



NEWSLETTER

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Principal – Suze Ricketts
Chairperson – Tim Scanlon

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to all students and families. We start the year with 94 students and it has been wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm that comes with starting a new school year.

A number of students and families have joined our school this year; Ayla, Charlotte, Amelia, Zac, Reilly, Sophie P, Thomas P, Connor, Travis, George, William W, Tate, Sophie S, Jayden, Cody and Tyler. We welcome these students and their families and trust their time with us will be enjoyable and rewarding. We also welcome Pip Crowe and Emmanuelle Pratt to our staff.

Our class and teaching arrangements for this year are:

- F/1 (21 students) Teacher: Pip Crowe
- 2/3 (26 students) Teacher: Ben Savage
- 4/5 (23 students) Teacher: Alicia Sutherland/Judy Harradine
- 5/6/7 (25 students) Teacher: Emmanuelle Pratt

Shirley Hogg will also be teaching French lessons in the F – 4/5 classes and Alicia Sutherland will be released to perform a wellbeing role on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Judy Harradine, in addition to her teaching time in the 4/5 class, will take students in 5/6/7 for PE.

Our SSO staffing for this year is:

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| Judy Lacey | (Admin/Finance) |
| Jill Gilmore | (Library & class support) |
| Angela Beltakis | (Class support) |
| Carolyn Jones | (Class support) |
| Charmaine Ramage | (Class support) |
| Tiffany Brooke | (Class support) |
| Steven Grosvenor | (ICT support) |
| Patrick Dean | (Grounds) |

Other staffing news:

Alicia Sutherland announced to staff over the holidays that she and Shaun are expecting a baby in July. We are all thrilled with the news and wish her well throughout her pregnancy.



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ICT Updates

Over the January break the school received the iPads that were funded by the Parent Club. In the coming weeks, other ICT updates will include, laptops for the 4/5 class, 3D printer and a new curriculum server. The addition of these items will complete our ICT update at Mil Lel and will complement the focus our site and partnership have of increasing our students' engagement in STEM learning.

School Stream is coming soon...

Many parents in our community would have heard that we will be using an app called *School Stream*. This app has not been officially launched yet. Presently, staff are becoming familiar with how to use it and we are waiting for a 1:1 design function that is yet to be released.

If you have installed the app, could you please either; Uninstall the app or turn off all notifications. This will allow staff to 'play' in this space to maximise our communication with our school community when the app is officially launched. Until *School Stream* is launched, please read the newsletter carefully for up-coming events.

The staff and I look forward to working collaboratively with the school community. Supportive and positive home-school partnerships are crucial in providing a great environment for our students to learn and develop. At any time during the year I encourage you to talk to myself and our teachers about your child, their learning and any concerns that you may have.

Regards,

Suze Ricketts
Principal

PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- Swimming & Aquatic consent/medical form
- MLPS External Fire Policy (new families only)
- DECD consent form (new students only)
- ICT User Agreement
- MLPS General Consent Form & Reply Slip
- T-Ball reply slip
- School Uniform order form
- Parent Club Heat Ups Roster reply slip

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

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| Monday 5 th | Heat Ups roster – Catherine Clark |
| Friday 9 th | Pupil Free Day |
| Monday 12 th | Heat Ups Roster – Sandie Oehms |
| | Assembly, 3:00pm |
| Tuesday 13 th | Acquaintance Night |
| Monday 19 th | Swimming commences |
| Wednesday 21 st | AGM 7:00pm and Governing Council |
| Monday 26 th | Pupil Free Day |
| Tuesday 27 th | Swimming continues |

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MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES AND SWIMMING

INVOICES

Invoices will be sent home tomorrow for Materials and Services Fees and Swimming. Please ensure these are paid by the due date which is by the **end of Term 1 for Materials and Services fees and prior to the lessons commencing in Week 4 for swimming fees.** These can be paid at the front office by cash, cheque or EFTPOS, or if you wish to use EFT direct to the school account please refer to the bank details printed on the invoice. Payment by instalments may also be negotiated. Please see Suze or Judy Lacey. If you have any concerns over the payment of these amounts, please let us know.

SCHOOL CARD

For eligible families the School Card Scheme supports families with the cost of Materials and Services fees. There have been changes to the scheme this year including income limit eligibility. All school card forms are now available on the sa.gov.au website for parents wishing to apply. If you do not have access to a device or internet to complete your form online, please call into the front office and collect an application form and details as soon as possible.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 21ST

FEBRUARY

The Annual General Meeting will commence at 7.00pm and the first Governing Council meeting of the year will follow after this has been held. Please see the information below regarding Governing Council if you are interested in joining this group.

