



Inspiring a love of learning
in a caring community

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INSERTS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

- Qkr! Instruction Sheet

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Over the next 3 weeks, students in Year 1 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 programs to explicitly teach children phonics knowledge and support reading automaticity (the capacity to read words fluently and with ease). The strategies used include:

- InitialLit - is an evidence-based whole-class literacy program which provides all children with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers
- 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 – is designed to accelerate the reading skills of students who are experiencing difficulty in the area of phonics.

National SSO Recognition Week

This 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, Prue Blatchford, Kerryn Munn, Patrick Dean, Jill Gilmore, Steven Grosvenor, Harry Harrison, Elise Chuck and Charmaine Ramage. We value all your vast and varied skills and contributions!

Maths PD with Learning Improvement Division (LID)

Last week, teachers were released for a half day to work with Ann Ruckert from LID. Teachers focused on the Big Ideas in Maths. These included, place value, trusting the count, subitising, multiplicative thinking and how to use the Big Ideas diagnostic tool. Ann will work with staff later in the term to build upon these areas with a focus on how to incorporate high yield strategies that stretch student learning.

Regards

Suze Ricketts | Principal

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

Jemima Paltridge for caring for others, helping them to overcome their worries.

Patrick Robinson for being inclusive of others during play time.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Wyatt Sawley for being brave to participate in group activities and showing kindness to his peers.

Reilly O'Neil For putting in extra effort in bookmaking and including more detail in his writing.

Jensen Summers for always trying his best and putting in excellent effort in all learning tasks.

Emmie Leibhardt for helping classmates work through maths problems.

Edison O'Neil for trying out new multiplication strategies so enthusiastically.

Matilda Oehms for being so careful with her handwriting.

Cody Beimans for his fantastic attitude to his learning.

Eamon Brooks for his positive attitude in class.

Caitlin Balcam for her great attitude to improving her work.

Patrick Robinson to celebrate his excellent efforts across all learning areas and his unwavering positivity.

Morgan Munn to celebrate her working very hard to create wonderful pieces in writing.

2019 Parent Survey

Parent are invited to complete a survey on our school. Survey's open on Monday 19 August and close on Friday 27 September 2019. Please follow this link - <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/mD4DHWGa>

Mil Lel Show – 12 October

Planning for the Mil Lel Show is underway, so please make a note of the date as it is the last 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 (if you have not been involved in the show before, families donate baked items to the cake stall for sale), 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.



Qkr! App

Mil Lel Primary School now has another payment option available for your convenience.

with masterpass



Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') allows you to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you. Simply follow

the instruction sheet included with this newsletter to get started. If you have any queries or would like assistance setting this up, please contact the Front Office.

Hamburger Day - Wednesday 28 August.



Orders due by Wednesday 21 August.

Try using our new Qkr! Payment system to submit your orders.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

Wednesday 21 Book Week Parade

Sunday 25 - 30 Canberra Camp

Friday 30 **PUPIL FREE DAY**

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2 Parent Club Birthday Afternoon Tea 2pm / Assembly 3pm

