



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

I would like to use this opportunity to inform the school community that next term I will be taking on the position of acting Deputy Principal at Reidy Park Primary School. This position is for one term only. Whilst Term 4 has many significant events, including planning for 2016, I will still be in contact with the school during this time to assist with decision making and other aspects of the organisation of the school. I am also very confident that staff are well positioned to maintain their excellent work and support the day to day running of the school. In regards to my replacement, that process will be managed by the Regional Director and in the coming weeks an announcement will be made.

In Week 9 of this term, optional Parent Interviews will be available to families. Optional interviews provide an opportunity for parents (or teachers) to request an interview to discuss children's progress at school. If you would like to make an appointment time, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Planning for the natural play area is continuing with the landscaper providing a design for us to review. The plan has met our goals and comes within the budget amount that we had allowed for which will be jointly funded by the school, Parent Club and SRC. When completed, this play space will be a fantastic addition to our school grounds which we are sure will be valued by our students.

Regards,

Stephen



Ryan, Charlie K and Alex L participating on stage at the 'Music is Fun' performance.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September

Monday 7 th	Heat Ups Roster – Rebecca Scanlon. Bouncers at Millicent North PS.
Tuesday 8 th	Parent Club meeting at Sorrentos, 7:30pm. Finance Committee meeting, 6:30pm. Governing Council meeting, 7:15pm.
Wednesday 9 th	Book Week Parade, 9:00am. Parent Club Honey Drive orders delivered.
Thursday 10 th	Matt Porter, author visit.
Friday 11 th	Hamburger Salad Roster – Beck Family.
Sunday 13 th	Bouncers demonstration at Mount Gambier Central Shopping Complex.
Monday 14 th	Heat Ups Roster – Fiona Harten. Optional Parent Teacher interviews this week.
Tuesday 15 th	Electives, 1:20-2:20pm. Assembly, 3:00pm.
Wednesday 16 th	Electives, 1:20-2:20pm.
Thursday 17 th	Jump Rope for Heart skipping activities, 2:15-3:30pm.
Friday 18 th	Hamburger Salad Roster – Stafford Family. Mil Lel A&H Show Society raffle books due. Parent Club Happy Hour.
Sun 20 th – Fri 25 th	Canberra Camp.
Monday 21 st	Heat Ups Roster – Volunteer needed.
Wednesday 23 rd	Parent Club Hot Dog Day.
Friday 25 th	Hamburger Salad Roster – Innes Family. End of Term, 2:30pm dismissal.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Yesterday staff attended a Literacy workshop that covered a range of concepts focused on reading and writing. During the day, it was reaffirmed that the current teaching practices used by staff at Mil Lel are regarded as 'best practice' in building students' skills in these two areas. It was also beneficial to be exposed to some new content in terms of strategies teachers can use to progress student learning through a 'literacy block'. A literacy block refers to an amount of class time that is dedicated to focusing on various aspects of literacy, including spelling, grammar, writing and reading. This literacy block time is a blend of teacher lead activities, independent student work and children working in small groups. Whilst all staff have implemented a literacy block, our time yesterday will provide an opportunity to reflect and build on current practices to best support our students.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Earlier this week information regarding the 2015 Parent Opinion Survey was sent home. Unfortunately a technical issue has resulted in one of the survey areas being unable to be completed. Consequently this section was provided as a tear off slip in a note sent home on Tuesday and it has also been included in this week's newsletter. Your response to this question would be much appreciated (it is still appropriate to complete Section One of the online survey and submit your responses). This survey, along with the staff and student surveys, are an important part of the school's self-review and improvement processes. The information provided from these surveys contributes to setting future directions and helps inform areas of strength and opportunities for growth at our school.

ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS

Some 'near misses' have occurred recently involving students walking out in front of traffic when entering and leaving the school grounds. Please take the time

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to reinforce to your children good habits in relation to road safety. The ongoing vigilance of parents in being careful with driving speeds and parking is appreciated and I encourage the school community to do everything we can to ensure the safety of our students.

UNSW SPELLING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Charlie Kirby who completed this competition. Charlie received a Participation Award for his efforts.

