Dear Families,

Yesterday, our school held a Remembrance Day Ceremony which was led by our School Captain’s and Student Representative Council. They spoke to the students about the history of Remembrance Day and read *In Flanders Fields* and *The Ode*. We paused for a minute silence and our ceremony concluded with the playing of *The Rouse*. Our ceremony complemented the work covered in class to teach our students the significance of this day. Students are to be commended on their respectful behaviour during this ceremony.

Included in our newsletter this week is a copy of our Bushfire Policy. With summer approaching it is important that everyone is aware of the processes that our school will follow if such an emergency occurs. Please take the time to read it and if you have any questions, please contact me at school.

Earlier this week our staff participated in the culmination of a project that they have been working on this year with staff from 4 other ‘small schools’ in our area. Since Term 1, teachers have worked in teams to focus on implementing two pedagogical practices that engage and intellectually stretch learners, develop resilience and growth mindsets and improve literacy and numeracy. This has allowed our teachers to share effective strategies and provide feedback to each other. This is pivotal if we are to build teacher quality and learning outcomes for our students. The quality of presentations and work undertaken by our teachers was outstanding and highlights the passion and drive our teachers have to continually improve student learning outcomes.

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Pageant on the 21st November. We have approximately 50 students participating and information regarding final arrangements will be distributed to families early next week. We look forward to our students having a great time at the parade.

Regards,

Suze

![Tallara, Tayne, Saige, Hamish, Ben and Zoe led the Remembrance Day Ceremony.](image)
DATES TO REMEMBER

**November**
- Monday 16\(^{th}\)
- Mon 16\(^{th}\) – Fri 20\(^{th}\)
- Tuesday 17\(^{th}\)
- Friday 20\(^{th}\)
- Saturday 21\(^{st}\)
- Monday 23\(^{rd}\)
- Wednesday 25\(^{th}\)
- Friday 27\(^{th}\)
- Monday 30\(^{th}\)

Heat Ups Roster – Amanda Munn.
Book Fair.
Assembly, 3:00pm.
2015 Year Book orders due.
Christmas Parade.
Heat Ups Roster – Dearna Laney.
White Ribbon Canberra Camp Reunion, Year 6&7 students.
Parent Club AGM and General Meeting, 1:00pm.
Heat Ups Roster – Rebecca Scanlon
Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30pm.
Governing Council Meeting, 7:15pm.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos have been sent home today, please contact Frank Monger if there are any issues with your order.

BOOK FAIR
Next week, November 16-20, is our Book Fair. Books will be on display in the Library and children will get the opportunity to view the books during their Library lessons. There will also be viewing sessions for parents and grandparents on Wednesday and Thursday (18\(^{th}\) & 19\(^{th}\) November) during lunch break from 12:30-1:20pm and after school from 3:30-4:30pm. 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 – REMINDER
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. Order forms were included in our last newsletter. Orders, together with payment, are due Friday 20\(^{th}\) November.

ASSEMBLY
A reminder that our next assembly will be held on Tuesday 17\(^{th}\) November and will start at approximately 3pm. Reception/Year 1 class will be comperes. All families are welcome to attend.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 30\(^{th}\) November
Finance Committee: 6:30pm
Governing Council: 7:15pm.

SAPSASA TENNIS
“Last week we went to Adelaide to participate in the SAPSASA Tennis State Carnival for the Lower South East. We played at the Seacliff Tennis Club. We played against two teams each day and were undefeated for the week. At presentation each player in our team received a medal. We were in Division 3 but because we won the Lower South East will go up to Division 2 next year.”
Ben and Saige

PARENT CLUB NEWS
School Uniform Orders Reminder
Please ensure you place your orders by tomorrow, Friday 13\(^{th}\) November.

Wine Drive Fundraiser
A big thankyou to Judi Paul for organizing the Wine Drive and to “Patrick of Coonawarra” for supplying the wine. To date we have raised $1300 for our school. Thank you to all the families who supported this fundraiser.

Christmas Pageant – 21\(^{st}\) 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.

Respect - Participation - Success
Christmas Dinner
The Parent Club Christmas dinner will be held at Commodore on the Park, 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.

Christmas Concert Raffle
We are looking for donations for the Christmas raffle to be drawn at the end of year concert. We hope to make several large hampers as in previous years. Please drop your non-perishable donation in the basket at the front office. If you know of any businesses that would like to make a donation of a prize please let Sandra Robinson know. Raffle books for every family are included with this Newsletter and will be due back to school sold or unsold, on Friday 4th December.

Volunteers Needed
Volunteers will be required to help decorate the hall for our Christmas Concert on Thursday morning 10th December at 9am, and again tidy the hall on Friday morning 11th at 9am.

DVD
The Parent club has arranged for Marcus Jones to video the concert this year. The cost will be $25 each. Please return the reply slip together with payment to the front office by Friday 4th December.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES
You will find further information regarding the following on our Notice Board, by phone contact or visiting websites provided.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE SEMINAR – Dr Freda Briggs AO, Emeritus Professor in Child Development. Tickets $20. Tuesday 17th November at the City Hall – Main Corner Complex. 6:30pm: Meet and Greet, City Hall Reception. 7:00pm: “Keeping Children Safe” Seminar. All bookings and enquiries email seminarfredabriggs@gmail.com or call Lindsay on 0476 410 044. Tickets pre-sold, limited seating.

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.

CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER RAILWAY LANDS REDEVELOPMENT – Sunday 15th November, 11am-3pm. The day will feature a large number of community events, including the launch of the new Play On Wheels Trailer, designed to encourage kids creative play and imagination. There will also be a youth performance space on the day in the new amphitheatre at the Wehl Street entrance, along with lots of other features.

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY – Meet the Author Tricia Stringer, 16th November at 7pm. Join Tricia as she launches her latest release ‘Between the Vines’ which has been set in our own wine region, Coonawarra. Bookings for catering purposes 8721 2540 or http://bit.ly/1Q4oPWi

RIDDOCH ART GALLERY CURRENT EXHIBITIONS – JamFactory Icon 2015; Kidman The Extraordinary, Life of Sir Sidney Kidman; Gooch’s Utopia. Blue Lake Exhibition on view from Saturday 19 December.

BIG BANG DRAMA CLUB – BIG BANG drama club is offering a unique drama and relationship based program aimed at developing play and social skills for children and adolescents who experience developmental challenges. This program would suit children diagnosed with Asperger’s or Autism Spectrum Disorder. Bookings or further information: www.connectingyoungminds.com or 0424 819 302.
The Ode of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

By Laurence Binyon.