Friday 6 Music is Fun, 10am - Suttontown PS

Wednesday 11 Jump Rope for Heart - Jump Off Day

Monday 16 Footy Colours Day

Tuesday 17 Assembly, 3pm

Wednesday 18 Finance 6.30pm, Governing Council 7.15pm

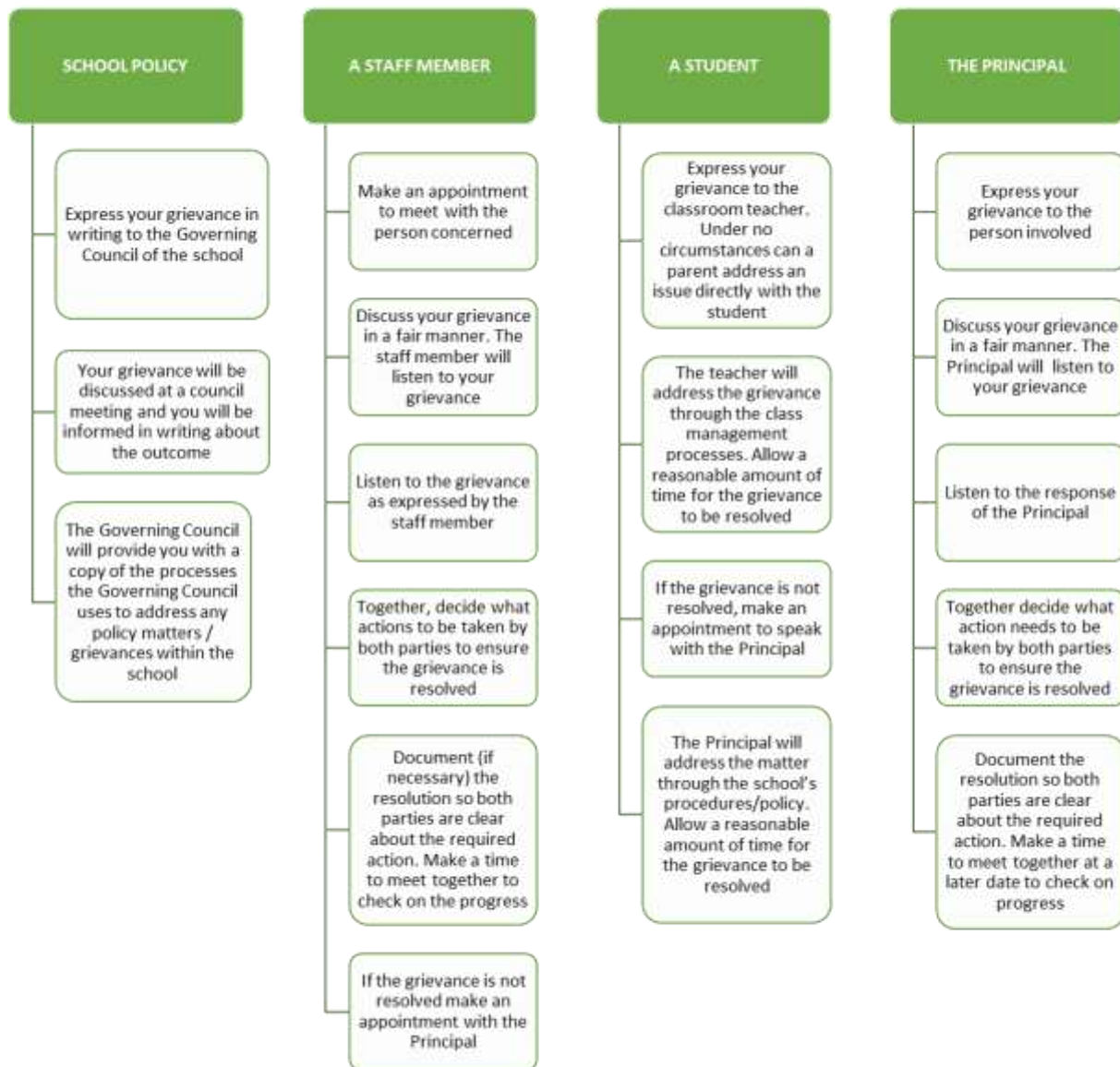




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GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FLOW CHART

As a Parent / Caregiver, my grievance is about...



Parents Club News

Parents Club Birthday - You are invited to the Parents Club 80th Birthday Party on September 2 at 2pm in the Library. Please bring a plate to share.

Pie Drive Fundraiser - Please support our Pie Drive Fundraiser. Please note, 'berry' on the form should read 'cherry'. Please return the order forms and money by the 22 August. They will be delivered to school on the 5 of September.

Next Parent Club Meeting: September 13 at 9am. All Welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Mount Gambier Netball Association with The Distributors are holding a social netball series from 8 October - 3 December 2019. For more information please contact the school for flyer and registration forms.
- Mount Gambier Library presents in Conversation with Lainie Anderson 'Long Flight Home'. Tuesday 3 September at 7pm. Free event, bookings required. Phone: 8721 2540.
- Rubber & Plastics are offering 15% off costumes for Book Week, just mention the code "Secret Power".

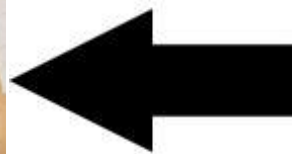
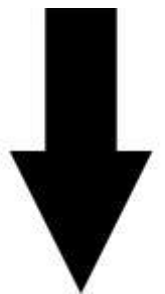
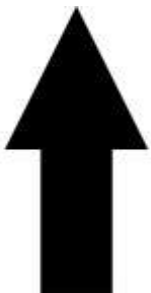
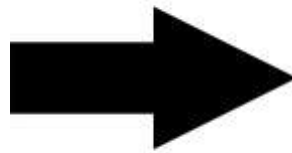
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Technology in the F/1 Class



In technology we are exploring programming using a small sequence of steps. We used coding arrows to show the path to get to the treasure.



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