GOVERNING COUNCIL REMINDER

The next Governing Council meeting will be held on Tuesday September 8th commencing at 7.15pm. A Finance Committee meeting will be held beforehand at 6.30pm.

ELECTIVES, SKIPPING AND MIL LEL SHOW VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the families who have indicated that they can assist with these activities. We are still looking for additional help, please add your name to the rosters supplied if you can assist with these events.

MIL LEL BLUE LAKE BOUNCERS

Our Mil Lel Primary School Blue Lake Bouncers will be performing a skipping demonstration at the Mount Gambier Central (formally Centro) shopping complex on Sunday 13th September to raise funds for the National Heart Foundation. They will be performing at 1:00pm and again at 1:30pm. Come along and support our dedicated skipping team as they busk for a most worthy cause.

BOOK WEEK

Our school will be celebrating Book Week next week. On Wednesday students are encouraged to come dressed as a book character and on Thursday we will have Matt Porter, a visiting author, run workshops for our students that will give them the chance to practice and hone their writing skills. He will have copies of his books available on the day, should children wish to buy them (see insert in this newsletter), for \$10. The books are pitched at Years 3 – 7 students.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Friendly reminder – All children should be nearing completion of the Premier's Reading Challenge. Reception to Year 2 classes have been completed at school. Year 3 to 7 forms need to be sighted and signed off by Mrs Hogg.

MUSIC IS FUN

"I liked it at the end when we all stood up and danced." **Alice**

"We all went on the bus to the concert. I liked it too when we all stood up and danced." **Jorja B**

"I liked it when we had to dance. I liked all of the songs. I knew one from my Mum's ipod. It was 'Cotton Eyed Joe'." **Thomas S**
"Before the concert we got to have a play on the playground. When we went into the hall there was a lot of noise because everyone was really excited." **Vicki**

"The 'Music is Fun' band was really fun. It was a bit crazy because they did crazy songs. I sang 'The Adams Family' song."

Charlotte S

"Jordan, Tallara and I performed 'Message in a Bottle'. We had to act out that we were stuck on an island and it was really hot and we needed food. We had to pretend to write a message. Ava, Kimberly and Jasmine were in the bottles." **Shaunn**

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Caitlin Crouch and Alex Lamb for displaying a friendly attitude to others.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Jorja Beck for making a great effort with her handwriting.

Samuel Ruwoldt for pushing himself to speak in front of more groups.

Eliza Beck for improving her reading comprehension.

Thomas Johns for creative writing in his fairy tale.

Kimberly Opperman for working well with different text types.

Jorja Mitchell for consistently working with strong effort, and for supporting her peers.

Isabella Lamb, Piper Storck, Wil Scanlon, Saige Perry and Mia Kirby for excellence in setting and achieving goals in Art.

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PARENT CLUB NEWS

Mil Lel A&H Show Society

- **Raffle**

Accompanying this newsletter is a small book of raffle tickets. Each year our school benefits because of our positive association with the Mil Lel Show community. Please return raffle books and money by Friday 18th September. Alternatively, if you are unable/willing to sell your booklet, please return it to the Front Office. Thank you.

- **Program and Entry Form**

A show program and an entry form for the Primary Indoor Section are also enclosed with this newsletter.

Parent Club 76th Birthday Luncheon

What another lovely Parent Club Birthday celebration! Thankyou to all helpers - you all know who you all are. A big thankyou to Dearnna for making the beautiful cake that all members' children loved!

Earn and Learn

Next Tuesday 8th September is the last day to collect earn and learn stickers. Please keep them coming in!

Parent Club Pine Ridge Honey Fundraiser

Orders will be delivered to school next Wednesday 9th September.

Happy Hour

Don't forget to get your tickets for our Happy Hour, Friday 18th September 6:00-8:00pm. On each day of next week, from 3:15pm, there will be tickets available to buy from Parent Club members under the admin building shelter.

Hot Dog Day – Wednesday 23rd September

If you wish to order, please do so by clearly marking a brown paper lunch bag with your child's name and class and placing it in their classroom heat ups box (not the Front Office). Hot dogs will cost \$2 each and orders close on Wednesday 16th September.

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

'Music Is Fun'



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