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Dear Families,

Today we held our whole school Speech and Drama afternoon. This involved every student performing a short oral presentation of a poem, nursery rhyme or other reading to an audience. The purpose of this activity is to help students develop the confidence and skills when speaking to a group. It also provides a great opportunity for students to participate in a cross age activity that builds friendship connections across the school. If your child particularly enjoyed the speech and drama activity today, there is a section of the Mount Gambier Eisteddfod, held during Term 3, which children can participate in. Further information regarding the Eisteddfod can be found at the following website; <http://www.backstageinc.org.au/>

As well as this activity, earlier in the week our Upper Primary students participated in the Lions Club 'Mad Minute' event. This involved students being given a random topic to talk about for 1 minute. This is all done without any preparation time so it certainly presents a challenge for students to think creatively and 'on their feet'. Lions Club representatives provided feedback for the students and as outcome of this event, three Year 5 students have been chosen to represent our school in a combined Mad Minute event involving other Year 5 students from the district. Congratulations to Amy, Jorja M and Brad S.

Thank you to all parents who have been able to make it to the open class sessions that have been held so far. These opportunities are designed to support family engagement within our school by providing parents a chance to see what is happening in your child's classroom. Students very much enjoy hosting these visits and sharing their learning with you.

Regards,

Stephen



Jorja, Amy and Brad pictured with Lions Club representatives.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June

Friday 17th

Mon 20th – Fri 24th

Monday 20th

Tuesday 21st

Friday 24th

Monday 27th

Tuesday 28th

July

Friday 1st

Salad Roster – Beck Family.
 Parent Club meeting, 1:30pm.
 SAPSASA Soccer/Hockey Carnivals, Adelaide.
 Heat Ups Roster – Katrina Potter.
 Issue 4 Book Club closing date for orders.
 Finance Committee meeting, 6:30pm.
 Governing Council meeting, 7:15pm.
 Salad Roster – Paltridge Family (Evie).
 Heat Ups Roster – Jacinta Clark.
 Assembly, 3:00pm.

Salad Roster – Robinson Family.

REPORT SUBJECT COMMENT

Mid-year reports will be sent home in Week 10 of this term. DECD have made adjustments regarding the reporting requirements for schools which are designed to simplify this process. The changes are:

History, Geography, Economics and Business (Yrs 5-7) and Civics and Citizenship will no longer receive an individual grade. These subjects are now grouped under Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) and therefore a single grade level will be allocated to this curriculum area. A similar re-arrangement has occurred for The Arts and Technologies.

Content	What is different
History, Geography, Economics and Business (Yrs 5-7) and Civics and Citizenship no longer receive an individual grade level.	A single achievement standard will be provided for HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) which is inclusive of these areas.
Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Drama and Media Arts no longer receive an individual grade level.	A single achievement standard will be provided for The Arts which is inclusive of these areas.
Design and Technologies and Digital Technologies no longer receive an individual grade level.	A single achievement standard will be provided for Technologies which is inclusive of these areas.

NETBALL CARNIVAL

Last week we had a group of Upper Primary students participate in a netball carnival run by Mount Gambier High School. It was a fantastic effort to nominate two teams and all of the students who participated are to be commended on their enthusiasm, sportsmanship and support of each other. Thank you to the parents who assisted with transport along with Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Clark who coached the teams.

"I played goal attack and scored 3 goals. My favourite position was goal keeper. It was the first time I'd played netball." **Deklin**

"The carnival was a lot of fun. I played goal shooter for most of the games. We only won one game but did improve each game." **Eliza**

"My mum coached our team. She was a good coach because she told us what we had to do and let us choose our positions." **Jasmine**

MAD MINUTE

"On Tuesday Mr McEwen and Mrs Hodge from the Lions Club came to judge the Mad Minute. The Mad Minute is a speaking competition. We could choose from the Challenge or Super Challenge topics that we had to talk about for 1 minute without any practise! Jorja's topic was 'Grandparents', Amy picked 'Animals at the Zoo' and Brad picked 'Eyes are better than Ears'. We all felt pretty nervous. Everyone in Upper Primary participated and received a certificate. We received a certificate, medal and a cash prize for placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Now we have to go to Mount Gambier

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High School to compete against Year 5 students from other schools."

