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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

The NAPLAN assessment for students in Years 3, 5 and 7 concluded last week with student achievement information being provided to the school and families in Term 3. Our school will use this data to complement other class based information to monitor student progress. NAPLAN information also assists staff to identify areas of strength and improvement at a whole school level. It is anticipated that from next year, students will be completing NAPLAN online.

Thank you to the families of Year 3-7 students who have returned the school camp reply slip. If you have not done this yet, please do so by the end of the week.

Included in this newsletter is an overview of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) which has become a focus area for schools in our region. Next Friday, May 27th, teachers will be attending a training and development day in this area to learn more about how these subjects can be taught. To coincide with this day, the Mount Gambier City Council has organised further STEM themed activities over the weekend for families to participate in.

Regards,

Stephen



The R/1 Class enjoyed their excursion this week. They visited several local places in the community, including the Clark's dairy farm to see how milk is produced.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May

Friday 20th

Salad Roster – Simpson Family.
Issue 3 Book Club closing date for orders.
Naracoorte Cross Country.
Choir at Reidy Park PS.

Monday 23rd

Tuesday 24th

Wednesday 25th

Thursday 26th

Friday 27th

Monday 30th

Tuesday 31st

Heat Ups Roster – Sandie Oehms.
Basketball Clinic, 2-3:30pm.
Parent Club Soup Day.
Bouncers at Glenburnie PS.

Pupil Free Day.

Heat Ups Roster – Rebecca Scanlon.

UNSW Science Assessment.

June

Friday 3rd

Salad Roster – Scanlon Family.

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL EXPO EVENING & YEAR 7 PARENT TOURS

The Year 8 Expo Evening will be held at Grant HS on Wednesday 1st June, from 6:30-8:00pm on the Junior Floor. Year 7 Parent Tours will be held on Tuesday 31st May, starting at the front office at 5:00pm and Wednesday 1st June at 2:00pm. In both sessions visitors will be given a guided tour of the school and have the opportunity to ask questions. For more information contact Scott Cram, Assistant Principal, Middle School 87263100.

QR CODING WORKSHOP

Earlier this term a group of students from our school participated in a QR Coding workshop at Grant High School. This workshop was a part of DECD's initiative to establish Regional Science Hubs to promote STEM learning. On the day students learnt how to create QR codes and potential uses of them. Below are some comments from the students who attended.

"I think going to Grant HS for QR coding was a nice experience. I enjoyed learning how to make and scan a QR code." **Ian**

"I reckon going to Grant for QR coding was a great experience because we all got to make our own QR code. I really enjoyed scanning." **Alex L**

"I enjoyed doing the QR coding day because we got to explore the school and to make QR

codes about the school. It was a great learning experience." **Piper**

"Going to Grant High School was very exciting. I hadn't heard about QR coding before but I understand it now! Piper and I had lots of fun making a short film of the oval at Grant." **Emily**



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CHOIR AND CROSS COUNTRY

Tomorrow the school has 22 students participating in the Naracoorte Cross Country event. We also have our Upper Primary choir students attending a workshop with other schools as a part of their training. Thank you to all parents who assist with transport, student participation in these activities relies on your support.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Ian Potter for making an effort to tidy the Library.

Phoenix Cole for making progress and growth with his reading.

Natalie Rohrlach for making progress and growth with her spelling.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Eamon Brooks for being so willing to write, even with plaster on his arm.

Annalie Peucker for being so willing to speak in front of audiences.

Samuel Ruwoldt for a labelled diagram in his information report.

Evan Clark for fantastic paragraphs in his information report.

Mitchell Ruwoldt for writing longer texts. Having-a-go!

Charlie Clark for resilience in poison ball in Term 1.

Eva Peucker for writing quality expositions.

Harrison Stafford for improvements in Maths and concentration.

Tallara Davies for excellent acting skills and teamwork in Media Arts.

SATURDAY SCHOOL SPORT

Last weekend school football and netball commenced for students in Years 3, 4 and 5. Our participating students have combined with other schools to form their team.

"School football is fun most of the time and it's worth having a go." **William**

"We combine with St Martin's and last week we played at Reidy Park." **Noah**

"It was boring! I played near the goal post but the ball didn't come to me." **Lachie**

"When you play, keep trying and you will get better." **Charlie C**

"It's great fun playing school football. We play on Saturday mornings at 9 o'clock and this week we play Tenison." **Mitchell**

"It's really good fun to try and get the ball when it is kicked to you." **Elwood**

"Last Saturday when we played football my dad helped umpire. When I had the ball I got pushed over." **Angus**

"On Saturday I played netball. I threw 2 goals when I played goal shooter. I also played wing defence and centre. Compton and Suttontown make up our team." **Macy**

"On Saturday we played our first game of netball. I played wing defence and wing attack. We played at Tenison." **Morgan**

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Soup Day

Parent Club will be providing pumpkin soup for all students at lunch time on Wednesday 25th May. Please send lunch for your child if they do not want soup or if a cup of soup is not enough for them.

Pine Ridge Honey Fundraiser

Parent Club has decided to once again hold a Honey Drive early in Term 3.

150th Anniversary Cookbook Sponsorship

Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer on how to place a recipe in the 150th Anniversary Cookbook. It is still not too late if you are interested in sponsoring our 150th Anniversary Cookbook. Please remember to return your reply slip or contact Lyndal Johns.

Next meeting – Friday 17th June at 1:30pm in the Library. Host: Dearnal Laney.

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STEM

What is STEM?

STEM Education is a term used to refer collectively to the teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Why is STEM important?

STEM touches every aspect of our lives, from our smartphones to the technologies that enable us to explore the world around us and outer space. In the future it is predicted that there will be a high demand for STEM related jobs, such as ICT professionals and engineers. We know that not every student will become a scientist or mathematician, and that is the way it ought to be, but we do want them to be aware of the role that STEM plays in their everyday lives and how important it is that STEM knowledge continues to grow. By cultivating an interest amongst students in these areas it is hoped that they will gain a greater understanding of these subjects, show improved engagement and be more likely to continue studying STEM areas as they get older.

STEM subjects are well placed to teach skills that are relevant to an 'information-rich' society such as problem solving and creative thinking. Building STEM capacity in our students aligns with current strategies to support them in becoming powerful learners and developing a growth mindset by having the curiosity, creativity and confidence to:

- Actively participate in their learning
- Make decisions based on sound evidence
- Skilfully solve problems and deal proactively with new situations
- Communicate effectively in a variety of forms
- Collaborate with others.
- Believe that they are capable of learning and achieving with effort.

Regional STEM Training and Development Day, Friday May 27th

This day will provide teachers the opportunity to listen to guest speakers and participate in STEM related workshops to build their capacity and awareness to teach these areas in the curriculum.

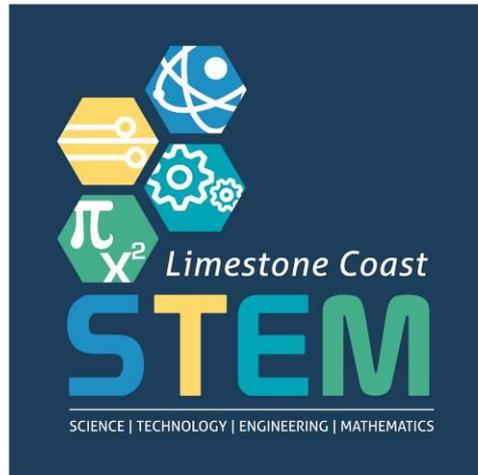
STEM Family Events

Please refer to the insert provided with further information available at:

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