



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

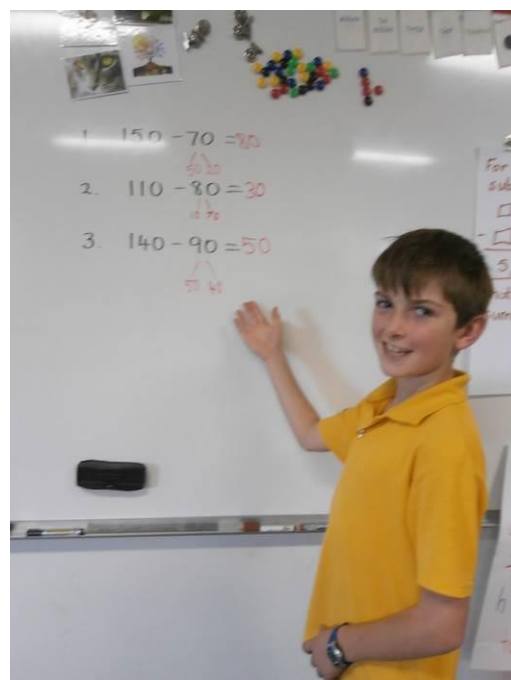
Next week our students will be performing their Move It dance at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. I would like to congratulate all of the students on their outstanding efforts since we started practicing last term. It has been very impressive to see their positive commitment and attitude during this time. Our students have also displayed great teamwork when rehearsing for the whole school finale which involves them moving on and off the stage at different times. We are looking forward to next week with much anticipation! Included in this newsletter is further information about the rehearsal and performance arrangements for next week.

In Week 10 of this term mid-year reports are sent home and will contain achievement information for your child in the subjects covered so far this year. So that our school is in alignment with Australian Curriculum expectations there are some aspects to be aware of in relation to the reporting requirements in particular subject areas. Information is provided about these updates in the newsletter.

One of our school priorities is for students to develop their 'number fluency' and 'mental computation' skills. Mental computation strategies are essential to the development of sound number sense and lay the foundation for later work in Maths. Mental computation strategies are introduced in a developmental sequence with the goal of students acquiring fast and efficient calculation strategies and the vocabulary to talk about them (you may have heard your child talking about 'rainbow facts', 'doubles' and 'landmark numbers'). Included in the newsletter are some excerpts from a Maths Strategies book specifically designed for parents and goes into more detail about these concepts. If you would like a copy of this book please let us know.

Regards,

*Stephen*



**Brad is explaining his number splitting to bridge back through a hundred to make subtraction easier.**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### May

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

Hamburger Salad Roster – Storck Family.  
UP Football Carnival.

### June

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

Heat Ups Roster – Dearnalane.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Move It rehearsal.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

UNSW Science.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Move It Matinee performance

Move It Evening performance

SAPSASA State Cross Country Championships, Adelaide.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

Hamburger Salad Roster – Johns Family.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Queen's Birthday/Volunteer's Public Holiday.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Pupil Free Day.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Bouncers at Tenison Woods College.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Hamburger Salad Roster – Robinson Family.

## AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

To ensure student safety after school and meet duty of care obligations in regards to children who are waiting to be picked up by parents or are catching the bus, children are required to wait either under the shelter adjoining the classrooms, on the court or only on the end of the playground nearest the Art Room. It is not appropriate for children who are waiting to be picked up to wander around in other areas of the yard unless they are with their parent.

It has also been observed that some children are getting in and out of cars once their parent has arrived. This behaviour is not safe and we encourage all families to ensure this does not occur. Thank you for your support in relation to these matters.

## SAPSASA HOCKEY

Congratulations to Harry Robinson who has been selected in the Lower South East SAPSASA Hockey team. Harry will participate in an upcoming carnival in Adelaide during Week 9 of this term.

## PINK BUN DAY

Yesterday students and staff enjoyed pink buns to support the Breast Cancer Pink Bun Day fundraiser. Thank you to our Parent Club for organising the buns. Many students dressed in pink to support the day. In addition, Zoe (our school captain) would like to support further fundraising by supporting Mikio Neilson who is planning an event.

"I have been in contact with Mikio Neilson who is going to ride her horse called Twitch through Mount Gambier to raise money for Breast Cancer. She will be coming out to our school so that her horse becomes familiar with being around people and to explain to us what she is doing. She has been fundraising by placing collection tins in businesses across Mount Gambier. I have been following her Facebook page because I was interested when I saw that someone was going to be riding their horse down the main street. I would like to raise money to present to her when she visits. A donation tin has been left at the Front Office." **Zoe**

## GRIEVANCE POLICY

Included in this week's newsletter is a copy of the school's Grievance Procedure. As mentioned in this document, things may happen on occasions that will be cause for concern. When these situations do arise it is important that an appropriate process is followed and these steps are described in our policy. Please take the time to read it.

