



NEWSLETTER



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Governing Council Chairperson: Emery Hayman



Congratulations to Claire Douglas and Thomas Shephard, the first students who excitedly placed their names up. Claire, for assisting Miss Dieu with the packing of her room by bringing in boxes and Thomas, for assisting Mrs Gilmore in the Library with the covering and stamping of new books ready for circulation.

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Week

Welcome to Term 3 at Mil Le! I have been impressed with the calm, happy start that we have had to this term and the children's positive outlook towards their learning. As you may be aware, COVID-19 is still a real concern for our community but despite this we are excited that we are able to participate in extra curricula activities such as assemblies, SAPSASA sports and our annual Book Week celebrations. Whilst some events may be modified we are fortunate that students will have the opportunity to engage in such rich learning experiences whilst having fun.

School Values

Over the next two terms, we will be having a focus on our school values of "Respect, Participation and Growth" and our virtue of Kindness. If you visit the school, you will see our kindness display located on the Administration desk. My aim is to "catch our children being kind, thinking of others and helping for no reward" and then I will invite them to place their name on the wall. I look forward to seeing this grow over the term!

Book Week

This term we will celebrate Book Week with the theme being "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds". Initial planning has begun here at school with our Book Week celebrations to be held in Week 7, Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September. Our Book Week dress up day and parade will be on the Friday, stay tuned for more information.

Site Improvement

A focus this year within our Site Improvement is to raise student achievement in Reading. Over the next two terms, staff will be involved in Professional learning to develop and extend their knowledge of reading and what is best practice. Across site we are trialling "Syllabic Intervention" a process through which our children will develop their blending and segmenting skills, identify vowels and consonants within words and work with nonsense and real words when practising their skills. All classes across the site have committed 5 mins a day on a "Syllabic Routine" which will run over 6 weeks. Our hope, is that our students will have increased decoding skills and will have improved fluency when reading.

Our second focus this term is Guided Reading and this week we worked with Rachel Bishop from Learning Improvement in Adelaide to examine best practice using this teaching strategy. We will continue to work with Rachel for the duration of the year and I look forward to working closely with her as we examine our Literacy Practices across the site.

As always, thank you for your support and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with me, I will be only too happy to speak with you.

Kind regards

Tamarin Condon



Deep Blue Treasure Hunt

LIVE ON 8 AUGUST 2020

Love your local coastline and want to learn how to protect it? Sign up for our treasure hunt. It's packed full of beachside fun and activities, designed for the whole family. Plus, complete all the activities and go into the draw for some really cool prizes.

★★★★★ 5 star fun

Free family fun this Science Week!

Features marine flyer_final.jpg

- Recycled art challenge
- Beachcombing
- Coastal walks
- Aboriginal culture
- Beach life
- Performances
- Local history
- Wits making
- Marine environment care
- Ocean-based fun & education

Get to know your coastline during National Science Week. Go exploring, treasure hunting and creating. Help make your beach a better place.

Take off the activities one by one. Submit photos and videos about your discoveries and creations. Will you win prizes from the treasure chest?

deepbluetreasurehunt.com.au







Group 1

Tuesday 7 August

12.40—1.15

in the Library

Hosted by

Mrs Condon and Harry!

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY
Online Resources for Youth

Available for students from home and school.

Book a free presentation.

Further information: Teresa Kearney,
publib@mountgambier.sa.gov.au
08 8721 2540.

City of Mount Gambier

www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library

Check out our Youth Hub on the Mount Gambier Library website!

Studiosity
Studiosity offers expert online study help, from Australia's best tutors for free.

Encyclopedia Britannica
Easy to use, find reliable information, with age appropriate material for homework assignments and special projects.

Lynda.com
Free online tutorials, from Excel spreadsheets to 3D printing, Lynda Library has more than 3,000 top quality courses.

PARENT CLUB NEWS



Reminder...

that the money for the *Chocolate Fundraiser* is due

Friday 7th August

create
imagine
build

› Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
› Suitable for ages 2 - 12 years
› Bookings essential (open a week in advance)

LEGO FAN-CLUB

Please contact the Mount Gambier Library for further information:
Telephone (08) 8721 2540 | public.library@mountgambier.sa.gov.au

This initiative supports Council's commitment to the Mount Gambier Charter for Children.

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY CHILDREN'S

STEAM CLUB

CREATE
design
make
imagine

Tuesdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Suitable for ages 8 - 12
Bookings essential

Mount Gambier Library STEAM Club. Get excited about science and technology! Explore through hands on science experiments, coding and robotics.

- Free - All materials provided.
- Bookings essential one week in advance, phone 8721 2540.
- B.Y.O device required on alternative weeks. Please check with staff.
- Please check with staff for required Apps for each session.
- Operating systems required for Apps = iOS9+ or Android 6+

Registrations:

- Phone (08) 8721 2540
- Visit the Library at 6 Watson Terrace, or
- Online: <http://mountgambier.evanced.info/signup/calendar>

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August

Week 3, Monday 3

Book Club Orders Due

Assembly, 3pm

Week 3, Tuesday 4

Minecraft Club for Group 1

Week 3, Wednesday 5

Hot Dog Day

Week 4, Wednesday 12

Finance 6.30pm, Governing Council 7.15pm

Week 7, Friday 4

Book Week Dress-up Day - Theme—Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

Week 10, Friday 25

Footy Colours Day

PUTTING STUDENTS TO WORK

As part of learning Business and Economics, students in the Upper Primary classes have begun their classroom job applications.

Students have worked hard in describing why they are the best person for the job... where some have even gotten letters of recommendation from adults.

Jobs will be officially announced next week.

