



*Inspiring a love of learning
in a caring community*

Term 3 No 12

Thursday 9 August 2018

www.millelps.sa.edu.au

Principal – Suze Ricketts
Chairperson – Emery Hayman

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Next week our Year 1 students will be completing a phonics screening check. The screening check is not a reading test but rather a short assessment designed to assess their ability to decode letter sounds (phonics). The phonics screening check was developed in the United Kingdom and has now been endorsed by the Department. The test takes 5-7 minutes to complete and will be carried out by Pip with individual students. Pip and I will then analyse the results and if necessary, make adjustments to their teaching program to support student learning. The development of phonics knowledge and skill is an integral part of learning to read for younger students. Most students start school with some understanding of reading; children who understand the relationship between letters and sounds (phonics) begin their journey to becoming an effective reader with a solid foundation. To build confident letter / sound knowledge, students require explicit teaching that provides opportunities for them to blend and segment words. Pip uses a variety of programmes to explicitly teach children phonics knowledge and support reading automaticity (the capacity to read words fluently and with ease). The strategies used include:

- The learning of sight words – students understand what they are reading more readily when they can recognise words
- The use of decodable readers – readers that reinforce the phonics knowledge being taught in class
- Intervention programmes – Minilit & SPELD – that are designed to accelerate the reading skills of students who are experiencing difficulty in the area of phonics.

National SSO Recognition Week

Next week is National SSO Recognition Week. In our school we have a dedicated team of SSOs who constantly display a strong professional commitment to supporting our students and school. They carry out a variety of tasks including administration, classroom, small group and individual support, computing technology and grounds maintenance. In addition to their roles they are also prepared to do extra whenever needed. On behalf of our school community we would like to thank the following SSOs: Angela Beltakis, Tiffany Brooke, Carolyn Jones, Patrick Dean, Jill Gilmore, Steven Grosvenor, Elise Chuck and Charmaine Ramage. We value all your vast and varied skills and contributions!

Mil Lel Show – 6 October

Planning for the Mil Lel Show is underway, so please make a note of the date as it falls in the middle weekend of the school holidays. The show is a significant fundraiser for our school. Through our families volunteering to help run stalls, which includes cooking the BBQ and Parent Club Cake Stall, the Show Committee donate an agreed percentage of the profits of the day back to our school. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks from the Governing Council Mil Lel Show sub-committee on how families can support this fantastic community event.

Regards,

Suze Ricketts

Principal

Respect - Participation - Growth

DATES TO REMEMBER

August

Friday 10	SAPSASA District Basketball Day, Mount Gambier
13 – 17	SSO Recognition Week
Friday 17	SAPSASA Regional Golf Day, Naracoorte
Friday 24	SAPSASA Regional Basketball Day, Mount Gambier
Monday 27	Assembly, 3pm

October

Saturday 6	Mil Lel A & H Show
------------	--------------------

WELLBEING AND ENGAGEMENT COLLECTION

Students in Year 4-7 will take part in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection next week.

The Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing; school relationships and engagement and learning in school; physical health and wellbeing and after school activities. We will be reviewing our students' data to help inform our school's programs and directions. Students' answers will be kept confidential – no one will use the results to identify individual children.

If you have any queries about the survey, or do not want your child to participate, please contact me at the school. Further information can be found at www.decd.sa.gov.au (search: wec).

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

Thomas Shephard for demonstrating and modelling our school values of respect and participation by forming the "Waste Warriors" group.

CERTIFICATES

Tates Jones for working hard at learning his sight words.

Jacquelyn Cutting for always giving a great effort to improve.

Amelia Johns for always embracing new challenges with a great attitude.

Bradley Walkom for displaying outstanding team skills in our STEM challenge.

Eliza Beck for showing outstanding leadership skills in our STEM challenge.

Edison O'Neil for speaking so clearly and confidently in front of class.

Matilda Oehms for consistently putting a pleasing level of effort into her schoolwork.

Jorja Mitchell for excellent research in French, and completing perfect simple sentences.