## MOUNT GAMBIER EISTEDDFOD

In our newsletter is an information page on the Speech and Drama section of the Eisteddfod. In the past our school has held a 'whole school' speech and drama activity to promote this event. However due to our Move It commitments and participation in other school activities, it will not be held this year. If your child is interested in participating in the Mount

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Gambier Eisteddfod and you would like some support in preparing them for it, please speak to their class teacher.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Recently we had 24 keen students represent our school at the Naracoorte Cross Country Event. Depending on the age, the distances ranged from 1300 metres through to 2500 metres. Our students did a fantastic job in completing their race with some of the events having over 100 runners. Our students are also to be congratulated on their good behaviour throughout the day. Thank you to the parents who supported on the day with transport, supervision and encouragement. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

"On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> May I went to Naracoorte to participate in Cross Country. I ran in the 10 year old girls event and there were approximately 80 runners. The top ten placegetters receive a ribbon and the top three receive a medal. We got to stop at the Penola Toffee & Treats shop on the way home!" **Jorja M**

"At Cross Country I ran in the 9 year old boys race which was 1,300 metres. There were about 100 in the race. I had a really good race and came 1<sup>st</sup> by 4 seconds to the second placegetter. I received a 1<sup>st</sup> place medal and a ribbon. Maybe next year I could

go to Adelaide to race because you have to be 10 years old to go to Adelaide." **Charlie K**

"I really enjoyed going to Cross Country. I came 14<sup>th</sup> in the 11 year old girls race. We had to run 2.5km. I now have the opportunity to run 3km at Cross Country in Adelaide next Thursday. I feel excited but nervous at the same time but it will be a good experience." **Isabella L**

## AUSKICK INFORMATION

Please note that the final date for the last Auskick session of the term will now be Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Our final session traditionally involves a students versus parents match and a sausage sizzle afterwards. Please fill in the reply slip provided to help us organise the BBQ (parents and siblings are able to order sausages as well). Thank you to all parents so far who have assisted with the sessions.

## CANBERRA CAMP CUPCAKE FUNDRAISER

The next Cupcake Day is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Please pre-order by returning the order form enclosed and money **no later than next Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.**

## PARENT CLUB NEWS

**Next meeting:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 7pm at the South Aussie Hotel.

## MID YEAR REPORT INFORMATION

Please note the following information in regards to assessment and reporting for both mid-year and end of year reports:

- From 2015, Health and Physical Education is now structured as a single subject therefore students will no longer receive a separate grade for each of these areas but rather a combined overall grade.
- The Arts and Digital Technologies subjects contain learning areas that need to be reported on at least once every 2 years. The table below provides an outline of the process our school will be following.
- Whilst certain areas may receive a grade and others not over the year, it does not mean that they won't be covered in class e.g. Dance, Music and Visual Arts will be reported this year but students will also participate in learning activities relating to these areas next year.

Australian Curriculum Learning Area	Area/s to be reported in 2015	Area/s to be reported in 2016
<b>The Arts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dance</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Visual Arts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drama</li> <li>• Media Arts</li> </ul>
<b>Digital Technologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design and Technologies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Technologies</li> </ul>

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**GRANT HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 8 EXPO EVENING – Tonight Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 6:30-8:00pm on the Junior Floor.** Parents will have the opportunity to gather information and ask questions about secondary courses.

**LIMESTONE COAST ROTARY CAREERS EXPO – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at TafeSA, Mount Gambier Campus, Wireless Road West, 9am-2:30pm.** Interactive workshops from various industries, Interactive trade skills demonstrations, Guest speakers, Exhibitors. An action packed program tailored to meet the needs of students seeking information relating to many and varied tertiary study and employment opportunities. <http://www.lcrotyarcareerexpo.com.au/>

**BLUE LIGHT MOVIE NIGHT PRESENTS MINIONS – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June @ 6:00pm (for 6:30pm start) at Oatmill Cinema. \$7/ticket. For ages 9-13. Tickets from the Mount Gambier Police Station.**

**STAND LIKE STONE QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER – 7:30PM Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, Casadio Park.** Book at Grant High School or call 0418 680 527.

**SING! WITH MAYFAIR COME AND TRY SINGING – Juniors 5-9 years, Inters 8-13 years, Seniors 12-18 years, Adults 18 & over.** Contact 0458 105 634 or [mayfair.singers@outlook.com](mailto:mayfair.singers@outlook.com)

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