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Dear Families,

As Term 4 begins and staff and students engage in their learning, I would like to acknowledge the warm welcome that I have received from staff and students alike and I look forward to meeting more of the school community over the next 9 weeks. I recognise the importance of a close community network to positively influence achievement and success, so please feel free, as many of you have already, to come in and introduce yourself to me.

For the past 4 years I have been the Assistant Principal of Mount Gambier High School. Mount Gambier High School has an enrolment of approximately 900 students and a teaching staff of 60+. Prior to this appointment, I was the year level manager of Year 11 and I have been teaching in the Limestone Coast for the past 13 years. Before I moved to Mount Gambier, I lived in the Barossa where I taught at Gawler High School developing curriculum. Whilst I believe I have the leadership experience to effectively manage Mil Lel Primary School, I am also looking forward to expanding my knowledge in the area of the primary curriculum and working with staff who are highly regarded for the work they are currently doing to develop growth mindsets and create quality learning opportunities for our students. I have small community roots, and I am really looking forward to working with our Parent Club, Governing Council and wider school community this term.

On a personal note, I live on the outskirts of Mount Gambier with my husband Jake, who works for Vestas, and our two sons, Sebastian and Jensen. Sebastian attends Reidy Park Primary School and Jensen is 3 and he attends Mount Gambier Child Care Centre.

This term is always busy and we have many activities to look forward to. This week our students have been participating in a pilot programme "First Aid in Schools". The sessions, held on Thursday morning, were run by a group of volunteers from Uni SA. Our students covered a number of topics ranging from recognising an emergency to administering CPR. These sessions have been enjoyed by our students and have provided them an opportunity to learn First Aid and reinforce the importance of caring for others. Next week our choir students will join with other students from the district to perform at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre as a part of the South East Primary School's Music Festival. Classes will also start preparing for the end of year concert which is always an enjoyable conclusion to the year.

The Mil Lel Show was held on the 10th October in great weather and was a resounding success. It was the first time I have attended the Show with my family and I must say that it was the best country fair that I have ever been to. An enormous amount of time and effort was put into setting up stalls and making those who attended, feel very

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welcome. Thank you to everyone who contributed in both the lead up and on the actual day of the show. The show is a great opportunity to participate in a local community event with the added benefit of raising money for our school.

Once again I look forward to working with the school community and encourage all of our students to put in a strong effort toward their learning.

Regards,

Suze

**Suze Ricketts
Acting Principal**

DATES TO REMEMBER

October

Wednesday 21st

School Photos.
South East Primary Schools' Music Festival rehearsal.
Year 1&2 Agriculture Learning Centre excursion.

Thursday 22nd

Parent Club meeting, 2:00pm.
South East Primary Schools' Music Festival performance at Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, 7:30pm.

Friday 23rd

School Closure – Mount Gambier Show.

Monday 26th

Heat Ups Roster – Julie Baldock.

Tuesday 27th

Assembly, 3:00pm.
Finance meeting, 6:30pm.
Governing Council meeting, 7:15pm.

Wednesday 28th

Parent Club free hot dog lunch for students.

Friday 30th

World Teachers' Day.
Issue 7 Book Club closing date for orders.
Parent Club Wine Drive fundraiser orders due.

ASSEMBLY PLANS FOR TERM 4

Assemblies will be held this term on the following dates:

- Tuesday Oct 27th (Compere: UP class)
- Tuesday Nov 17th (Compere: R/1 class)
- Tuesday Dec 8th (Compere: SRC)

Our assemblies will commence at approximately 3pm and all families are welcome to attend. If the weather is fine our assembly will be held under the shelter or otherwise the Library.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

A reminder that our next Governing Council meeting will be held on Tuesday October 27th. A Finance Committee Meeting will be held beforehand at 6:30pm with Governing Council commencing at 7:15pm.

MOUNT GAMBIER SHOW DAY

A reminder that our school will be closed on Friday October 23rd for the Mount Gambier Show.

TERM 4 HAT POLICY

All students are required to wear a bottle green bucket hat during Term 4 play times. Hats are available for purchase (\$8/each) from Parent Club each Monday morning 8:30 – 9:00am if required.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – REMINDER

School photographs are to be held this Wednesday 21st October. For the whole school photo we request that students wear a yellow polo shirt with the school logo.

SRC NEWS

Icy poles are being sold during lunch times this term for 40¢ each. Students will be limited to buying no more than 2 each day and we also discourage children buying icy poles for their friends.

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MOUNT GAMBIER CHRISTMAS

PARADE CONSENT FORM

Enclosed in the newsletter is a consent/medical form that is required to be completed by parents of students taking part in the parade and returned to the front office.

