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Dear Families,

Included in this week's newsletter are final reminders regarding the District Small Schools' Sports Day which will be held on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Students have started to practice their marching and older students have also begun to practice their drumming. In the reminder information there is a request for additional parent helpers for the long jump event, please add your name if you are able to assist.

At our Governing Council meeting this week we had a further discussion about the school vision and values. Over the past few weeks further feedback has been received by families and students and this has been very much appreciated. Consequently, Governing Council has endorsed what will be our final version of the school vision, it now reads as:

*"Inspiring a love of learning in a caring community"*

Our school values have also been adjusted. We have retained three values but with one alteration. Our agreed school values are:

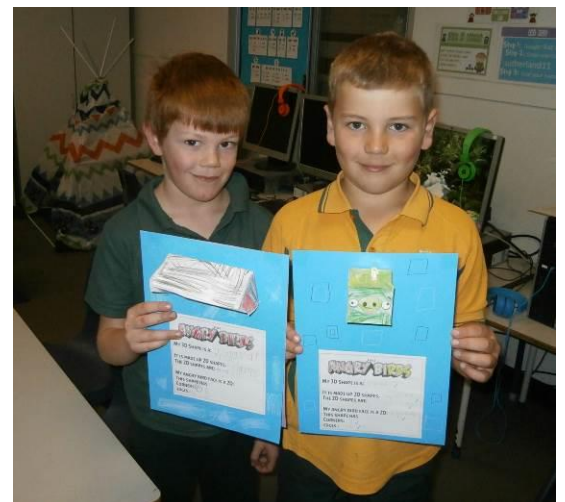
*"Respect, Participation, Growth"*

Growth has replaced 'Success' because it appears to capture a more meaningful link to the importance of children's social, emotional and learning development as young people. Whilst there will always be differing views, the information above encompasses what the majority of our families and students wanted reflected in these areas. We look forward to seeing our school vision and values being guiding principles for everyone in our school community.

Also, in this newsletter, Parent Club has provided a letter regarding a cookbook that they are planning to create to commemorate our school's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2017. This will be a fantastic event for our school next year and in the coming terms more information will be provided to our school community about how this occasion will be celebrated.

Regards,

*Stephen*



The Year 1 and 2 class has recently been looking at 2D and 3D shapes in Maths and Art.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### April

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Heat Ups Roster - Naomi Mitchell. Parent Club meeting 1:30pm.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Heat Ups Roster – Liza Kirby.
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent-Teacher Interviews.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly, 3:00pm.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	District Small Schools' Sports Day.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Heat Ups Roster – Jacinta Clark.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term, 2:30pm dismissal. Parent Club Movie Night.

### PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all families that have requested a parent-teacher interview. A booking slip has been sent home today that indicates the date and time of your catch up. On Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs Hogg will be available to speak to in the Art Room between 4-5pm. Please be aware that the allocated time for interviews is 15 minutes. To ensure the timetable is maintained, and not cause disruption for other families, interviews will need to conclude within this designated time.

### FACEBOOK

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to view our school's Facebook page, we hope that it is providing some useful information about what is happening at school. A part of our user agreement policy is that when a photo is uploaded that no children's names are written but rather a general comment such as "the upper primary class..." is used instead. We request that if you are responding to a post and writing a comment that you don't mention specific names of children. We thank you in anticipation of your support for this request.

### ATTENDANCE AND ARRIVAL

An important factor that contributes to successful learning is regular student attendance. Every school day is important, including arriving on time in the morning. Research has indicated that poor school attendance is associated with lower academic achievement as well as contributing to further absenteeism in

later schooling. Alternatively, by maintaining regular attendance and being ready to start the school day at 8:55am, it not only promotes student learning but also helps to build important habits such as organisation, persistence and being responsible.

### SCHOOL SPORT INFORMATION

Our students have many opportunities to participate in a range of sporting activities throughout the year. These events require much organisation and therefore we request that all reply slips are returned promptly by the due date. Replies that are returned after they are due can make planning difficult, particularly when organising teams that may require us to combine with other schools. Making transport arrangements also requires definite numbers to be known. Another important feature of school sport is the reliance on parent volunteers; without families being prepared to help out, school sport would not occur. Please consider offering your help if the opportunity arises.

