



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

We are almost half way through Term 1 already and our students are to be commended for the outstanding start to the year they have made. The behaviour that students have displayed in class and the yard has been very positive and it is great to observe the effort and attitude that they are showing toward their learning. Our school community should be very proud of them.

Our swimming lessons are almost complete and we have been fortunate to have mostly fine weather over the past two weeks. Once swimming has finished students will then move on to Sports Day practice. Included in this newsletter is a helper roster for our school sports day on Friday March 18th. Please consider adding your name to it if you are available on this day.

Later this term, in Week 10, parent interviews will be held. This year we are introducing a change to the interview format for students in Years 3-7. These interviews will be in a three-way format involving parents, the student and their teacher. The intent behind three-way interviews is that it encourages students to take greater responsibility for their learning. However this format has benefits for everyone involved. For students, it enhances their self-esteem by allowing them to share their learning in a positive environment and empowers them to take ownership of their school work. For parents, it provides an opportunity to increase their understanding of what is happening in class and enables them to listen and support their child's efforts at school. For teachers, it strengthens communication channels with parents about their child's learning progress and flows naturally from the work produced in class. If required, prior to the interview concluding, parents can request some time to speak with their child's teacher in private. We anticipate that this arrangement will contribute positively to developing home-school partnerships and supporting the learning of our students.

Regards,

Stephen



Our Bouncers skipping team has started rehearsing routines for their upcoming performances this year.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March

Friday 4th

No Heat Ups today – packed lunch required for Clean Up Australia Day excursion.

Monday 7th

Clean Up Australia Day, Rail Lands at 12noon.

Tuesday 8th

Heat Ups Roster – Tania Virgo.

Wednesday 9th

Assembly, 3:00pm.

Friday 11th

Parent Club Hot Dog lunch.

Heat Ups Roster – Karen Douglas.

White polo shirts due for monogramming.

Easter Raffle donations due.

Monday 14th

Adelaide Cup Holiday.

Wednesday 16th

Easter raffle books due.

Friday 18th

Mil Lel Sports Day.

SCHOOL VALUES

At our first Governing Council meeting of the year we discussed the school vision and values and as a part of this process, the group indicated that further feedback from the community is required around these areas. Our current school values are Respect, Participation and Success. Included in the newsletter is an insert asking you to nominate your top 3 values that you think should be promoted at Mil Lel; this information will assist us to determine if the current school values are retained or updated. To enable student input, each class is also completing this activity.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITY

Tomorrow all classes will participate in a clean-up of the Rail Lands. The activity will commence at approximately midday, starting from Bay Road. After the clean-up students will eat lunch at this location before attending swimming lessons (Mrs Sutherland's class will return to school after eating). Students are encouraged to bring their own bag for rubbish and gloves (the school will supply plastic gloves to those who don't have them). Please feel welcome to join us.

WEEK 6 ASSEMBLY

Our next whole school assembly will be held on Tuesday March 8th commencing at approximately 3pm. The Year 3 and 4 class will be providing comperes (the comperes do not show any of their work).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Tuesday 23rd February the Annual General Meeting was held, and afterwards, the first Governing Council meeting for the year. Our Governing Council will be composed of the following parents:

Tim Scanlon (chairperson), Michael Kirby (vice chairperson), Melissa Shanks (secretary), Rob Harding (treasurer), George Beck, Lucy Innes, Matthew Johns, Judi Paul, Mark Robinson, Stacey Stafford and Sam Work.

Thank you to these people for making themselves available.

SCHOOL GRIEVANCE POLICY

A copy of our school grievance policy has been provided in the newsletter. The purpose of this policy is to provide an understanding of the steps to follow if a problem occurs and to ensure a fair and safe process occurs. Please be aware that it is not appropriate for parents to be approaching children to speak with them about issues that may have occurred at school, any concerns need to be raised with your child's class teacher or the principal.

We all have a role in contributing to our school being a safe and supportive environment for our students and by being aware of our responsibilities, and modelling positive values and behaviours, our whole community will benefit from it.

