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in a caring community*

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PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- Term 2 Planner
- NAPLAN Information for Parents (Years 3, 5 & 7 students only)
- MGHS Twilight Tour invitation (Year 7 only)
- Parent Club Heat Ups roster

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The end of what has been a busy Term 1 is almost upon us. Many positive outcomes have been achieved this term, with our third place in the District Sports Day being one of the highlights. Congratulations to all the students on their fine efforts during this day, not only when participating in their events, but also the level of sportsmanship they displayed.

I would also like to thank the staff for their efforts in supporting students during their practice. Thanks also to the parents who volunteered their time in assisting at the long jump. A special mention must also go to Ava, Kimberly, Shaunn and Bradley, our drummers, to be able to drum the length of Commercial Street required much concentration and they worked very well as a team.

NAPLAN

The 2018 NAPLAN testing will occur in Term 2 from Tuesday May 15th to Thursday May 17th (Week 3) for students in Years 3, 5 and 7. NAPLAN is a national assessment program that tests students in these year levels in the areas of Literacy (reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Mathematics. The information gained from this testing is used to help inform teachers plan for student learning needs. NAPLAN also provides information about what our whole school strengths are in the areas tested and what aspects for improvement exist. Families will receive individual student reports in Term 3 that indicates their child's achievement in relation to national results of children in the same year level. Next term the testing timetable involves students completing a writing, grammar and spelling assessment on Tuesday (approximately 1½ hours), a reading comprehension assessment on Wednesday (approximately 1 hour) and a maths assessment on Thursday (approximately 1 hour). The NAPLAN assessments are held in the mornings and during this time all other classes will continue with their regular lessons. Catch up sessions will be available during the week of testing if a child is absent. We encourage all children to participate, however, if families wish to withdraw their child from NAPLAN they are able to do so by filling in a withdrawal form. If you intend to do this, please speak to your child's teacher. In the newsletter this week an information page has been included that provides further background regarding NAPLAN. Additional information for parents can also be found at: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

Reading

Along with acknowledging the fine sporting achievement of the school it has also been very pleasing to see the growth in students' reading over the term. When looking at reading progress we take into account accuracy (correct pronunciation of words), fluency (words per minute



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read) and comprehension (understanding of the text). All of these areas contribute to children becoming effective readers. With the upcoming holidays I encourage you to support your children to maintain their positive reading habits at home during this time.

Proposed Pupil Free Day

A proposed pupil free day for staff to participate in a Professional Development day in the area of Mathematics is to be held on Thursday 7th June, Term 2, Week 6. Please note this day in your diary, and once approval has been gained from Governing Council, we will notify parents via the newsletter and School Stream.

Term 2 Staffing News

Jill Gilmore will be on long service leave from Week 1 and will return in Week 6. As we farewell Jill, we welcome Elise Chuck who will backfill Jill’s in-class support, mentor the bouncers and have some hours in the office.

Judy Lacey will also be on leave during Week 1 as she welcomes her first grandchild into the world. For parents and carers who are making payments, please note that no money can be received on Monday 30th April but can be received after this date. The front office will be covered by Charmaine and Elise during this week (please see below for a staffing outline for the front office). The first newsletter for the term will be published via School Stream on Thursday, Week 2. Please note, unless requested, paper copies will no longer be sent home with students.

I too will be on medical leave during Week 1. Ben will be decision maker in my absence, so if there are any concerns, please contact Ben during this time.

On behalf of all the staff, we wish all families a safe holiday and look forward to seeing all the children when Term 2 resumes on the 30th April.

Regards,
Suze Ricketts
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER	
April	
Friday 13 th	End of Term Assembly, 2:10pm End of Term, 2:30pm dismissal
Monday 30 th	Term 2 commences Heat Ups Roster – Catherine Clark
May	
Wed 2 nd & Thurs 3 rd	MGHS Twilight Tour for parents of Year 7 students, 6:00pm
Monday 7 th	Heat Ups Roster – Sandie Oehms Choir. Transport roster – Karen Douglas & Sandra Robinson
Tuesday 8 th	UNSW Digital Technologies assessment Parent Club Special General Meeting, 1:30pm
Wednesday 9 th	Auskick commences, 3:40-4:30pm
Thursday 10 th	SAPSASA Soccer Tryout Day, West Gambier
Friday 11 th	SAPSASA Hockey Tryout Day, Blue Lake Sports Park
Monday 14 th	Heat Ups Roster – TBA Assembly, 3pm
Tuesday 15 th	NAPLAN Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 16 th	NAPLAN Reading
Thursday 17 th	NAPLAN Numeracy
Friday 18 th	SAPSASA Regional Cross Country, Naracoorte

