joint effort from all members of the school community. Please ensure you obey appropriate speed limits, and during pick up and drop off times, remain vigilant of all students. We also encourage you to discuss traffic safety perspectives with your children so that they are safety conscious as well. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Last weekend we had several students represent our school during ANZAC Day activities. Our school captains, Ben and Zoe, laid a wreath at the Dawn Service and later in the day choir members Flynn, Mia, Caitlin and Isabelle sang at the RSL. Well done to these students for representing our school on this important day.

Regards,

Stephen



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DATES TO REMEMBER

May

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| Friday 1 st | Parent Club meeting, 2:00pm. |
| Monday 4 th | Heat-ups Roster – Liza Kirby. |
| Wednesday 6 th | Canberra Camp Cupcake Day fundraiser. Auskick commences, 3:45pm. |
| Thursday 7 th | Move It tickets go on sale at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. |
| Friday 8 th | Issue 3 Book Club closing date for orders. |
| Monday 11 th | Pupil Free Day. Heat Ups Roster – Liza Kirby. Pioneers visit. |
| Tuesday 12 th | Canberra Camp Movie Night fundraiser. NAPLAN, Language and Writing. Assembly, 3:00pm. |
| Wednesday 13 th | Governing Council meeting, 7:00pm. |
| Thursday 14 th | NAPLAN, Reading. |
| Friday 15 th | NAPLAN, Numeracy. Cross Country, Naracoorte. Parent Club Movie Night. |

NAPLAN

A reminder that NAPLAN for students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be held in Week 3.

NAPLAN is a national assessment program that tests students in these year levels in the areas of Literacy (reading, writing, spelling, grammar & punctuation) and Mathematics. The information gained from this testing is used to help inform school priorities, including what our strengths are in the areas tested and what aspects for improvement exist. Families also receive individual student reports which arrive in Term 3 that indicates your child's achievement in relation to national results of children from the same year level. We encourage all of our students to participate however, if families wish to withdraw their child from NAPLAN they are able to through filling in an exemption form. If you intend to do this please speak to Stephen. The NAPLAN assessments are held in the mornings and for Years 4 and 6 students normal lessons will apply but they will work in a different room. If a student is absent on the day of the tests they are able to participate in a catch up session but only during the week of the assessments (Tuesday – Friday).

ANZAC DAY

"Ben and I went to the Dawn Service to lay a wreath at the War Memorial at Vansittart Park. I hadn't been to a Dawn Service before and found the experience wonderful.

I was excited to be able to have the opportunity to do it." **Zoe**

"Zoe and I had to be at Vansittart Park at 5.45am. Toward the end of the service all the schools that were laying wreaths were called out. When it was Mil Lel's turn Zoe and I carried the wreath and laid it at the monument. It was the first time I'd been to the Dawn Service and I felt honoured to be able to lay the wreath on the 100th Anniversary." **Ben**

On ANZAC Day four of our choir students joined with students from other schools to sing at the RSL. They sang 4 songs and did a great job. Thank you to the students and their families for their support of this event.

"I was really nervous when we sang at the RSL on Anzac Day but I felt better knowing that my Mil Lel friends were there too. We sang 'For Love of Country', 'Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag', 'Waltzing Matilda' and 'Song of Australia'. I really enjoyed the experience." **Caitlin**

"I felt quite nervous when we had to get up onto the stage and sing. We sang to lots of returned service men and women and also many adults. Our combined choir and McDonald Park Schools choir sang." **Mia**

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"Everyone who sang in the choir on Anzac Day had to go out to the back of the RSL to practise before the actual performance. We sang 4 songs after lunch." **Isabella**

"I had to sing solo in one of the songs, 'The Band Played Waltzing Matilda'. I felt nervous and excited at the same time but really enjoyed the experience. My Mum, Dad, Noah and Nanny came with me. I think they might have been proud of me." **Flynn**

SA EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2015 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards. The Awards recognise and reward the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders and support staff from across the state. This is a great opportunity to nominate a staff member and recognise their dedication and commitment. For more information, including nomination details go to: www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards. Nominations close 5pm, 3 July 2015.

SHELTER

During the holiday break the shelter that adjoins the classrooms was extended further out toward Sherwin Road. The purpose of this extension was to provide better weather protection during both winter and summer. There has been some discussion about enclosing this end of the shelter however a decision to do this will not occur until next year once we have had an opportunity to determine the effectiveness of the work just completed.

ASSEMBLY & CLASS VISITS

Our assembly arrangements for this term will be as follows:

- Week 3 Tuesday, May 12th
Comperes: Year 1 & 2 Class
- Week 9 Tuesday, June 23rd
Comperes: Year 3 & 4 Class

There is no assembly scheduled for Week 6, instead teachers will hold an 'open class' afternoon in the middle weeks of the term where parents can come along and spend an extended period of time in their child's class. More information about the timing of this activity will be sent home later in the term.