Amelia Clark for excellent research in French, and completing perfect simple sentences.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

Book Week 2018 – Find your treasure event at the Mount Gambier Library Community Session Thursday 23 August 4pm – 5pm. Bookings essential. Phone: (08) 8721 2540

Anglican Church Fair – Saturday 11 August, Bay Road (opposite Banner Mitre 10). Stalls and Entertainment for everyone. 8.30am – 1pm.

Respect - Participation - Growth

HEAT UP ROSTER FOR TERM 3	
13 August	Dearna Laney/Rebecca Scanlon
20 August	Amanda Munn
27 August	Katrina Potter
3 September	Dearna Laney/Rebecca Scanlon
10 September	Lyndal Johns
17 September	Ashlee Kalantarian

KEEP YOUR KIDS SMILING

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Phone: (08) 8721 1633

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental

GOVHACK INFORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY 7 AUGUST AT 6:00PM

Are you great at creating new ideas and want to develop new skills?

Learn how you can take part in the national GovHack Open Data Competition with thousands of dollars in cash, prizes and mentoring programs up for grabs!

This competition is about creating new concepts on how to showcase data and information. Think art / websites / apps / games ... even jewellery designs! People from all skillsets have taken part in previous years and won some amazing prizes.

Competition is open for youth (under18s) and adults (18 and over) and runs 7 - 9 September. The Library is open for extended hours with all meals provided.

Prizes at local / state / national levels.

Parents, teachers and interested competitors welcome to attend this information night. Chat to past winners and learn more.

Registration (08) 8721 2540.

Respect - Participation - Growth

100 Word Challenge Writing in 5/6/7 Class



Most weeks, our class participates in the International writing competition "The 100 word challenge". Kids from all over the world participate in it. The students post their writing on their blogs and receive comments from other students and teachers around the world. Each week, we challenge ourselves to include a new writing technique such as an interesting sentence type. This is a pic of last week's prompt and some students' responses to it:

"But why Mum?" "because your sister had to do that" "fine, I will." As Liam walked out the door with 2 very large slimy green bags of repulsive garbage bags in hand Liam heard a very strange noise coming from deep in the unnerving forrest. As Liam walked in, he saw a strange purple and blue light coming from a doorway and so he walked in the doorway and found himself in a different world than before as he turned around the doorway shut before him, he yelled out "help, help, help!" but no one heard or saw him ever again.

By Ian

Alice was walking through the woods when she saw Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum. She decided to ask why exactly they were there. "Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum why exactly are you here?" "We were here to get you, now follow us," they whispered perfectly in time.

Alice followed Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum through the woods until they found a door. Tweedle Dee had opened the door and Tweedle Dum stood on the other side of the door wanting her to go first. The more Alice thought about wonderland, the more she felt she was there.

"Alice, now we..."
By Amelia

It was forbidden to go in to the land of the unknown. The town didn't know why they weren't allowed in there. One day a young boy thought it would be fun to see what all the fuss was about.

"I don't understand it just looks like a normal forest to me" he thought.

He kept walking then he noticed a weird looking frame but it wasn't any ordinary frame it had blue glass. The more he looked at it, the more he wanted to go closer. So he walked closer and closer, he stepped in and was never seen again.

By Jorja D

As I was walking through the woods I saw this shiny blue glass panel. The more the sun shone the more shiny it became. Why is this thing in the middle of the woods? it could be a door to Fortnite. In Fortnite you have to try not to die. If you die you have to restart the game, but when I went over to it I realised that it was just a piece of art work. I went back home and in the morning when I woke up I went back to the woods and to my surprise I could see...

By Tyler

"Ahh, what was that," Stacey said before clinging tight onto my shoulder. Adam was speechless, Stacey had never held on to him before. The more they journeyed deep into the woods the more they started to tremble with fear.

They came along a clearing, and without thinking they walked straight forward. They found a door with a cream white frame, it had a crystal blue glass pannel inside of the frame. "Adam i want to go home, or at least out of this forest." whipered Stacey clinging tighter now than ever before. But Adam didn't want to leave without seeing what was on the other side of the door...

By Ashley

Respect - Participation - Growth