



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

This past week has certainly seen us have a “mixed bag” of weather. With Winter on the way, and cooler mornings we are noticing many students coming to school without a jumper. This is, for us, a cause for concern and whilst we do understand that our classrooms are warm, unfortunately the yard may not be. This has seen many children come to the Front Office for assistance with this and often, they are directed to the “**Lost property**” which often has in it many jumpers or jackets that are not labelled and are found lying on the ground outside.

If you are missing any jumpers or have misplaced anything at all, please take a look, you may just find what you are looking for. One way to reduce this is to clearly label your child/children’s jumpers and jackets as this allows us to easily return them, I thank you for your assistance with this.



## PETER COMBE VISITS MIL LEL

As you all know, Monday was “**Peter Combe Day**”!. It was such a wonderful time, thank you to our Parent Club for subsidising this cost, along with the teaching staff. Peter entertained us with some of his favourite songs and had us all singing, dancing and smiling. We were thrilled to hear some favourites “Mr Clicketty Cane, Tadpole Blues, The 3 Billy Goats Gruff, Juicy, Juicy Green Grass and Sun goes up” and join Peter singing along with him. It was lovely to also have members of our parent community join us, bringing along younger siblings to join in the fun.

## Premier’s Reading Challenge 2022

Following on from our great success last year, the BAR HAS BEEN SET! We are aiming for **every child to complete the 2022 “Premier’s Reading Challenge”**. A reminder to keep recording or start recording the books that you have finished on your Premier’s Reading Challenge sheet! Students (or families) need to record 12 books that have been read this year. They can be any good book from school or home, if you need some suggestions, why not ask Jodie our Librarian? Younger students can record books that have been read to them at either school or home, including bedtime stories! The challenge ends in September with medals and certificates will be distributed in early Term 4.



## Notifying School Absences

During the last 2 weeks there has been a notable increase in student absences due to illness. Thank you for not sharing your coughs, colds and snotty noses, but it is also timely that I remind all families about notifying us as soon as possible when your child is absent. *Please notify the school via School Stream*. To place a School Stream notification, open the *School Stream App*, select *Forms*, then *Absentee Form*. Please ensure you fill out each section including the child’s name and reason for absence. Or notify the class teacher by writing a note in your child’s/children’s diary or communication book. If your child/children are absent due to being unwell for 5 days or more, a **Doctor’s Certificate** is required. For general absences of more than 5 days, an **Exemption Form must be completed and given to the school for your child’s file**. Forms are available from the Front Office.

## 2023 ENROLMENTS

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have commenced our planning for 2023. Knowledge of future enrolments is essential in order for us to plan for classes and teaching staff. To assist us with this process, I ask for families of students starting Foundation in 2023, if they have not already, to make contact with us as soon as possible. Additionally, I also ask any families who may be looking to leave Mil Lel at the end of the **2022 year, other than the Yr 6’s heading to High School as Year 7’s to inform me as soon as possible**. If you know of any families who are considering joining our fabulous school community, please also encourage them to contact us.

As always, thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with me, I will be only too happy to speak with you.

Kind regards

Tamarin Condon

Principal

## From our Pastoral Care Worker, Belinda Tilley

Thoughts on behaviour: Monkey see. Monkey do.

An adult who has flipped their lid, cannot help a child who flips their lid. We must manage ourselves and our behaviours if we hope to see our children being able to manage themselves and their behaviour.

In his book 'Man's Search for Meaning', Viktor Frankl states: "Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom." The space that is referred to can be seen as the need to be mindful and self-aware of how we are feeling and therefore manage our response to our children.

"The relationship between a child/young person and a caring adult is the fundamental basis of all behaviour support. Children and young people are most likely to behave in a positive, inclusive and respectful manner when they are supported by a caring adult who models this behaviour, and who teaches, guides and supports the child/young person to do the same."

Behaviour is learnt. Whether your child is a toddler, tween or teenager; their behaviour will always be shaped by how you and those around them behave. You see, children watch others, and from watching others they learn what to do.

Ask yourself "Am I managing myself first & am I modelling positive behaviours for my child?"(1)

*\* Check whether you follow the rules that you set for your child.*

Children have difficulty understanding how a rule can be broken "sometimes" by an adult without the adult receiving punishment. Therefore, when we try to discipline the child for breaking a rule we have set, we are likely to get the response, "but how come you're allowed and I'm not."