SAPSASA ATHLETICS

Earlier this week SAPSASA Athletics information was given out to interested students. If you have any queries please contact the front office.

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BOOK COVERING

Thank you to Mrs Joyce, Mrs Potter and Mrs Harten for covering class readers. Their help with this task was much appreciated.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Heat Ups

There will not be heat ups this Friday (4/3/16) due to Clean Up Australia Day activities at the Rail Lands. All children are required to take a packed lunch.

Icy Poles

When students return to school this Friday after swimming they will receive an icy pole provided by Parent Club.

Hot Dog Day Reminder - Wednesday 9th March

Children who have placed an order will receive their hot dog for lunch next Wednesday 9th March.

Parent Club Community Phone Book

Enclosed with this newsletter is the Parent Club Community Phone Book. Thank you to Liza Kirby for once again compiling this information.

Easter Raffle

Please place your donation of eggs or Easter goodies in the basket provided at the front office by Friday 11th March.

Raffle books for every family are included with this newsletter and will be due back to school sold or unsold, on Wednesday 16th March. Thanks to Richard and Hayley Crouch for donating the first 3 prizes in the raffle.

District Sports Day

Please remember that students need a white polo shirt with the school logo and green shorts for District Sports Day. Parent Club arrange logo monogramming each year. You can leave your white shirt, clearly named, in a bag (also named) with correct payment (\$10.00/each) at the front office before Friday 11th March when polo shirts will be taken for monogramming.

Catering for Family Reunion

Parent Club has agreed to cater for a family reunion on Sunday 13th March. If you are able to help on the day or provide food for afternoon tea please contact Sandra Robinson 0428 145 312.

Food Safe Course

The City Council are holding a Food Safe Course between 3:00-6:30pm on Tuesday 8th March at the City Hall. Cost \$5. Please contact Sandra Robinson, 0428 145 312, if you would like to attend.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

MIL LEL COMMUNITY MEET & GREET DAY – Sunday 6th March 2016, 12noon to 3:00pm at the Mil Lel Hall grounds. Free sausage sizzle. BYO drinks/sweets. Come along and mix and meet with the people who live in your district. Contact Janet Phillips 0400 078 237.

SA DENTAL SERVICE: Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service. Please call now for an appointment. Mount Gambier Dental Clinic Phone: 8721 1633.

BASKETBALL MOUNT GAMBIER INC.: Junior Training Programme Friday nights for beginners, 5-8 year olds. One weekly session of one hour, 5.30p.m.-6.30p.m. This programme runs during school terms. Children may join the programme at any time. Cost is \$5 Registration Fee and \$4 Per Session.

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY MINECRAFT CLUB – Free multiplayer Minecraft Fun. Ages 6-18. 3:30-5:00pm Mondays and Wednesdays during school term. Bookings open a week in advance, phone 8721 2540 to book.