If you are interested in nominating for Governing Council this year, please register your interest by returning the attached reply slip with this newsletter.

Governing Council Member Information

Continuing members for this year:

Jacinta Clark, Brian Douglas, Emery Hayman, Russel Oehms, Mark Robinson, Tim Scanlon, Peter Seebomh.

Members whose tenure finished at the end of 2017:

George Beck, Matthew Johns, Michael Kirby, Sam Work.

SWIMMING LESSON INFORMATION

Students in Years 3-7 participate in two weeks of lessons and Foundation-Year 2 students have one week of lessons which are held at the Aquatic Centre in Mount Gambier. The dates for the lessons are as follows:

- Week 4 Feb 19th – 23rd
Years 3-7 and Mr Savage's Year 2
- Week 5 Feb 27th – March 2nd
Years 3-7 and Mrs Crowe's F/1 class

Lessons for all students are from 1:30-2:15pm. We will be having an earlier lunch and depart school, by bus, at approximately 1:00pm and returning to school at approximately 3:00pm during these dates. It is an expectation that all students participate in swimming lessons. If you have any further queries, please speak to your child's class teacher. Students are not permitted to bring money to purchase items from the Aquatic Centre Canteen.

If your family has a season pass to the Aquatic Centre, please contact us as this will impact on the cost of your child/children's swimming lessons.

If payment has not been received prior to lessons commencing students will remain at school.

FIRE POLICY

Enclosed in this week's newsletter is our External Fire Policy for new families to our school (the policy was sent home to all other families in Term 4 last year).

Please note the following points:

- Mil Lel PS is not rated a 'high risk' site therefore will remain open on days when Catastrophic Weather Conditions are forecast.
- If Catastrophic Weather Conditions are forecast, no buses will run in our local area, including the bus run to our school. If the forecast is upgraded to Catastrophic during the day buses will operate as per normal unless otherwise instructed by emergency services.
- Refer to the CFS website or call 1300 362 361 for further information. The CFS will declare fire danger ratings from approximately 4pm the day before.

STUDENT DETAILS UPDATE

We remind parents of the importance to keep telephone numbers, especially mobile numbers, and emergency contacts up to date so that we can easily contact someone when your child is ill or injured.

Health care needs of students are of particular significance especially if there has been changes to their medication/treatment.

ICAS 2018 SUBJECTS & SITTING DATES

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| Digital Technologies | \$9.90 | 8 May |
| Science | \$9.90 | 29 May |
| Writing | \$19.80 | 13 June |
| Spelling | \$13.20 | 14 June |
| English | \$9.90 | 31 July |
| Mathematics | \$9.90 | 14 August |

Test papers begin from Year 2. A minimum order of 5 test papers for each subject is required. If this target is not met, our school will be unable to participate. Please complete the enclosed reply slip if your child/children wish to participate.

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VOLUNTEER SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

REMINDER

DECD have updated its screening policy to make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time. Parents and guardians volunteering in schools to support their own child's education will no longer need to undertake relevant history screening. Screening will still apply to all DECD employees, volunteers working with children with disabilities and people (including parents and caregivers) attending overnight camps and sleepovers. DECD have developed an online screening tool at www.decd.sa.gov.au that will clarify the requirements for people seeking information about volunteering in schools and pre-schools. Included in this newsletter is an insert that you can use as a reference also.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

The school has a Facebook page with the purpose of using it as a forum for sharing information with our school community. When using this page, please be aware of the following:

The Facebook page is an open community and posted content will include:

- Events and activities
- Important dates
- Information for families
- Brief reports
- Photographs

Users of the school's Facebook page will be able to 'like' and provide comments in response to postings.

Content that will be removed includes anything that is:

- Abusive and offensive
- Bullying, harassing or defaming to other people
- Personal and/or cultural attacks or insults
- Potentially libellous or defamatory
- Off topic
- Commercial or obscene content
- Detrimental in any way

Please be aware that if inappropriate content is posted, the police may need to be involved.

