



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Planning for the local Mil Lel Show has commenced in the past few weeks. Over the last 2-3 years the show has become a significant fundraiser for our school. Through our families volunteering to help run stalls (cooking the bbq, cake stall and games activities) the Show Committee donate an agreed percentage of the profits of the day back to our school. The donated amount in the past few years has ranged between \$2,000-\$3,000 which is a significant amount for our school. These funds have been used to purchase important resources for our students including ipads and other computing equipment. This year the fundraising will be put toward the creation of a natural play space area between the school oval and the boundary fence which is very exciting. In the newsletter this week is a roster of when we require parent helpers; if you are able assist on the day it would be very much valued and appreciated. Older students are also encouraged to help out.

Recently we have reviewed our Emergency Management procedures and one of the requirements DECD have requested of schools is to identify a location where we would go to if the need ever arises to evacuate from the entire school grounds. After consulting with the local Mil Lel Parks Committee, it has been agreed that if such a situation did occur, then our school would be able to access either the local tennis courts or the hall on Sherwin Road. If you have any queries about this arrangement please feel free to contact me to discuss it further.

Regards,

Stephen



Miss Brumby's Creative Writing Club students, the 'Architects of Imagination'. This week's assignment was to personify the big tree – looking at its life and the things it must have seen over the years.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August

Friday 21st
Monday 24th
Thursday 27th

Hamburger Salad Roster – Breen Family.
Heat Ups Roster – Dearnan Laney.
Parent Club 76th Birthday celebration.
Assembly, 2:30pm.
Canberra Camp get-together at Glenburnie PS, 5-7pm.
Hamburger Salad Roster – Mitchell Family (Jorja).
'Music is Fun' performance.
Heat Ups Roster – Sally Work.

Friday 28th

Monday 31st

September

Thursday 3rd
Friday 4th

Pupil Free Day.
Hamburger Salad Roster – Gaffney Family.

COUNSELLOR NEWS FROM MS BRUMBY

I'm very excited about beginning my new role as School Counsellor and contributing to the presence of a positive school environment where students feel happy, safe and successful. This means that I'll get to work with students and classes throughout the school and I've very much enjoyed getting to know them better these past few weeks.

I'll be doing a range of things on my Thursdays, including running SRC, organising additional activities for break times, implementing whole school initiatives and I'll also be contributing to the school newsletter from time to time, talking about a range of wellbeing concepts.

Your children may have mentioned that lunchtime activities have already started. This is part of our goal to develop a greater UP leadership presence within the school. So far we've had art in the library and dancing lessons in the yard. Next week the Upper Primary students will be running some relay races and later in the term they'll be reading the Book Week books to students in the library.

Another area of focus will be the implementation of a Peer Support program, whereby older students will be mentoring the younger children by helping them have a successful and happy time in the yard.

I am available every Thursday for students and parents, please feel free to contact me if you would like to catch up. My email address is eryn.brumby616@schools.sa.edu.au.

ELECTIVES

To support students in entering an item for the Mil Lel Show we are having two electives sessions later this term on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September. Both of these sessions will run from 1.20 – 2.20pm. In the coming weeks students will be able to nominate a category that they would like to enter. To allow for small group sizes we are looking to get parent assistance to help teachers run the activities. If you are able to help please indicate on the reply slip.

NAPLAN

Each year a school wide analysis of NAPLAN is carried out by our teachers to identify strengths and potential areas of growth. Many factors are taken into account when completing this process, including the group size that completed the test. Due to

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average scores fluctuating more significantly because of our varying group sizes, our school looks at trends over the past few years. This year our Year 7 cohort was at the National Average for Reading and slightly below for Numeracy. In Year 5 this cohort was below the National Average in Reading and Numeracy and our Year 3 cohort was below in Reading and close to the National Average in Numeracy. NAPLAN achievement information will complement other student data we have and contribute to our ongoing commitment to improving learning outcomes for children in both Literacy and Numeracy.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

On Thursday September 17th our school will be holding a Jump Rope for Heart afternoon between 2.15 and 3.30pm. Students will complete a rotation of skipping activities. Our fundraising format will be modified from previous years and we are asking students to bring a gold coin which will be donated to the Heart Foundation.

For a successful day, we really need the help of parents turning ropes. Please help if you possibly can.

