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in a caring community*

Term 1 No 1

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INSERTS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

*Uniform Policy * Parent Club Meeting Minutes * Parent Club Heat Up Roster *Christmas Raffle Winners

Students have settled into their class routines very positively, establishing classroom behaviour and work expectations that will provide a strong foundation for the year ahead. Teachers have focussed on reinforcing the concept of growth mindset, which is underpinned by the message that we can all improve in our learning through ongoing effort and persistence, and the importance of our school values; Respect, Participation and Growth. Classes will also explore that everyone, with the right experiences and messages, can be successful in all learning areas at the highest level. Our Site Improvement Priorities this year are Numeracy and Literacy. This semester, we will have a strong focus on Mathematics, where we will be reinforcing the message that all students can be successful in maths.



Welcome to our 2019 Foundation Students

In the holidays, Lions Club of Mount Gambier, Bendigo Bank and Australian Lions Foundation installed a 'buddy chair'. The concept behind the chair is if a student sits on the chair it signals that they would like a buddy to play with. We would like to thank them all for their generous donation and installation of the chair.

Since my last correspondence with you, our school has grown to 100 students for the 2019 year. Next week, we welcome Gracie and Amelie to Mil Lel. It has been a great start to the term and I look forward to meeting new families and catching up with our existing families next Wednesday, 13 February from 5.00pm at our Acquaintance Night.

Girl's Uniform

We encourage girls to wear short-briefs under their dresses so they are not hindered during the days' activities. Short-briefs can be purchased through local retailers.

Absences and Pick-ups During School Hours

When children are absent, or there is a planned absence, please provide your child's class teacher with either a written note or submit a form via the School Stream app. A note is also required if you need to pick up your child during the day for an appointment. Parents will need to sign their child in and out at the Front Office. The Department for Education requires schools to keep a record of this information so your assistance with this matter is appreciated.

2019 School Captains and Sports Captains

Congratulations to **Rachel Mitchell** and **Bradley Walkom**, who were elected as School Captains, and to **Eva Peucker**, Vice Captain.

Sports Captains for 2019 are:

Banksia: Shayla Cole and Elwood Geary

Boronia: Ashley Beck and Zac Shanks

Bottlebrush: Abby Joyce and Charlie Clark

Wattle: Rachel Mitchell and Ryan Crouch

SRC representatives for Semester 1 will be announced at our Assembly in Week 3.

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Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 20 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 slip included in Week 1 information packs.

Governing Council Member Information

Continuing members for this year:

Peter Seebohm, Emery Hayman, Jacinta Clark, Brian Douglas, Megan Beck.

Members whose tenure finished at the end of 2018:

Sam Work, Tim Scanlon, Michael Kirby, Mark Robinson, Russell Oehms, Liza Kirby.

School Card

For eligible families the School Card Scheme supports families with the cost of Materials and Services fees. 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.

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 19 – 23 Years 3-7 and Year 2

Week 5 Feb 27 – March 2 Years 3-7 and 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.

Acquaintance Night: Wednesday February 13

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:

5.00 - 5.30pm School Stream Information Session

5:30 – 5:45pm F/Year 1

5:45 – 6:00pm Year 2/3

6:00 – 6:30pm BBQ and mingle

6:30 – 6:45pm Year 4/5

6:45 – 7:00pm Year 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 Governing Council members (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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- Self Belief Workshop for Pre-Teen Girls (10-11years old) February/March 2019. Booking Essential. Contact Jane Hillier 0434 961 395 janemoves@internode.on.net
- North Gambier Netball Trials - Monday 11 and Friday 15 February, Vansittart Park Courts. U11/U13/U15/U17 5.30pm. Apologies to jbr07566@bigpond.net.au or 0438 567 367
- Outdoor Family Movie Night - Naracoorte Showgrounds Friday February 8 at 5.30pm. Sherlock Gnomes. \$10 Adults, \$5 U/12, \$30 Family of 5.
- Keep your kids smiling - FREE Dental Care for babies, preschool and most children under 18 years. Call Mount Gambier Dental Clinic on 8721 1633.
- DanceSA is opening in Mount Gambier. Dance classes ages 3 years and up, of all experience levels. Ripley Arcade Studio, Commercial Street West. FREE trial lesson. Register on 0408 988 483.
- Finding Solutions Counselling Service - Working with all adults and families including providing interventions through play. Phone Maddy Sturges on 0422 166 641.
- Lifeline Telephone Crisis Support calling on volunteers for Lifeline South East. Phone: 8723 2299.

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Start of Year Requests and Reminders

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

- Our Front Office will be open every day this year. Charmaine Ramage, Administration, works Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning and Friday. Elise Chuck, Finance, works on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Please ensure all notes left at the Front Office are named and if money is included, ensure that it is in a clearly named in a sealed bag or envelope and handed directly to a staff member.
- Morning bell: Please be aware that the first bell will sound at 8.50am – this signals that students 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 8.40am. 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.

National School Chaplaincy Program: Pastoral Care Worker

This year we welcome back Janey Soteriou as our Pastoral Care Worker. She will work, in collaboration with Michelle Schutz, to promote and foster student wellbeing.

Assembly Arrangements

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

Week 3, Monday February 11

Week 6, Monday March 4

Week 9, Monday March 25

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.

Head Lice

A case of head lice has been reported within our school community.

Head lice are spread mostly by direct head to head contact but may also be spread by sharing of hats, combs and other hair accessories.

Anyone can get head lice.

Please refer to the attached SA Health fact sheet on head lice prevention and treatment for information on head lice, how to check, treatment and prevention.

To prevent the spread of head lice it is recommended you check your child(ren) daily over the next few weeks and on a regular basis thereafter.

Head lice is much easier to treat if caught early.

Please inform the school if your child presents with head lice and ensure they are treated before returning.

School Stream



Families are encouraged to download the School Stream app for reminders, newsletters, classroom activities and permission forms.

Open your Apple or Android App Store and search School Stream then add profile for **Mil Lel Primary School**.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

Monday 11	School Assembly, 3pm
Wednesday 13	Acquaintance Night
Monday 18 - Friday 22	Year 2's and Year 3-7 Swimming
Wednesday 20	AGM / Governing Council, 7pm
Monday 25 - Friday March 1	Foundation/1 and Year 3-7 Swimming



FOUNDATION/YEAR 1

SETTLING INTO SCHOOL

The beginning of the year is an exciting time in the Foundation/Year 1 class as we welcomed 12 new Foundation children. We have been getting to know each other, creating class expectations, developing our social skills through play and cooperating with others.



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