FRONT OFFICE HOURS AND STAFFING

Monday 30/4	Tuesday 1/5	Wednesday 2/5	Thursday 3/5	Friday 4/5
8.45 – 2.20 Charmaine	8.30 – 3.30 Ben	8.45 – 12.00 Charmaine	8.45 – 12.00 Charmaine	8.30 – 12.00 Ben
2.20 – 3.30 Office unattended	Charmaine	12.00 – 3.30 Elise	12.00 – 3.30 Ben	12.00 – 3.30 Elise

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REMINDERS:

- **MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES**
Payment due **TOMORROW**. Thank you to families who have made payment.
- **END OF TERM DISMISSAL TIME**
Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm tomorrow.
- **SATURDAY MORNING SCHOOL NETBALL AND FOOTBALL**
Please return your child's nomination form tomorrow. These were included in our last newsletter.

DISTRICT SMALL SCHOOLS' SPORTS DAY

RESULTS

1 st	Kongorong	2030
2 nd	Suttontown	1902
3 rd	Mil Lel	1801
4 th	Glenburnie	1796
5 th	Moorak	1703
6 th	Compton	1661
7 th	Yahl	1388

Congratulations to the following Mil Lel students who placed in the Championship Sprints:

Jocelyn Work	3 rd	13 Year Girls
Charlie Kirby	2 nd	12 Year Boys
Dean Harten	1 st	11 Year Boys
Bradley Walkom	2 nd	10 Year Boys
Cody Beimans	3 rd	9 Year Boys
Alice Mitchell	3 rd	9 Year Girls

Our 9-13 Year Bean Bag Relay placed 3rd.

SAPSASA NEWS

Athletics

Congratulations to Elwood Geary and Jocelyn Work who have been selected in the Lower South East SAPSASA Athletics team. Elwood was placed first in the 11 Year Boys Discus and Jocelyn first in the 13 Year Girls Shot Put at the recent SAPSASA District Athletics Day and they will now compete in the State Athletics Championships later in the year. Elwood also set a new record in his event with a throw of 24.10m.

Other place getters on the day included:

9 Year Boys

Evan Clark	3 rd	High Jump
Evan Clark	2 nd	Shot Put

11 Year Boys

Dean Harten	2 nd	High Jump
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12 Year Boys

Charlie Kirby	3 rd	800 Metres
Charlie Kirby	3 rd	High Jump

13 Year Girls

Jocelyn Work	2 nd	High Jump
Amelia Clark	3 rd	High Jump

Football

Congratulations to Dean Harten who has been selected in the Lower South East SAPSASA Football team. Dean will travel to Adelaide to compete in the State Carnival during Week 5 next term.

AUSKICK

Auskick sessions for students (Reception-Year 2) will commence in Week 2 of next term, Wednesday 9th May from 3:40-4:30pm. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help run the sessions. Please make yourself available to help out when you can; the success of the program does rely on having several helpers each session. Parents are reminded that registrations for the 2018 Auskick program must be processed through the Auskick on-line process. This year the Auskick trip to Melbourne is scheduled for Sunday 8th July, Collingwood vs Essendon at the MCG. The number of invitations for this game will depend on the number of registered families who are attached to each centre.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Next meeting: Tuesday 8th May, 1:30pm. Hostess: Sandie Oehms. This will be a Special General meeting to approve the new Constitution. We encourage as many parents as possible to attend, however you must be a financial member to be able to cast your vote. Membership is just \$1 and is due by the end of this term. Please see Liza Kirby or Jacinta Clark regarding payment.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

BLUE LIGHT MOUNT GAMBIER & THE OATMILL CINEMA presents Sherlock Gnomes, **Friday 13th April @ 6:15pm**. Tickets \$6 and can only be purchased from the Mount Gambier Police Station. Fully supervised event – no pass outs. Recommended for ages 7-13 year-old.

APRIL 2018 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY – Dedicated to the ANZAC Remembrance. Bookings open Monday 9th April. Book online www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library visit the Library or phone 8721.2540.

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District Small Schools' Sports Day



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