*\* Be cautious of modelling unhealthy behaviour.*

To get our children to develop healthy habits, we need to be cautious of the behaviours that we are engaging in around them.

*\* Do you show them, rather than just telling them?*

Model the healthy behaviours rather than just telling them to do them. A child might not understand or know how to do what you are telling them to do. Also, children do not enjoy being lectured. Therefore, next time you are telling your child to do something, take a moment to show them what you would like them to do.

*\* Do I take time to manage my own emotions and behaviours before responding to my child?*

First regulate then respond.

*\* Am I using positive communication? Is this talking or fighting communication?*

(2) Check your tone and expression, your face and body & words.



References: (1) [Behavioural Modelling in Children - Child Development Clinic](#)

(2) Kimochis 7 keys to communication

We have had a case of School sores (Impetigo) at school; please see the information below to assist with any questions you may have.

## School sores (impetigo) - including symptoms, treatment and prevention

School sores (impetigo) are a superficial skin infection caused by *Staphylococcus* or *Streptococcus* bacteria, or sometimes both. They are most common in children.

### How school sores are spread

The bacteria can easily spread to other parts of the infected person's body or to other people directly by contact with sores or indirectly by contact with contaminated clothes.

### Signs and symptoms of school sores

School sores appear as a flat, yellow, crusty or moist patches on the skin (see image), usually on exposed parts of the body such as the face and legs. The sores are often greater than 1cm in diameter.



### Diagnosis of school sores

Diagnosis is based on examination of the sores. Dry, cracked skin serves as an area for growth of the *Streptococcus* and *Staphylococcus* bacteria.

### Incubation period

(time between becoming infected and developing symptoms)

4 to 10 days.

### Infectious period

(time during which an infected person can infect to others)

As long as there is discharge from the sores. School sores are extremely infectious.

### Treatment for school sores

Your doctor may recommend antibiotic cream for mild and localised school sores. Antibiotics by mouth may be needed for multiple school sores and recurrent school sores.

Any sores on exposed surfaces should be covered with a watertight dressing.

### Prevention of school sores

School sores can be prevented by the following measures:

- [Exclude people with school sores from childcare, preschool, school and work](#) until appropriate treatment has commenced. Any sores on exposed surfaces should be completely covered with a dressing.
- [Good handwashing procedures](#) should be encouraged.

### Useful links

- [Exclusion periods from childcare, preschool, school and work](#)
- [Hand hygiene](#)
- [National Healthy Skin Guideline](#)



# Peter Combe VISITS MIL LEL PS



Peter Combe's kids' songs and children's music are known Australia wide - and beyond - and his funny and silly songs delight children and adults alike. We were lucky enough to have Peter perform 15 of his songs at Mil Lel PS on Monday. We sang, we laughed, we had a BLAST!  
We are sure that everyone went home and wanted to 'wash their face with orange juice' and 'clean their teeth with bubblegum' that night.

Thank you to our amazing Mil Lel PS Parent Club for their contribution and assistance to this truly memorable performance.



MR  
*Glichetty Cone*



Wash your face with orange juice



Clean your teeth with bubblegum

# Parent Club News

## Save the Date

### 1st of July

CWA Casserole Night at the Hall  
 \$20 per person  
 Supporting Foodbank  
 All welcome. More details to come.



## Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our Fundraising efforts  
 Schnitzel Night \$460  
 Easter Raffle \$823  
 Koonara Wine Drive \$2364

### Term 3 Fundraiser

Home style Pie Drive

## Pink Bun Day Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Pink Bun Day we have been able to raise \$185.10 which will be donated to Breast Cancer Network Australia.



## Reminders

- Uniform order forms need to be back by Monday the 23rd of May.
- Lunch Orders every Friday— Place orders on the Qkr App before 7.30 Friday Any questions please contact Leesa Little

## Peter Combe

We were very happy to donate \$520 to Mil LeI School to help towards the cost of Peter Combe performing at the school. It was a lovely morning, those of us lucky enough to attend and relive our childhoods!

## Thank you

Thank you to the School Community for their on going support for Mil LeI Parent Club

## Election Day BBQ

Thank you to the people that have offered to help on the BBQ at the hall on Election Day this coming Saturday. Much appreciated.



Term 2			
Week 3	FRID	20th May	SAPSASA Regional Cross Country in Naracoorte
Week 4	WED	25th May	Finance and Governing Council Meeting
Week 5	THUR	2nd June	Newsletter
Week 7	MON	13th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday