



*Inspiring a love of learning  
in a caring community*

**Principal – Suze Ricketts  
Chairperson – Emery Hayman**

### PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- District Sports Day Information sheet
- District Sports Day Programme
- District Sports Day consent form
- School Sport reply slip (Netball/Football) for Year 3-5

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Sports News

Over the term, Mil Lel students have been involved in a variety of sporting opportunities. 11 students participated in T-Ball at Blue Lake Sports Park and it was fantastic to watch the student's skills and confidence grow over the term. Thank you to all families who came and supported our students as they played T-Ball and to Fiona Harten for coaching and managing our team.

Our inaugural Pink Stumps Day was a huge success, with all students participating in matches throughout the afternoon. Again, our school community supported this event either through spectating, participating or baking for our 'tea break'. \$817.05 was raised for The McGrath Foundation to help place Breast Care Nurses in communities across Australia. Thank you to Alicia Sutherland for organising the event.

Congratulations to Banksia for winning the shield at our Internal Sports Day. All students are to be congratulated on their effort.

On Tuesday, we had 36 students from Yr 3-7 participate in the SAPSASA Athletics held at Mt Gambier High School. Many of our students achieved personal bests on the day and enjoyed the experience of being involved in such a large event.

To end the term, our school will participate in the Small Schools' District Sports Day which will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April. We are looking forward to showing great team spirit and upholding, or bettering, our 2017 podium finish.



### Governing Council

At our recent Governing Council meeting the school improvement priorities for this year were shared. In 2018 we are maintaining a strong focus on developing the learning achievement of students in Literacy and Numeracy. Whilst all of the work that we do in these areas is important, some key improvement aspects for this year include focusing on writing skills, particularly in regards to developing students understanding of the progression of writing, improving sentence structure and, developing oral language in the early years. For Numeracy, we have a dual focus on developing students' understanding of number and measurement. Next term, information will be provided in each of these key focus areas through our newsletter.

Regards,  
**Suze Ricketts**  
Principal



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Department for Education and  
Child Development

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### March

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

### April

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Monday

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Small Schools' District Sports Day

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Heat Ups Roster – Emily Paltridge

Choir. Transport roster – Jacinta Clark & Sam/Sally Work

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> SAPSASA Softball State Carnival, Adelaide

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Parent Club meeting, 1:30pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> End of Term, 2:30pm dismissal

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Term 2 commences

### REMINDERS:

- **MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES**  
Payment due by end of Term 1.
- **END OF TERM DISMISSAL TIME**  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.
- **AUSKICK**  
Please return the reply slip that was included with the last newsletter asap if you wish your child/children (Foundation to Year 2 only) to join in Auskick next term.
- **COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS 2018**  
Keep collecting Coles vouchers - the more we collect, the more sports equipment we will receive!

### SMALL SCHOOLS' DISTRICT SPORTS DAY:

#### FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Please refer to the attached District Sports Day Information sheet for updated details. Mil Lel is responsible for the Long Jump, and we still need volunteers to help run this event. Please check the roster enclosed with this newsletter and if you are able to help please volunteer your time in the spots that are vacant and return to the front office asap. A programme for the day, as well as a consent for your child/children to participate, is enclosed in this newsletter. Consent must be received **by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all families that have either participated or booked a Parent Teacher interview. If you have not booked and would still like to discuss your child/children's progress, please contact your child/children's teacher to make an alternative time.

### SAPSASA NEWS

#### Softball

Congratulations to Abby Joyce who has been selected in the Lower South East SAPSASA Softball team. Abby will travel to Adelaide to compete in the State Carnival during the last week of this term.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SCHOOL NETBALL AND FOOTBALL

Year 3-5 school netball and football will be played in Term 2. Games are played on a Saturday morning at various school locations.

For both sports, if we do not have enough students to make our own school team we will combine with another school.

If your child/children wish to nominate for one of these sports, please fill out the reply slip in the newsletter. School sport relies on parents to help out with coaching/managing/umpiring so if you are able to assist in any of these roles that would be appreciated; if we do not get any parent helpers then we cannot nominate a team.

### CERTIFICATES

**Amberlie Cox** for being helpful to friends and teachers.

**Travis Seaman** for always cooperating with others.

**Charli Forrest** for showing kindness to students and teachers.

**Zara Harten** for always being kind to her classmates.

**Jaggar Geary** for continuing his effort with reading and for his reading growth.

**Eliza Beck** for thinking deeply about her responses to the book 'the little refugee', identifying the authors purpose and being able to put herself in that person's shoes.