A reply slip for helpers is included in the newsletter.

'MUSIC IS FUN'

On Friday August 28th our school will be going to Suttontown Primary School to watch a concert. The concert will involve the 'Music is Fun' band which is a group of musicians from Adelaide. The concert will expose students to a variety of song and music styles. A bus has been booked and there is no charge for students. Please fill out the permission slip in today's newsletter for your child/children to attend (all students are expected to participate).

BOOK WEEK

Our school will be celebrating Book Week in Week 8 of this term on Wednesday Sept 9th. Students are encouraged to come dressed as a book character on the day. A parade will occur after the morning bell.

RECORDER EISTEDDFOD COMMENTS

"We went on the bus to the Wehl Street Theatre. At the Eisteddfod we played two songs called 'Kites' and 'Thinking'."

Isabelle F

"We got second place for playing the recorder. We got second because some people were talking and squeaking their recorders." **Noah**

"The Middle Primary came first in the Recorder Eisteddfod. I was very proud because I received my first ever ribbon. I liked going on stage, it was fun!"

Rachel

"I think that the Eisteddfod is a great idea for young people to learn instruments. It's a great opportunity for young people to perform on stage in front of other people. Our class went on stage and played the recorder at the Eisteddfod." **Brad**

LSE SAPSASA CRICKET

The first tryout for the LSE SAPSASA cricket team, which will compete in the state carnival in Adelaide during the week November 2nd-5th, will be held at East Gambier on Thursday, August 27th. Time will be advised. Boys must be in Year 6 or 7 to nominate.

If your child would like to nominate please collect a nomination form from the Front Office.

REMINDERS

- Assembly: Thursday August 27th at the Mil Lel Hall from 2.30pm.
- Pupil Free Day: Thursday September 3rd.

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PARENT CLUB NEWS

Soup Day

A big thankyou to Lyndal Johns for providing pumpkins for our soup and also our volunteers Lyndal Johns, Kylie Lamb and Sandra Robinson who made soup and Sandie Oehms and Amanda Munn who served and cleaned up at lunch time. The soup was appreciated and enjoyed by students and staff.

76th Birthday Luncheon

The Parent Club 76th Birthday afternoon will be held at the Mil Lel Hall at 1:30pm on Thursday 27th August. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a plate of food to share. If you are able to help on the day please contact Sandra Robinson.

Pine Ridge Honey Fundraiser

Orders were due back today and will be delivered to school on Wednesday 9th September.

Happy Hour Prizes

The Parent Club is looking for a range of prizes to be donated for our Happy Hour on 18th September. If you are willing to donate a prize, or know of someone who may be willing to donate, please contact Sandra Robinson for a letter to give to the business.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

Please continue to collect stickers for Mil Lel Primary in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. Post them in the box provided either in the front office at school, Woolworths Commercial Street or at the Market Place Woolworths store. If you can get your children to place the stickers on the sheets provided at the front office or at the supermarket it will make Parent Club's job a lot easier.

Next meeting: Monday 7th September, 7:30pm at Sorrentos Café. All welcome.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WANTING TO PLAY TENNIS FOR MIL LEL THIS YEAR? – Junior tennis commences October 17th. Please give your name and birthdate to Junior Coordinator Debra Burn by September 1st as teams have to be in to the association shortly thereafter. Email kdburn@internode.on.net or phone/text Deb on 0409 673 028.

YAHL SPRING FAIR – Yahl Primary School, 10 Lange Road, Yahl. Sunday 13th September, 10:30am-2:00pm.

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL – Maxwell & Bakker's Futurepunk at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre Thursday 24th & Friday 25th September. Bookings can be made via the Theatre Box Office.

KIDSFLIX MOUNT GAMBIER – The Arthritis Foundation of South Australia is hosting a Kidsflix event on Saturday 19th September 2015. Kidsflix is a free event for children and young people living with chronic illness, disability or in a disadvantaged situation and their family. Ticket application forms are available from the front office or book online at www.kidsflix-mtgambier.eventbrite.com.au. Applications close Friday 4th September.

SOFTBALL SIGN UP DAY – Boys and Girls, Blue Lake Sports Park, 30th August 2015 10am-12noon.

SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC – Dental care is free for most school children and all preschool children at the School Dental Service. All children aged 0-17 are welcome. To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call on 8222 8222.

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