



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

All classes are busily preparing for our upcoming school concert that will be held on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Mil Lel Hall. Along with class item performances we have the presentation of two student awards, the 'Year 7 Graduate of the Year' and 'School Values'. The Year 7 Graduate of the Year will be presented to a Year 7 student who has applied themselves to their learning and strived for ongoing improvement in a strong manner as well as being a positive role model for their peers. Our second award, the 'School Values' Award recognises a student's efforts (from any year level) in consistently displaying our school values of Respect, Participation and Success. We look forward to a great night for our school community.

### **Social Media**

Families, please be reminded that the use of social media can be useful and it can also be damaging. If you have a personal Facebook page and wish to highlight our achievements at Mil Lel please go right ahead. If, however, you have a grievance with someone or something at Mil Lel then social media is not the appropriate avenue to air these comments and opinions. Whilst sitting at a keyboard it is very easy to defame. When you do that it can harm more than the person or event that you are referring to. It has a far wider effect. This is why we have sets of Grievance Procedures at our school.

At Governing Council a generic letter to parents who use social media inappropriately from DECD's Legal and Risk will be presented. In that letter the following statement appears. *"Please refrain from using social media to comment on school related incidents or to "vent" about staff, students and their families. Offensive posts of a threatening or harassing nature made on social networking sites could be investigated by the police."*

We try to do the very best we can here at Mil Lel Primary School for our students and families. Sometimes we get it wrong but I believe that most times we get it right. The Grievance Procedures are there for a reason. Please use them. Effective communication between home and school is paramount in ensuring that we are working together for the benefit of your children.

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

Well done to all students for achieving this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. Reading is a key priority for our school and an important skill for children to develop; reading is all day every day!

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## **Mount Gambier Christmas Parade**

Well done to all students who participated in the recent Christmas Parade. It was enjoyed by all and we must thank Mrs Lynette Fritsch for her efforts in allowing us to use her magnificent Clydesdale horses and cart and the Parent Club for helping to decorate the float. Thanks must also go to our staff who continue to support student involvement in this event. We won the 'Best out of Town' entry and we will be presented with a cheque for \$250 next Monday evening.

Regards,

*Suze*



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **November**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Final call for last minute Year Book orders.  
Parent Club AGM and General Meeting, 1:00pm.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

Heat Ups Roster – Rebecca Scanlon.  
Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30pm.  
Governing Council Meeting, 7:15pm.  
Year 7 Parent Information Evenings at GHS & MGHS, 7:00pm.

#### **December**

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>

2016 Reception transition 8:55am-1:20pm.  
Year 7 Grant HS & Mount Gambier HS Orientation Days.  
Parent Club Christmas Dinner at Commodore on the Park, 6:30pm.  
Parent Club Raffle books to be returned.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

Concert DVD orders due.  
Heat Ups Roster – Sandie Oehms/Sandra Robinson.  
Year 7 Graduation Dinner.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Assembly, 3:00pm.  
End of Year Reports to be sent home.  
End of Year Concert and Presentation 7:00pm.  
Parent Volunteers Morning Tea 10:30am.  
End of Term Assembly 2:15pm, dismissal 2:30pm.

### **STAFFING UPDATE**

Our staffing arrangements for 2016 have been finalised and will be as follows:

- Reception & Year 1: Mr Ben Savage
- Year 1 & 2: Ms Gail Sloan/Ms Alicia Sutherland (Monday)
- Year 3 & 4: Mrs Judy Harradine/Ms Alicia Sutherland (Friday)
- Year 5,6 & 7: Ms Eryn Brumby/Ms Alicia Sutherland (Thursday)

Mrs Shirley Hogg will be maintaining her teaching role in French and other curriculum areas across the school.

### **CLASS TRANSITION VISITS**

Next Wednesday and Thursday our Year 7 students will be participating in their orientation days at high school. We will use this opportunity to also have transition visits for our beginning Reception students and for current students who are moving into a different class next year. On these days students will initially go to their own class for the attendance roll to be completed and then spend up until lunch time in their 2016 class.

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## **ASSEMBLY**

A reminder that our next school assembly will be held on Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup> commencing at approximately 3pm. Our SRC members will be the comperes.

## **2015 YEAR BOOK**

**Final call for Year Book orders** - Last minute orders will be accepted up until tomorrow, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## **END OF YEAR REPORTS**

Our end of year reports will be sent home on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>. If there are any concerns or questions relating to your child's report, please make a time to speak to their teacher. A written comment and achievement standard will be provided for each curriculum area.

## **SCHOOL CONCERT**

Our end of year concert will be on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm. Reminders for the concert:

- Gold coin donation at the door.
- Please bring sufficient supper for your whole family.
- Children are to stay in the hall unless supervised by parents. We also ask that parents supervise their children once Father Christmas leaves.
- All younger siblings and pre-school children are to be in the care of parents during the concert.
- Seating at the front of the hall will be reserved for the families of Year 7 students; please let us know how many seats you require. We do ask that requests are for close family members only.

## **END OF TERM DISMISSAL**

A reminder that the last day of term is Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> with dismissal at 2.30pm. We will be having a whole school assembly at 2.15pm. All families are welcome to join us.

## **GOVERNING COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Our next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm. Governing Council will follow at 7:15pm.

## **2016 SCHOOL DATES**

Term 1: 1<sup>st</sup> February – 15<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> July

Term 3: 25<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4: 17<sup>th</sup> October – 16<sup>th</sup> December

## **CHOOK HELP**

During the upcoming holidays we are looking for families that may be able to assist with feeding and collecting the eggs. If you can, please indicate on the reply slip.

## **PARENT VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA**

Once again this year we have had great support for school activities and events from our parents. To thank you for your efforts we would like to provide a morning tea on the last day of term, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, at 10:30am. Please complete the reply slip if you are able to make it.

## **CERTIFICATES**

**Caleb Grace** for being so friendly to others.

**Grace Peucker** for improving her handwriting.

**Patrick Robinson** for interesting contributions to Science discussions.

**Zac Shanks** for maturity and kindness to others.

**Thomas Shephard** for being a helpful student.

**Isabelle Forrest** for always challenging herself and doing her best.

**Ashley Beck** for always putting effort into writing creatively.

**Ryan Crouch** for good efforts in numeracy.

**Charlotte Stafford** for improved attitude and effort, especially in Maths.

**Clyde Innes** for good effort in Drama.

**Harry Harding** for being dedicated to reaching class due dates.

**Zoe Simpson** for being dedicated to reaching class due dates.

## **PARENT CLUB NEWS**

A huge congratulations to Mil Lel Primary School for winning the 'Best Out of Town' entry in the Mount Gambier Christmas Pageant. Our school will receive \$250. In particular, thank you to Lynette Fritsch for all her time preparing the beautiful

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horses and cart; Loretta and Emery Hayman for helping Lynette take the horses and cart to the parade; Liza Kirby and family for making the great sign that went on the cart, and helping with all the decorations and removing them after, and finally, to all the staff, parents and students who participated and helped in anyway on the day.

### **Christmas Dinner**

If you have not already done so, and wish to attend, please add you name to the list in the front office. Tomorrow is the last day to reply.

### **Christmas Concert Raffle Reminder**

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 will be due back to school, sold or unsold, by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers will be required to help decorate the hall for our Christmas Concert on Thursday morning 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9am, and again tidy the hall on Friday morning 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Please contact Sandra Robinson if you are able to help.

### **DVD**

If you wish to purchase a concert DVD please ensure your order, together with payment, is returned to the front office by next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Parent AGM & Next General Meeting-**

Tomorrow, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 1:00pm. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Pre-school children are welcome.



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