**Macy Breen** for thinking deeply about her responses to the book 'the little refugee', identifying the authors purpose and being able to put herself in that person's shoes.

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**Shaunn Robinson** for the way you always take on board new ideas and your smile: your positivity helps make our class a happy environment!

**Shaylah Cole** for consistently using your initiative in class. Your suggestions make our environment a more creative place!

## PARENT CLUB NEWS

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1:30pm.

## INTERNAL SPORTS DAY

Thank you to the families and friends who were able to attend our recent Sports Day and support the students.

Thanks also to the parents who assisted in running the events.

Congratulations to the Banksia team for being this year's winner.



**Bottlebrush 2<sup>nd</sup> - 297 points**



**Boronia 3<sup>rd</sup> - 273 points**



**Wattle 4<sup>th</sup> - 238 points**

## HARMONY DAY

Families and friends enjoyed a shared multicultural lunch, which included many traditional dishes from their country of origin, with students on Harmony Day. Students wore traditional clothes or the colour orange in celebration.



## PINK STUMPS DAY

Pink Stumps Day was a huge success raising \$817.05 to support the McGrath Foundation in placing Breast Care Nurses in communities across Australia.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

You will find further information regarding the following on our Notice Board, by phone contact numbers or visiting websites provided.

**LSEHA 'Come N Try' Beginner's Hockey.** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (running for 3 weeks) 8:30-9:30am Blue Lake Sports Park Turf. Contact: Stephanie Ward LSEHA Junior Coordinator 0423 777 939.

**Youth Week 13-22 April 2018.** Your Future – Your Way. A celebration for young people aged 12-25.

**Mount Gambier & Districts Health Advisory Council** invites community members to a Community Health Forum Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6:30pm at The City Hall – Main Corner. Enquiries: Maureen 0438 010 780.

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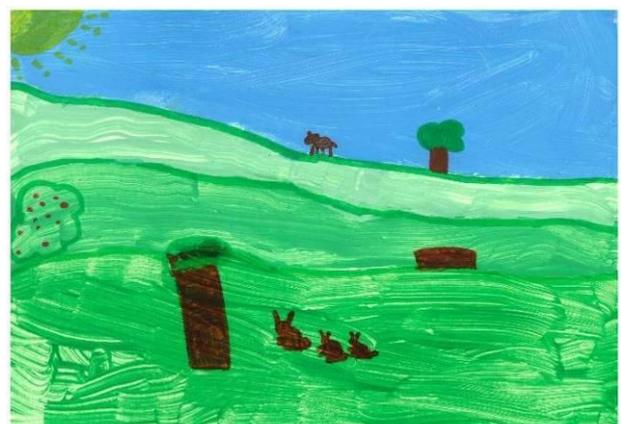
# Year 2/3 class

With Easter coming at the end of the week, we have been integrating some Easter themes into our work this week.

We have been practicing coming up with ideas on both sides of an argument, in preparation for writing expositions. Here is a result of one of our brainstorming sessions this week. The children came up with arguments for each side of the topic, and then they identified (in highlights) what they thought were the strongest arguments on each side.

<u>The Easter bunny should deliver carrots instead of Easter eggs</u>	
For	Against
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carrots are healthier. They make you stronger and help you see.</li><li>• Carrots taste nicer than chocolate</li><li>• You can find carrots easier in Easter hunts</li><li>• Carrots are more filling than Easter eggs</li><li>• Carrots are vegan</li><li>• Carrots are easier to grow than it is to make Easter eggs</li><li>• Carrots don't melt</li><li>• Carrots don't cause rubbish because they don't have wrappers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They taste nicer than carrots</li><li>• Carrots are for normal days but Easter eggs are for special occasions</li><li>• You can get chocolate over your face</li><li>• Carrots get dirty because they don't have wrappers</li><li>• Chocolate is easier to eat</li><li>• Chocolate makes you brush your teeth more</li><li>• You can choke on carrots, but not chocolate</li><li>• Carrots are not the traditional Easter food</li><li>• Easter eggs look better because of the cool wrappers</li></ul>

For Visual Art we have used the art elements of *Value* (how light or dark a colour is) and *Size* to give the illusion of some hills appearing in the foreground of a picture and others being in the background. We have also used different sized details in the pictures to further enhance the illusion.



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