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Dear Families,

Our pupil free day last week provided an excellent opportunity for staff to build their knowledge and understanding of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and the importance of building effective learning behaviours in students. Professor Martin Westwell, a guest speaker from Flinders University, covered a range of topics related to this area. He indicated that 'self-efficacy' and 'self-concept' are particularly important dispositions for students to develop.

Self-efficacy is the belief in one's own ability to complete tasks and reach goals and directly relates to persistence. High and low self-efficacy determines whether or not someone will choose to take on a challenge or not attempt it. Self-concept is essentially a mental picture of who you are as a person. For example, at school this may be evident in a student saying 'I am good at Maths' or 'I am not good at Spelling'.

Martin also advocated that once students have developed specific subject knowledge (e.g. knowing their number facts and multiplication tables), they then need to build their skills to think creatively and solve problems. He indicated that 'knowledge' is important but no longer enough in equipping our students for the future. Martin's information aligned with our current school priorities, including a focus on students developing a growth mindset. By students adopting a mindset whereby they know improvement and learning can occur through sustained effort and persistence, both their self-efficacy and self-concept will develop.

Regards,

Stephen



All classes have been studying Information Reports this term. UP students have been learning the skills of scanning and synthesizing to assist their writing.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June

Friday 3 rd	Salad Roster – Scanlon Family.
Monday 6 th	Heat Ups Roster – Megan Beck. UP Netball Carnival.
Thursday 9 th	SAPSASA State Cross Country Championships, Adelaide. UP Football Carnival.
Friday 10 th	Salad Roster – Mitchell Family (Jorja).
Monday 13 th	Queen's Birthday/Volunteer's Day Public Holiday. No Heat Ups this week.
Tuesday 14 th	UNSW Writing Assessment. Rec/Yr1 Class Excursion.
Wednesday 15 th	UNSW Spelling Assessment.
Thursday 16 th	Whole School Speech/Drama Activity, 2:35-3:30pm.
Friday 17 th	Salad Roster – Beck Family. Parent Club meeting, 1:30pm.

WHOLE SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA ACTIVITY: THURSDAY JUNE 16TH

We will be holding a whole school speech and drama afternoon on Thursday June 16th, 2:35-3:30pm. The purpose of this day is to have a spotlight on the importance of students developing their oral presentation skills and confidence when speaking in front of an audience. The format of the day will involve students from Reception to Year 4 reciting a nursery rhyme, poem or passage from a book. The length of these presentations will be 1-2 minutes. Upper Primary students will be required to give an 'impromptu' talk on a randomly selected topic for one minute. On the day, students will be allocated a classroom where they will perform their presentation and parents are welcome to come and watch (siblings will be placed in the same classroom). Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries about this event. Students who enjoy this activity may wish to participate in the Speech and Drama section of the Mount Gambier Eisteddfod which will be held next term. Further information can be found at <http://www.backstageinc.org.au>. Parents are responsible for entering their children and making any necessary transport arrangements. Entries close 11th June.

OPEN CLASS VISITS

Over the next few weeks each class will be scheduling an 'open class' visit for families. This will be in place of the usual mid-term assembly and will provide an opportunity for parents to spend an extended period of time in their child's classroom. Information will be sent home by class teachers about the date and time when this will occur.

EARLY ARRIVAL

A reminder that unless your child travels to school on the bus, we request that they do not arrive at school before 8:30am.

CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all students who competed at the Naracoorte Cross Country event in Week 2. All students put in a fantastic effort and represented the school in a positive manner. Congratulations to Charlie Kirby who won his age group event and thank you to the parents who were able to assist with transport and supervision on the day.

"Cross Country was a lot of fun. I was really excited because it was the first time I had done it. I placed in the top 20 in the 8 year old boys' race. My race was 1300m. We ran up a hill, through some trees and on grass, sand and gravel. We stopped at Toffee and Treats on the way home." **Bradley W**

"Cross Country was at Naracoorte and I had to run 1300m. There were a lot in my race. I came 31st. I had a lot of fun." **Mitchell**

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"I ran in the 8 year old boys' race. It was the same race that Mitchell, Brock and Noah ran in. On the way home we stopped at Toffee & Treats in Penola. That was the best part of the day!" **Patrick**

"My race was 2500m and when I was running I thought I might be coming last. I thought there were only about ten behind me but there were actually about 30! I came 52nd and last year I came 51st. I've been doing Cross Country since Year 3 and usually finish in the middle." **Amy**

"My race was the 11 year old girls' and was 2500m. I came 36th and thought I was doing terrible the whole race. When I had finished I was really surprised that more girls were still coming through the finish line. It was really enjoyable. I've been doing it since Year 3 and I'd like to keep doing it each year." **Jorja M**

"I came roughly in the middle of my race. I was in the 10 year old girls'. It was the first time I had run in Cross Country. I enjoyed the beginning of my race but it wasn't very good at the end because I was so puffed out!" **Ava**

SAPSASA REPRESENTATION

Congratulations to the following students for being selected in the following Lower South East SAPSASA teams:

Hockey: Harry Robinson.

Soccer: Jacob Opperman and Harrison Stafford.

Cross Country: Charlie and Mia Kirby.
Good luck at your events!

BORROWED CLOTHING

Parents are reminded to wash and return clothing that their children have borrowed from the Front Office. Thank you.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Happy Hour – Save the Date!

Please come and support the Parent Club event and bring along some friends for a catch-up. Tickets are available from the front office, Lyndal Johns or Sandra Robinson. Please place your payment in an envelope with your name and the type and number of tickets required (Adult

\$10, Child \$5, Family \$30). For further details please refer to the flyer enclosed with this newsletter.

Happy Hour Prizes

The Parent Club is looking for a range of prizes to be donated for our Happy Hour on 8th July. If you are willing to donate a prize, or know of someone who may be willing to donate, please contact Sandra Robinson for a letter to give to the business.

Soup Day

A big thankyou to Lyndal Johns for providing pumpkins for our soup and also our volunteers Belinda Seaman, Fiona Harten and Liza Kirby who made soup and Sandie Oehms and Sandra Robinson who served and cleaned up at lunch time. The soup was appreciated and enjoyed by students.

Lunch Orders

Parent Club is introducing a lunch order menu to commence next term. Orders must be placed on Wednesday 6th of July (Week 10, Term 2) ready for the first Wednesday back in Term 3. Please ensure all orders are written on a brown paper bag and brought to school with name of child and classroom and the correct money and placed in their class lunch order container. The lunches will be provided by Natalie Curran. She is working out of a commercial kitchen and will transport the lunches in heating and cooling boxes. For further details please refer to the Lunch Order Menu enclosed with this newsletter. If you have any other questions please contact Sandra Robinson.

Parent Club Birthday

Please place Tuesday 23rd August in your calendar for the Parent Club 77th Birthday celebrations.

150th Anniversary Cookbook Sponsorship

It is still not too late if you are interested in sponsoring our 150th Anniversary Cookbook. Please contact Lyndal Johns. Please remember also to place your recipes online to be considered for our cookbook.

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

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