POSTING STUDENT IMAGES

There may be occasions when children's images and work are posted on Facebook by staff. For this to occur, parents will need to sign the general consent form that has been sent home in the newsletter. We also acknowledge that some parents may wish to photograph or film their children's participation in

school events such as sports day or assemblies. In order to ensure the privacy of all students, please be aware that any vision or photographs taken must be for personal use only. **When taking photographs, please try to include your child in the image only.** Images taken of students other than your child, require the consent of their parents, and should not be placed on public forums such as personal Facebook pages. We appreciate your respect and co-operation in this matter.

Please contact the school if you have any queries about the planned use of Facebook or the use of student images.

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

Acquaintance Night will provide an opportunity for families to visit their child/children's class and find out about class routines and expectations. The format for the evening is as follows:

- 5:30 – 5:45pm F/Yr 1
- 5:45 – 6:00pm Yr 2/3
- 6:00 – 6:30pm BBQ and mingle
- 6:30 – 6:45pm Yr 4/5
- 6:45 – 7:00pm Yr 5/6/7

BBQ

Families are able to place an order for sausages and hamburgers which will be provided by the school and cooked on the night by parent volunteers (see reply slip). Families will be responsible for bringing their own salad and utensils or other extras (including drinks) if they choose, but will not have to bring any meat to cook or bread. The BBQ will be available from 6pm.

START OF YEAR REQUESTS AND REMINDERS

Please be aware of the following information; we thank you in anticipation of your support in these matters:

- Judy Lacey, who manages our Front Office, **does not work on Tuesdays**. Please be aware of this when returning notes or completing payments for particular items.
- Front Office 'Letterbox': we do have a drop off box where notes can be delivered. Please ensure all notes are named and if money is included, ensure that it is in a clearly named sealed bag or envelope.
- Parents are reminded that when collecting their child early, or for appointments, they need to sign them out through the front office, likewise if children are late.
- Morning bell: Please be aware that the first bell will sound at 8.50am – this signals that students

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are to make their way to the classroom and be prepared for learning by 8.55am. Parents, please be mindful of keeping the area outside classrooms free from this time. By doing so ensures a smooth start to class routines. Also, at times, there may be children who are upset when they first come to school in the morning and it is easier to transition them into classes without others being nearby. Being mindful of this request will be a positive reflection of our school value of Respect.

- Before school catch ups with staff; Staff are in their classrooms from 8.30am. This time can provide an informal opportunity for parents to catch up and chat with teachers but please be aware that they are also preparing for the day ahead. If you wish to discuss a matter, it may be more appropriate to organise a time to meet after school. Quite often, during the morning, there are other children in the class and therefore the conversation cannot be held in privacy.

ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS

Our assemblies for Term 1 will be held in Weeks 3, 6 and 9. Our school captains, Charlie K and Amelia will compere assemblies and all classes will present their learning during our scheduled assemblies. Our arrangements for this term are:

Week 3, Mon Feb 12th
Week 6, Mon March 5th
Week 9, Mon March 26th

Our assemblies commence at approximately 3:00pm and all families are welcome to join us. If the weather is fine, our first assembly will be held under the shelter near the Library.

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM:

PASTORAL CARE WORKER

This year Janey Soteriou is our Pastoral Care Worker and will work, in collaboration with Alicia Sutherland, to promote and foster student wellbeing. We welcome Janey to our school and look forward to growing our wellbeing program at Mil Lel in 2018.



MIL LEL PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Students are expected to wear the school uniform at all times, and are expected to wear it on special occasions such as excursions, visits, and sports events.

The uniform has been deliberately designed to give a number of options so that families can choose the combination which best suits their needs.

The main identifying components are:

- a) a green monogrammed windcheater or green woollen jumper
- b) the colour combination of green/gold (plus grey trackpants in Yr 6&7 if green cannot be sourced for size).

The following is the description of our school uniform:

Girls' summer uniform

Green and white check dress, bottle green skirt, skort
OR shorts
Green, White *OR* gold polo-shirt

Girls' winter uniform

Bottle green skirt, skort *OR* pants (grey trackpants in Yr 6 & 7 if green cannot be sourced for size)
Green *OR* gold skivvy *OR* polo-shirt
Green *OR* white socks *OR* tights

Boys' uniform

Grey *OR* green trousers *OR* shorts (grey trackpants in Yr 6 & 7 if green cannot be sourced for size)
Green *OR* gold polo-shirt *OR* skivvy

All students

Bottle green windcheater *OR* green jumper. (School logo can be applied).
Appropriate footwear.
No denim to be worn (shorts and jeans).
Shorts/skirts to be approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ length of thigh.
Jewellery to be kept to a minimum (e.g. no dangly ear rings).
No make-up.

