Dear Families,

Last week, six of our students participated in the South East Choir Festival at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. The standard of performance was excellent and our students are to be commended for representing our school in this community event. At our next school assembly, I will present the following students with a School Values Certificate: Flynn, Isabella, Caitlin, Jasmine, Tallara and Mia for their fantastic effort in representing our school in the choir festival. Well done!

Next week, Ben and Saige travel to Adelaide as representatives for SAPSASA Tennis. I would like to wish them all the best as they prepare for their games. Travel safe and we look forward to hearing about your experiences on your return.

One of the things I love about Mil Lel Primary School is the sense of community you feel about the place. Parents know the students, staff, and each other, and the mornings are busy with parents in and out of classrooms, listening to students read and ensuring that their child/ren are organised for the day. On behalf of all the students and staff, I wonder if you could try and help us address a small issue that is emerging in the mornings. Once the bell has gone for the day, could parents please move from the outside of classrooms and let students settle in to their day. I don’t want to discourage the morning catch-ups with parents, so please feel free to move in to the courtyard area and continue the morning ritual. This will ensure that students start the day focussed on their learning.

On Friday 30th October, we celebrate World Teachers’ Day. You are invited to get involved and say ‘thank you’ to a wonderful teacher at Mil Lel Primary School. The students have prepared a small note to give to their teacher on Friday as a way of saying ‘thank you’ for all the work they do.

Regards,

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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 5:00pm (please note change of time). 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.

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.

2015 YEAR BOOK
This year we are again having our year book printed and collated by Exchange Printers. The cost will be the same as last year - $15 for the first copy and $10 for each additional copy per family. An order form is included in this next newsletter. Orders, together with payment, are due Friday 20th November.

LOST PROPERTY
We continue to accumulate a large number of windcheaters in our lost property basket. Please check for any items that may belong to your children.

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Phoenix Cole for making consistent progress with his reading all year.
Sarah Johns for being very careful with her handwriting.
Caelin Hayman for her enthusiasm and positive attitude to school.
Vicki Grace for being a very helpful class member.
Shaylah Cole for her great effort to improve her reading skills.
Joshua Potter for developing a more positive, responsible and helpful attitude.
William Virgo for putting lots of effort into completing tasks. Including lengthy lists of ideas!
Amy Innes for consistently strong efforts in all areas of learning.
Caitlin Crouch for asking for help and her confidence and enthusiasm when performing.
Jacob Opperman for making a big improvement in the effort he put into his work.

PARENT CLUB NEWS
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.

School Uniform
Please find enclosed an order form for items of clothing that may be purchased as part of our school uniform. Closing date for orders is Friday 13th November. An order form will now be sent home Week 3 of each term. Parent Club will only be holding yellow printed polo shirts and bucket hats in stock.

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**Wine Drive Fundraiser - Reminder**
All orders, together with payment, are to be returned to the front office tomorrow 30\textsuperscript{th} October 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.

**Free Hot Dog Lunch Day**
Thank you to the Mil Lel Show Society for kindly donating hot dogs, and to parents Fiona Harten and Nicole Forrest for serving them on Wednesday for our students to enjoy at lunchtime.

**2013 Christmas DVD - Last chance to order**
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.

**Parent AGM & Next General Meeting**
Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} November at 1:00pm. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Pre-school children are welcome.

**CHOIR**
Students from our Choir made the following comments on their experiences at the South East Primary Schools’ Music Festival.

“\textit{I danced in the troupe at the Music Festival and it was a lot of fun, especially dancing to ‘Firework’}.” Mia

“I danced as well and it was a lot of fun. I also sang 3 songs with the Choir.” Jasmine

“I liked it when whiteboards were put up and poppies were projected across the whiteboard as a man called Charlie recited a poem about the war.” Tallara

“I enjoyed singing ‘Firework’ and when the screen came down and projected fireworks exploding.” Flynn

“I also liked it when the screen came down and the fireworks exploded. I also liked it when Charlie said his poem; it reminded me of the war.” Caitlin

“A highlight for me was when we sang all the war songs because it reminded me of my old Pa when he was fighting in the war.” Isabella
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION LIGHT THE NIGHT – October 30th in the Cave Gardens, Mount Gambier from 6pm. By taking part and supporting this event you can help the Leukaemia Foundation give them the free emotional and practical support they need, and continue the urgent search for cures.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO – Kids in Years 4-7 can dive into a fun, fully-supervised Blue Light Disco at Mount Gambier Aquatics Centre this November. Next month’s fun, fully-supervised Blue Light event is bound to make a splash, with a sausage sizzle, games, entertainment, and even a visit from Father Christmas! The Disco will be held on Friday 27th November between 6-8pm, in partnership with the Mount Gambier Aquatics Centre, City of Mount Gambier and District Council of Grant. Tickets cost just $5, and will be available for purchase from Mount Gambier Police Station. Lifeguards and Blue Light supervisors will be on duty for the event.

FAMILY DAY CARE – Recruiting Educators Now. Family Day Care is a unique home-based child care service for small groups of children across South Australia. For more information call the Business Centre: 1300 551 890 or visit http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/familydaycare


MOUNT GAMBIER TRIATHLON CLUB 2015 COME & TRY TRIATHLON – Mount Gambier Aquatic Centre Sunday 22nd November, 2:15pm for a 3:00pm start. $10 entry fee. More details please visit website: http://mtgambiertriclub.com.au/ or Facebook (link on website).

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