AUSKICK

A reminder that Auskick commences next Wednesday, May 6th. Jason Shanks will be coordinating Auskick this term and we have had a number of parents offer to assist with training. Please make yourself available to help Jason if you have the time.

All students need to register online to participate in Auskick, in the past we have had the option of families paying a smaller amount to the school, however, to align with Auskick policy, this option is no longer available. Please remember to consider using the \$50 Sports Voucher provided by the state government to go toward Auskick registration costs.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to our families that continue to support our school uniform expectations. A copy of our policy has been provided in the newsletter.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

A reminder that our first Governing Council meeting for the term will be held on Tuesday May 12th commencing at 7.00pm. There will be a Finance Committee meeting later in the term.

TERM 2 PUPIL FREE DAYS

Please note that another pupil free day has been approved for this term. The dates are:

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| Friday May 8 th | Digital Technologies |
| Tuesday June 9 th | Teaching for effective learning |

SRC HAMBURGERS

Please note that Term 2 hamburger lunches will begin **Week 3, Friday 15th May**.

CONGRATULATIONS, WELCOME AND THANKS

Congratulations to Ms Brumby who was engaged during the holidays! Welcome to Morgen Lindner who has been at our school this week (and next) as a student teacher in Ms Sloan's class. Thanks to the Harfull family for looking after the chooks during the holidays and thanks also to the Paul family for repairing the netball ring.

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SAPSASA FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Ben Gaffney who has been selected in the Lower South East SAPSASA Football team. Ben will travel to Adelaide later this term to compete in a carnival against other regions from around the state.

CANBERRA CAMP FUNDRAISERS

• **Cupcake Day**

The next Cupcake Day is Wednesday 6th May. 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 4th May.

• **Movie Night**

"Pitch Perfect 2" Monday 11th May 7.30pm at the Oatmill Cinema. Tickets are \$15 each with all proceeds going to Canberra Camp fundraising. Tickets are available from the front office or please contact either Judi Paul or Anne Gaffney.

LOST PROPERTY

All un-named clothing items in the lost property basket will be sorted and placed in the Parent Club 2nd hand clothing cupboard or taken to a charity tomorrow, Friday 1st May.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

School Uniform Orders Reminder

Parent Club will be placing orders Thursday, 7th May. Please ensure you place your orders before next Thursday.

Order forms may be emailed to Sandie Oehms sandie.oehms@hotmail.com.

Movie Night

Please return the reply slip that was included in the last newsletter if you wish to attend the Movie Night that has been planned by Parent Club for Friday 15th May.

Parent Club Sausage Sizzle

Parent Club have planned a Sausage Sizzle for all students and staff at lunch time on Wednesday 20th May. Further details will be included in the next newsletter.

Mil-lel A&H Show

Parent Club would like to thank all the parents and students who contributed in any way to the Mil-Lel A & H Show last year. The Parent Club has received a cheque from the Show Committee for \$3373.30.

Cadbury Chocolates Fundraiser

Chocolates arrived and were sent home to families on Tuesday. A big thank you to the families who are helping to sell these boxes. There are some spare boxes if anyone would like to sell more. We would also like to thank the families who are not selling any chocolates but have kindly given our Parent Club a donation of money.

Next meeting - Friday 1st May at 2pm in the Library. Hostess: Sandie Oehms.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

COMBINED SCHOOLS' CONCERT BAND – Year 7-12 students are invited to join a new Combined Schools' Concert Band to be based at Mount Gambier High School. At this stage rehearsals will begin in Week 3 of Term 2 on Thursdays from 3.30-6.00pm each week during school terms. If interested in joining, or would like more information prior to making a decision, please complete an application form (available from the front office) and return it to Mr Hart at MGHS by fax 8723 0441, email tom.hart247@schools.sa.edu.au or in person by Tuesday 5th May.

SURF LIFE SAVING COMMUNITY MEETING – Today, Thursday 30th April 5.30-7.00pm at St John Ambulance, 46 Penola Road, Mount Gambier. The meeting will be held to discuss the formation of a Surf Life Saving SA Program/Service/Club for the South East. For more information contact Steve at SLSSA 0422 606 575 or Lyn at St John 0418 600 598.

MAY IS HISTORY MONTH AT THE MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

- 100 Years On Mount Gambier Remembers - A photographic and memorabilia exhibition featuring local stories of the First World War, 4th – 17th May.
- History Tours, Les Hill Historical Centre – Discover local and family history resources, view photographs and records of Mount Gambier from over 100 years ago, 4th – 31st May.

RIDDOCH ART GALLERY

- Waterloo to Vietnam 1815-1972 on view until Sunday 10th May.
- **Behind the Wire** – Images and stories of Vietnam Veterans 17th April – 10th May.

MOUNT GAMBIER FRUIT & VEG SWAP – This Saturday 2nd May from 10-10-30am at the Mount Gambier Public Library verandah.

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