Hats

All students are expected to wear a bottle green broad-brimmed or bucket hat (no caps) in Terms 1 and 4. Hats may be purchased from the Front Office.

For a gold coin donation, you may choose items from a limited selection of second hand clothing.

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MIL LEL PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Our school behaviour management policy aims to maintain a positive learning community that will increase student responsibility and learning. To do this:

- We will provide opportunities and support for students to experience success.
- We will develop in students an acceptance of responsibility for their own behaviour.
- Staff, caregivers, community members and students will work together to create a safe, caring, orderly and productive learning environment.

Behaviour management procedures

Each class discusses and forms rules which match our school expectations.

Inappropriate Behaviour

Inappropriate behaviours are behaviours that can have a negative impact on a child's right to learn, their right to a safe environment and a teacher's right to teach.

It is important that inappropriate behaviours are managed in a timely manner and follow consistent steps.

Most inappropriate behaviours can be managed by general classroom strategies applied by the teacher. For example:
Reflective statements
I statements
Redirecting
Rules clarification

In conjunction with these strategies a 4 step system is employed to manage inappropriate behaviour.

Step 1: Verbal Reminder

Students will be warned of their misbehaviour and reminded of the rule they are breaking.

Step 2: Formal Warning/Class Consequence

Students who choose to continue to disregard a school or classroom rule will be given a formal warning or if the behaviour is sufficiently serious, a class consequence will be applied. This can include catching up work during play time and/or sitting out during play time.

Step 3: Time Out

Students who continue to behave inappropriately will be sent to time-out. This can include missing of play time, buddy time out (working in another class) or admin time out (working in the office under supervision).

Step 4: Consequences for more serious behaviours

Generally, the above steps will apply however for more severe behaviours the 1st and/or 2nd steps can be bypassed. The following consequences may be applied are per DECD Policy and Protocols for these behaviours:

- take home
- suspension
- exclusion
- expulsion
- All incidents that result in actions occurring at either Step 3 or 4 are recorded on the student's EDSAS profile.

Further considerations

If inappropriate behaviour persists, then class teacher and leadership staff will consider:

- Further parent contact
- Behaviour contract
- Yard restrictions
- Involving behaviour support agency

Anti-Bullying Policy

This policy will also be referred to in relation to the content of the school's current Anti-Bullying Policy. At the beginning of each year teachers are expected to display and discuss the anti-bullying policy with students.

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PLANNER – TERM 1 2018

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat | Sun |
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| 1 | January 29 | 30 | 31 | February 1 Newsletter | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2 | February 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Pupil Free Day | 10 | 11 |
| 3 | February 12 Assembly | 13 Acquaintance Night 5:30pm. | 14 | 15 Newsletter | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 4 | February 19 | 20 ← Swimming Yr 3-7 & Yr 1&2 Class, 1.30 – 2.15pm → | 21 AGM, 7:00pm. Governing Council to follow. | 22 Finance Audit. SAPSASA District Swimming Day, Mt Gambier TBC. | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 5 | February 26 Pupil Free Day | 27 ← Swimming Yr 3-7 & Rec & Yr 1 Class, 1.30 – 2.15pm → | 28 | March 1 Newsletter | 2 Clean Up Australia Day. | 3 | 4 |
| 6 | March 5 Assembly | 6 World of Maths. | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 7 | March 12 Adelaide Cup Holiday | 13 | 14 | 15 Newsletter | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 8 | March 19 SAPSASA Netball Tryout Day, East Gambier. | 20 SAPSASA Football Tryout Day, Reidy Park. | 21 Harmony Day. | 22 | 23 MLPS Sports Day. SAPSASA State Swimming C'ships, Adelaide. | 24 | 25 |
| 9 | March 26 Assembly | 27 SAPSASA District Athletics Day, MGHS. | 28 SAPSASA District Athletics back-up Day, MGHS. | 29 Newsletter | 30 Good Friday | 31 | Apr 1 |
| 10 | April 2 Easter Monday | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Small Schools Sports Day. | 7 | 8 |
| 11 | April 9 SAPSASA Softball State Carnival, Adelaide 9-13. | 10 | 11 | 12 Newsletter | 13 End of Term 2.30 Dismissal | 15 | 16 |

Anzac Day Tuesday 25th April

Term 2 commences Monday 30th April

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