- **SAPSASA Athletics**

Today we had 30 students from Yr 3-7 participate in the SAPSASA Athletics held at Mount Gambier High School. Well done to all students on your participation.

- **AUSKICK**

A proposed roster plan for Auskick has been sent home to families who have returned their reply slip. If you have not returned your child's consent form, please do so by Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>.

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- **Naracoorte Cross Country**

The South East Cross Country Day will be held in Term 2, Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> at Naracoorte Primary School. An information page has been provided in the newsletter today; student nominations are due back by Monday April 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **ASSEMBLY**

A reminder that our next school assembly will be held on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 3pm. Mrs Sutherland's class will provide the comperes. At our assembly the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West will be presenting dictionaries to our Year 3 students.

### **END OF TERM DISMISSAL**

Governing Council has given approval for students to be dismissed at 2:30pm on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>, the last day of term.

### **TERM 2 PUPIL FREE DAY**

Next term our school will be having a pupil free day on Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>. Other schools in the local area will also be having a pupil free day on this date as a part of a district wide focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) topics. Teachers will be participating in a range of workshops on the day. It has been recognised that in the future there will be an increased amount of job demand in these areas, hence their importance to student and teacher learning.

### **HEAD LICE**

Recently further cases of head lice have been reported. An updated brochure from SA Health regarding Head Lice prevention and treatment was included in our last newsletter. We thank you for your support in helping us with this issue.

### **PARENT CLUB NEWS**

#### **Nature Play Area**

Last week the Parent Club donated \$2,000 to the school to help pay for the new Nature Play area.



### **Woolworths Earn & Learn**

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Below are some photos of the new educational equipment that teachers have received from this program. Parent Club have also provided an additional donation to each class and the school library to purchase further resources.



### **Mil Lel Sports Day**

Thankyou to everyone who helped set up, serve food and sell raffle tickets at our recent Sports Day. Another big thankyou to the Crouch Family for their wonderful donation. The Parent Club raised \$711 dollars from the Easter raffle.

### **Winners of Easter Raffle**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joyce Family
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dean Harten
- 3<sup>rd</sup> AJ Wintulich
- 4<sup>th</sup> Hayman Family
- 5<sup>th</sup> Cole Family
- 6<sup>th</sup> Alice Mitchell
- 7<sup>th</sup> Brenda Hill
- 8<sup>th</sup> Charlie Clark
- 9<sup>th</sup> Hayman Family
- 10<sup>th</sup> Innes Family
- 11<sup>th</sup> Harfull Family
- 12<sup>th</sup> Alison Seaman
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dearnalane Laney
- 14<sup>th</sup> Rite Grant
- 15<sup>th</sup> Peter McKinnon
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mark Schulz
- 17<sup>th</sup> Cole Family
- 18<sup>th</sup> Harding Family
- 19<sup>th</sup> Don Robinson
- 20<sup>th</sup> Brenda Hill
- 21<sup>st</sup> Opperman Family
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ciavatta

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### District Sports Day

Yesterday students received their Mil Lel sports day jacket for use on District Sports Day. These are required to be worn during the march and in between events. The jackets need to be returned to Parent Club either at the conclusion of Sports Day or on the following Monday (in a named bag) to be washed by Parent Club.

### Movie Night

Please return the reply slip that was included in the last newsletter if you wish to attend the Movie Night that has been planned by Parent Club for Friday 15th April.

### Mil Lel A&H Show

Parent Club would like to thank all the parents and students who contributed in any way to the Mil Lel A & H Show last year. The Parent Club has received a cheque from the Show Committee for \$4347.51.

**Next meeting** - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1:30pm in the Library.  
Hostess: Lyndal Johns and Sandie Oehms.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

TAFE SA *Education Support* team is offering short courses to assist parents and caregivers to develop and encourage their child's learning. To apply for one or more short course please click directly on the following link Short courses guide.

(Alternatively type the following web address into your internet browser:

<http://www.tafesa.edu.au/courses/education-languages/library-teaching-support.aspx>)

For more information about short courses - or nationally accredited qualifications - contact the program at [education@tafesa.edu.au](mailto:education@tafesa.edu.au)



**Boronia – 179 Points**



**Wattle – 165 Points**



**Banksia – 170 Points**



**Bottlebrush – 155 Points**

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