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in a caring community*

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 No 7

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Chairperson – Emery Hayman

PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- Parent Club Hot Dog lunch order form
- Parent Club Uniform Order form
- Parent Club Minutes of last meeting (posted on School Stream)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 2!

I trust that you enjoyed the school holidays and were able to make the most of the last rays of sunshine to make lots of memories with your children. Students have settled back in to class routines, which has been pleasing to see, and we are looking forward to another positive term. Thank you to Ben Savage, and all staff, for ensuring the smooth running of the school during my absence in Week 1. It is great to be back and to discover all the fun things the students got up to while on holidays. As expected, there are many interesting events and activities that will occur during the term, including various class excursions, the commencement of Auskick, school Netball, SAPSASA sport and SRC led activities.

NAPLAN Assessment 15th to 17th May

Next week, students in Year 3, 5 and 7 will commence the NAPLAN assessment. Assessments will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. It is important that students are here on time over the testing period to minimise disruptions to teachers delivering instructions and students undertaking the tests. If students are absent, they are able to complete a catch up test during the afternoon of the testing week only. Students who are in Year 2 will join the Foundation/1 class while the students in Year 4 and 6 will complete their usual classwork in the French room during testing. NAPLAN is one form of testing that helps us to identify where student's strengths and weaknesses lie. This, along with all the other testing and assessment your child's teacher completes throughout the year, plays a vital role in working out where intervention needs to be targeted. NAPLAN is not meant to be a stressful time for students and it is important that they try their best. If you have any queries regarding NAPLAN, including concerns about your child's participation, please come and see me or speak to your child's class teacher.

ANZAC Day

On the 25th April, during the school holidays our school leaders, Amelia and Charlie, attended the dawn service and laid a wreath in memory of all those who served and lost their lives in all wars Australia has been part of. This was a humbling experience for our school leaders and we encourage all Mil Lel families to attend each year.



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Numeracy – Natural Maths Strategies

As a staff, there has been a great focus on teaching Natural Maths Strategies using a variety of approaches including Ann Baker and Jo Boaler’s methods. These approaches are based on students building upon their mental computation strategies to quickly work out an answer in their head. Mental computation strategies are essential to the development of number sense and lay the foundation for all later addition, subtraction, multiplication and division situations. As adults, many of us have developed efficient and flexible computation strategies that we can select from in particular situations. Mental computation strategies that teachers develop in sequence, give your child the vocabulary that they need to explain their thinking and provide them with fast and efficient strategies too. This approach has a great impact on your child’s disposition and motivation to think and work mathematically. If your child struggles with simple computations and falls back on finger counting, maths will not be fun or easy for them. Over the coming weeks, through the newsletter, I will introduce the language, strategies and representations that are used to develop mental computation and number sense. I will include examples of how teachers help your child make their thinking and mental computations visible. These are often very different from pencil and paper strategies that you may be familiar with, but bear with us – the more traditional methods are taught once your child has the confidence to use mental strategies. The strategy we will look at in our next newsletter is *Rainbow Facts* in the Foundation/1 and 2/3 class.

2018 Public Education Awards

Nominations for the 2018 Public Education Awards are now open. These awards provide an opportunity to recognise the dedication and commitment of our staff in supporting students’ learning and wellbeing and acknowledge the positive impact teachers have in supporting their personal development. If you are considering nominating one of our staff, further information can be found at:

<https://publiceducationawards.awardsplatform.com/>

Regards,
Suze Ricketts
Principal



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DATES TO REMEMBER

May

Friday 11 th	SAPSASA Hockey Tryout Day, Blue Lake Sports Park
Saturday 12 th	School Netball commences
Monday 14 th	Heat Ups Roster – Fiona Harten Year 5,6 & 7 Beach excursion Assembly, 3pm
Tuesday 15 th	NAPLAN Language Conventions and Writing SRC Hamburger lunch
Wednesday 16 th	NAPLAN Reading Issue 3 Book Club closing date for orders Governing Council meeting, 7:00pm
Thursday 17 th	NAPLAN Numeracy Pink Bun Day
Friday 18 th	SAPSASA Regional Cross Country, Naracoorte
Monday 21 st	Heat Ups Roster - TBA Choir. Transport Roster – Jacinta Clark & Sally Seebohm
Tuesday 22 nd	Year 2/3 Class Water excursion.

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REMINDERS:

- **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

It has been noticed that many students are wearing various coloured pants that are not part of our agreed uniform which lists green pants. Students in Years 6 or 7 only, who cannot source green pants, may wear grey pants (track pants, leggings, shorts).

- **GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

Our next Governing Council meeting will be held next Wednesday 16th May at 7:00pm.

Proposed Pupil Free Days will be discussed:

- 7th June – Numeracy Focus
- 8th June – Learning Design, Assessment and Moderation.

- **ASSEMBLY**

Families are welcome to join us for our first Assembly for this term next Monday 14th May at 3:00pm.

- **SCHOOL STREAM**

Parents may use the app to advise student daily absences. Please use the words 'Illness' or 'Family' only to explain your child's absence.

- **SATURDAY MORNING SCHOOL SPORT**

School netball begins this Saturday. Unfortunately, due to lack of nominated teams there will be no school football.

- **COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS**

If you have any vouchers at home, please ensure they are brought into the front office by Monday 14th May.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Constitution

The Parent Club Constitution has been passed by the Parent Club and will now be sent to the Department for Education for approval. At our next meeting we will plan other activities so please come along if you can make it.

Advance Notice

Mil Lel Show date: Saturday October 6th.

Pink Bun Day

This will be held on Thursday 17th of May. Minimum \$1.50 donation for a bun at morning recess. All proceeds from the sale/donation of buns is given to BCNA (Breast cancer network Australia) via Bakers Delight.

Hot Dog Day

Hotdogs (+sauce) will provided at lunch time on Friday May 25th. Please complete the order form with how many ordered and the correct money. Orders close Monday May 21st.

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th June 1.30pm. Hostess: Sally Seebohm.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

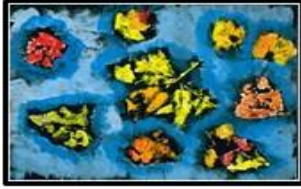
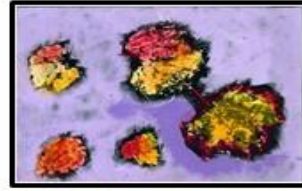
Mount Gambier Eisteddfod – Music section to be held August 1st to 4th. Entries close on June 23rd. Enter via www.stardom.com.au. For more information contact heather@music-mate.com.au or mossfordmacgregor@yahoo.com.

Mount Gambier Library – MAY is history month at the Mount Gambier Library. The Library's focus for 2018 is the forthcoming 100th anniversary of Rook Walk; Mount Gambier's largest working bee.

TS Gambier Australian Navy Cadets – Are you turning 13 this year or aged under 18? Do you have an interest in sailing and the outdoors? The Australian Navy Cadets could be for you. TS Gambier Parades Sunday afternoons 12:30-3:30pm during school terms at the Australian Navy Cadet Unit, O'Halloran Terrace, Mount Gambier. Contact co.tsgambier@navycadets.gov.au or 0409 438 928 or find us on Facebook.

Basketball Mount Gambier Inc – Junior Training Program on Friday nights for beginners, 5-8 year olds during school terms. Cost \$5/Registration Fee and \$4/Session.

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Autumn Art in the 5/6/7s

Last week the students produced lovely autumn art using dried leaves, paint and pastels. To start with, they used white paint to create a print of their leaves onto black card. Then they used a cool colour to create the background. The leaves were then filled in with warm colours using pastels.