UNSW GLOBAL AUSTRALIA – 2015 MATHEMATICS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Our students achieved commendable results for their participation in ICAS this year. The following students will be presented with their certificates at the next school assembly:

Charles Kirby – Year 3: Credit

Mia Kirby – Year 5: Participation

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

A copy of the Parent Opinion Survey has been included with this newsletter for parents who wish to respond but were unable to access the survey on-line. Please use the envelope provided to return your completed survey to the front office.

MIL LEL BLUE LAKE BOUNCERS

Our Mil Lel Primary School Blue Lake Bouncers will be busking at the Market Place shopping complex Thursday afternoon, November 5th, to raise funds for the National Heart Foundation. They will be performing at 5:30pm. If you have 30 minutes spare in your day, come along and support our dedicated skipping team as they busk for a most worthy cause.

SAPSASA TENNIS

Congratulations to Ben Gaffney and Saige Perry who have been selected in the Lower South East SAPSASA Tennis team. Ben and Saige will participate in an Adelaide carnival in Week 4 of this term.

BOOK FAIR – ADVANCE NOTICE

During Week 6, November 16-20, we will be holding a Book Fair in the Library. Books will be on display and children will get the opportunity to view the books during their Library lessons. There will

also be viewing sessions for parents on Wednesday and Thursday (18th & 19th November) after school from 3:30pm. Children would be welcome to join their parents at this time also. With Christmas approaching, this will be an ideal opportunity to purchase gifts.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

MIL LEL SHOW

The recent Mil Lel Show was a great success. Thank you to everyone involved in supporting the school's involvement which occurs at many levels; teachers and parents helping students with their craft entries and members of both Parent Club and Governing Council who assist in the organisation and running of the day. This year it was impressive to see that we had an increased number of students who were prepared to help at the games stall; their helpfulness and community mindedness is something to celebrate and acknowledge. As mentioned in previous newsletters the Mil Lel Show is now a major fundraiser for the school with the money raised being put toward resources for our students.

Stephen Jolley

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The Mil Lel Show Committee would like to sincerely thank the parents and students of the Mil Lel Primary School for their contribution toward our wonderful show. Your support ensured that our show was a huge success this year.

Thanks also to our raffle sponsors:-

- **Camping World**
- **Gambier City Chemmart**
- **Castec**
- **Enjo**

Congratulations to the following lucky Show Raffle winners! Tickets were sold through the Mil Lel Primary School and at the show on the day:-

- 1st - Kathy Beck (pop up shelter)
- 2nd - H Munn (coleman 7.5lt water cooler)
- 3rd - Trevor Henningsen (Noosa chair)
- 4th - Terry Scanlon (Clinique pack)
- 5th - Richard Crouch (Makita cordless combo kit)
- 6th - Barb Smith (Enjo product)

Show Committee

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Mil Lel Show

What a wonderful Millel Show! Thank you to all the parents and students who helped - when we needed extra people on the school BBQ or the Parent Club stall you stepped up! Big thankyou to Richard and Hayley Crouch for providing the ice-cream machine. Your support for your children's school in this way was fantastic!

Christmas Pageant – 21st November

Please remember to organise your costumes for the Christmas Parade if your child is planning to take part. The theme for our entry is 'Year of the Soil'. Children could be farmers, rocks, vegetables, etc. We are very lucky to have Lynnette Fritsch and her Clydesdale horses join us in the parade.

Wine Drive Fundraiser

Just in time for Christmas and the festive season, the Parent Club, with help from our friends at 'Patrick of Coonawarra', are holding a wine drive fundraiser. All orders, together with payment, are to be returned to the front office by Friday 30th October (Week3) for delivery Week 7. Purchase price Toccas 'Deuce', 'Oaks' and 'Games' are \$12/bottle or \$120 /dozen (can be mixed). 'Mother of Pearl' \$15 or 165/dozen. Order forms were sent home last Thursday.

Free Hot dog day

Mil Lel Show Society has kindly donated surplus hot dogs from the show to the school. On the 28th October we will have a free hot lunch day. If your child/children would like to receive a hot dog please place their order by clearly writing their name and class on the top of a brown paper bag and placing it in their class room lunch box (not the front office) by Wednesday the 21st October.

Christmas Dinner

Parent Club Christmas Dinner will be held at the Commodore on Wednesday 2nd December at 6:30pm. All are welcome and we ask those attending to bring a Kris Kringle gift to the value of \$5. Please RSVP to the front office before Friday 27th November.

LOST CHRISTMAS DVD

Last term, the lost DVD from the 2013 Christmas Concert was found but it only has the R/1 and Year 1&2 items recorded. If you would like a copy please see Sandra Robinson.

2015 AGM – Advance Notice

Friday 27th November at 1:00pm.

Next Parent Club Meeting – Please note change of date:

Thursday 22nd October in the French Room at 2:00pm. Pre-school children are welcome.

JRFH JUMP OFF DAY

