



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Recently both Parent Club and Governing Council have discussed the opportunity to develop a 'natural play space' in the area of the school near the tennis courts; our students call it 'the forest'. An insert has been included in this week's newsletter that provides further information about the benefits of natural play areas.

A planning committee has been formed who have already met with a landscape designer to discuss what could be done in this area. We would also like to get some ideas from within the school community and have set up a scrapbook in the Front Office where families can provide pictures of ideas. The planning committee is mindful of the budget for the project, so one of our goals is to create a play area using natural materials rather than lots of constructed items, therefore minimising the overall costs. Some of the key materials that will be needed include logs and cross sections of logs that can be used as stepping stones. We would also like to include large moss rocks, softfall/bark and even gravel for paths. If you are in a position to provide some of these materials, it would be greatly appreciated. Please fill in the reply slip to indicate any areas that you can assist with.

Well done to all of our students who participated in Move It last week, they put in a fantastic effort during their performances. It was very pleasing to see the enjoyment, cooperation, support and teamwork that our students displayed on the day. Thank you to the staff for supporting this event and helping prepare our students and a special acknowledgement must go to Mikaela from Hype Dance who choreographed our school's performance.

Regards,

Stephen



Our fantastic Move It performers, in full costume, prior to last week's matinee performance.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June

Friday 12 th	Hamburger Salad Roster – Robinson Family.
Monday 15 th	Heat Ups Roster – Jacinta Clark. UNSW Writing Competition
Tuesday 16 th	Parent Club meeting, 7pm. UNW Spelling Competition.
Wednesday 17 th	Canberra Camp Cupcake fundraiser. Finance meeting, 6:30pm. Governing Council meeting, 7:15pm.
Friday 19 th	Hamburger Salad Roster – Clark Family (Evan). Issue 4 Book Club closing date for orders.
Monday 22 nd	Heat Ups Roster – Sally Work.
Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th	SAPSASA Soccer/Hockey State Carnivals, Adelaide.
Tuesday 23 rd	Final Auskick session & sausage sizzle.
Friday 26 th	Hamburger Salad Roster – Hayman Family.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Our pupil free day on Tuesday focused on effective teaching practices and brought together a range of ideas around growth mindset, 21st Century learner skills, feedback and what happens in the classroom. Growth mindset refers to an individual's capacity to learn new skills and knowledge through persistence and effort (this is opposite to a 'fixed' mindset approach where individuals have the view that you have a certain amount of intelligence and you can't really change it). Having children develop a growth mindset is particularly important for 21st Century learning as it is widely acknowledged that many jobs and demands of the future are unknown and so as adults, they will need to know how to learn and develop new skills. This has implications for how we support students to develop a growth mindset and become lifelong learners. A key driver for this is feedback. Research has shown that effective feedback can improve performance. Effective feedback has two main purposes; it identifies what needs to improve and provides a 'recipe' for how to do it. Feedback that solely focuses on praise has shown to be less effective in improving performance. Other traits that contribute to the development of a growth mindset include embracing change, having a sense of curiosity and being inquisitive. The topics covered during the day contributed to teachers' current knowledge and stimulated much professional discussion amongst the

group which will serve as a springboard for future work in this area.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday June 17th

Finance Committee: 6.30pm

Governing Council: 7.15pm

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

A reminder that our next school assembly is planned for Tuesday June 30th, commencing at approximately 3pm. If the weather is cold our assembly will be held in the Art Room.

MOVE IT DVD

The evening Move It performance has been filmed by Rob Tremelling. There are two options available to purchase:

- Option 1 – Whole performance (including all schools), cost \$30.
- Option 2 – Mil Lel performance only, cost \$20.

If you wish to order a copy, please return the reply slip indicating your option, together with payment to the Front Office by Thursday 18th June. All orders will be delivered to the school for distribution.

SAPSASA SOCCER

Congratulations to Jennieva Burn and Saige Perry for being selected in the Lower South East SAPSASA Soccer team. Jennieva and Saige will participate in an Adelaide carnival in Week 9 of this term.

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SATURDAY MORNING SCHOOL NETBALL AND FOOTBALL

Yr 3-5 school netball and football will be played in Term 3. Games are played on a Saturday morning at various school locations. For **football**, there are 2 competitions – a nine-a-side competition for year 3's and a 15-a-side competition for year 4/5's. If there is not enough numbers to run separate competitions we will combine 3,4,5's and play 15-a-side. In **netball**, there will be two grades if numbers allow.

These will be group A (year 5 and experienced year 4's) and group B (for year 3 and inexperienced year 4's). If there is not enough numbers the two groups will combine.

If your child/children wish to nominate for one of these sports please fill out the reply slip in the newsletter. School sport relies on parents to help out with coaching/managing/umpiring 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.

GHS HOCKEY CARNIVAL

Grant High School Specialist Hockey Stage 1 class would like to organise a hockey carnival for Year 4-7 students. It is proposed that the carnival will held on Wednesday 1st July (Week 10) at the Blue

Lake Sports Park on the hockey turf. Nominations close tomorrow Friday 12th June. If your child is interested in participating please return the reply slip to school tomorrow. Students will be required to bring their own mouth guard and shin guards. A small number of sticks will be provided by GHS if some students need to borrow one. Students will also need to organise their own transport and supervision on the day.

CANBERRA CAMP FUNDRAISERS

CUPCAKE DAY

The next Cupcake Day is Wednesday 17th June. Please pre-order by returning the order form enclosed and money *no later than next Monday 15th June*.

MOVIE SCREENING

The Canberra Camp students are holding a special fundraising screening of "Minions", to be held at the Oatmill Cinema on Sunday 28th June at 3pm. All ticket prices for adults and children are only \$13! Tickets are available from Mrs Lacey in the Front Office and also the following families - Paul, Gaffney, Opperman, Storck, Burn, Kondrats, Robinson, Harding, Simpson, Scanlon and Thompson.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Next meeting: Monday 15th June 7pm at the South Aussie Hotel.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 PARENT TOUR – An additional Year 7 Parent Tour of Grant High School will be held on Wednesday 24th June, commencing at the front office at 5:00pm. Visitors will be given a guided tour of the school and have the opportunity to ask questions. All interested are most welcome to attend this session. RSVP Friday 19th June to Paula Foote 8726 3100.

DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB – Balancing Acts. Learn how to amaze your friends by balancing forks and coins on the edge of a glass. Practice walking across a thin plank of wood. See if you can make a clown to balance on a piece of string without falling over. Thursday 18th June at 6:45pm-7:45pm. Tenison Woods College Science lab. Age 5+. \$2/child, \$5/family. Parents are encouraged to stay and assist their children (and have fun too). To book email courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au

OVATION CENTRE OF PERFORMING ARTS & ROTARY MOUNT GAMBIER SCHOLARSHIPS 2015 – Applications for the Rotary Club Scholarship for Performing Arts are now open until Wednesday 1st July 2015. The aim of this scholarship is to make the performing arts more accessible to low SES students and increase their opportunities to pursue a career in the arts. An outreach program will be available in order to assist and identify students with potential and Ovation urges all to apply. Six youth from disadvantaged backgrounds will gain a year-long scholarship to participate in any program of their choice at Ovation Centre of Performing Arts. Further information and application forms are available from the front office.

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MOVE IT REHEARSAL PICTURES



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