Jorja M, Amy & Brad.

UPCOMING REMINDERS

- Governing Council and Finance Committee, Tuesday June 21st. Finance Committee at 6.30pm followed by Governing Council at 7.15pm.
- Whole school assembly Tuesday June 28th. Commencing at approximately 3pm. Upper Primary class to provide comperes.

AUSKICK

Three Mil Lel students will be participating in a half time game at the Carlton vs Crows match at the end of the term. Caelin, Evan and Jobe will be travelling to Melbourne on July 10th to play their match at the MCG.

SATURDAY MORNING SPORT

In Term 3 students in Years 3-5 will have the opportunity to participate in school soccer or T-ball. The inclusion of T-Ball for next term is different from previous years and is intended to align with the local baseball and softball competitions that start later in the year.

Soccer - Games will be played on Saturday mornings at 9:00am at various venues, commencing Saturday 30th July.

T-ball - Games will be played on Saturday mornings 9:00-10:00am at Blue Lake Sports Park. The first game will be on 7th August.

If your child/children would like to nominate please fill out the reply slip in the newsletter. School sport relies on parents to help out with coaching/umpiring/managing so if you are able to assist in any of these roles that would be appreciated. If we do not have enough students to make our own school team we will combine with another school. Further details will be sent out once we are provided with a draw.

SAPPS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Each year choir students have the opportunity to perform at the SAPPS Festival of Music at the Adelaide Festival Theatre. This year, the date for our choir is most likely to be Saturday 17th

September. Last week, choir students were given a note with details about this event, including the option to nominate if they wanted to attend. If you require further information please contact the school.

MATHEMATICS AND MINDSET

Students begin school with no preconceptions about 'hard' and 'easy' subjects. They are keen to learn all they can and are happy to experiment with mathematical ideas. Yet, somewhere between Reception and Year 12, many students develop a negative view of maths – which can even result in anxiety toward the subject. Why? What happens?

One answer to this is society's values about mathematics. There is a strong attitude, which still exists today, that you are either born with a 'mathematical gift' or you are not. It can also be used as a label to define intelligence; if you recall maths facts quickly, you're smart. However, if things come slower to you, if you have to work harder – you begin developing the opinion that you're not intelligent.

These prevailing attitudes can have a significant effect on females in particular. Subjects that maintain the idea that students have 'mathematical gifts', such as engineering and science, are failing to attract females into senior high school and university.

Celebrating the idea that people are 'born with gifts' can impact on those who work hard. Many such students drop out of mathematics as they feel like they don't belong.

Studies show that some students who are labelled 'gifted' at a younger age can experience difficulty coping with challenges as an adult. This is the result of a fixed mindset, which causes them to struggle with pushing themselves into solving problems and thinking creatively (skills that many employers value).

Some of the greatest minds in history weren't considered academically 'brilliant'. Einstein wasn't able to read until the age of nine. Yet something Einstein had was persistence, creativity and the ability to celebrate mistakes and

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failures. In other words, Einstein had a Growth Mindset.

We need to work together to create an environment where maths is available to all: the deep and creative thinkers, the innovators and the humanitarians. Maths offers a lens through which we can experience the world and we have a shared responsibility to assist children to develop a positive attitude toward this area of learning. Encouraging a growth mindset is a great starting point for doing this.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Heat Ups

Parent Club will again be offering heat ups next term commencing Week 1, Monday 25th July. Parent volunteers will be needed. If you are able to assist please indicate on the reply slip provided.

Parent Club Birthday

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

150th Anniversary Cook Book Sponsorship

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

Happy Hour

Don't forget to get your Happy Hour tickets - Adult \$10, Child \$5, Family \$30.

Happy Hour Prizes

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.

Lunch Orders

Parent Club is introducing a lunch order menu to commence next term. Orders must be placed on Wednesday 6th 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 your child's name 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. Please refer to the Lunch Order Menu that was enclosed with the last newsletter. If you have any other questions please contact Sandra Robinson.

Next meeting – Tomorrow, 17th June at 1:30pm in the Library. Host: Dearnalane Laney.

UPPER PRIMARY NETBALL CARNIVAL



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