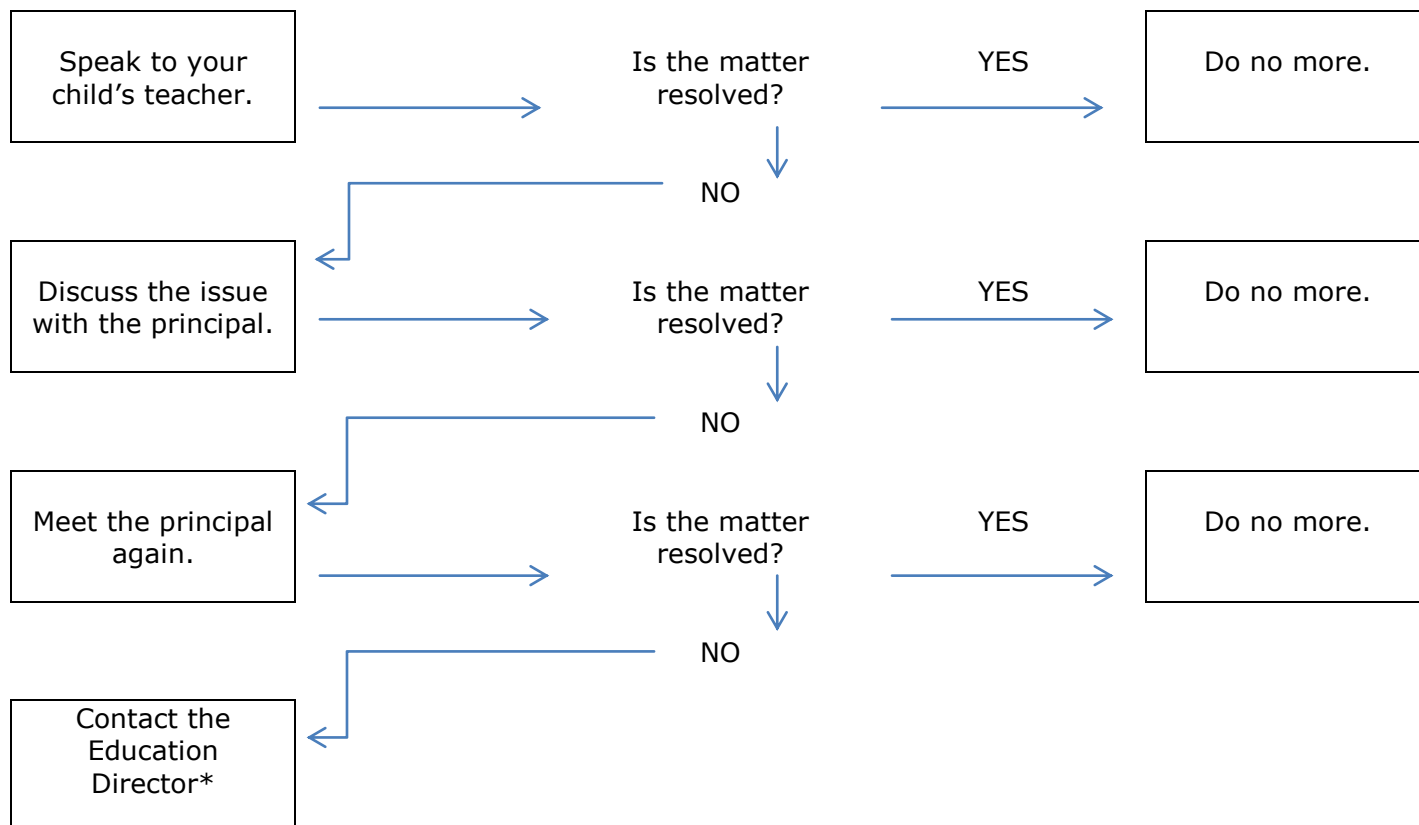
LUCINDALE SOUTH EAST FILED DAYS: Scarecrow, Mailbox and Billy Cart Competition – Entry is free and open to any group or individuals. Conditions and Rules and entry forms available from the front office at school.

MG COL-OUR DAY – Sunday April 3rd, Mount Gambier Showgrounds. Tickets available online at www.mgcolourday.com. All proceeds supporting local charities.

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Mil Lel Primary School Grievance Policy

In an organisation such as a school we can expect that things happen from time to time that will cause a concern for someone. When this occurs, it is important that the person with the concern tries to resolve the matter. Below are the steps to take if you have a problem, concern or complaint.



*The Education Director is based at District Office Commercial Street West Mount Gambier Phone 8724 5300. Further information about this process can also be found on our website in the document titled 'Parent guide to raising a concern or complaint'.

Things to consider:

- Where possible it is best that you speak directly to your child's class teacher. However, there will be times when you feel, for a variety of reasons, that you are unable to speak to the person described at the first point of call. If this occurs, please let the principal know.
- It is not appropriate for parents to directly approach children to resolve a dispute (speaking to another child's parent can also be problematic and is not encouraged).
- It is important that your concerns are kept confidential, and although at times you may wish to seek support from friends or an advocate, it is important to do this wisely so that the people involved are treated fairly and respectfully.

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