



NEWSLETTER

Principal – Tamarin Condon
 Governing Council Chairperson – Emery Hayman



SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER

Hi everyone and welcome to Week 8!

End of Term

At this stage, we are now counting hours until the end of, what has been, a very long, troubling, stressful and ‘messy’ year for everyone in our community. However, we have all worked together and managed through the tough times—thank you to everyone in our school community and our great Mount Gambier community also. Please remember that we have an early dismissal next Friday at 2.30pm AND that our 2021 school year commences on Wednesday 27 January at 8.50am

Transition

Our two transition days were held yesterday and today. We welcomed a very excited group of 16 Foundation students to our school. Pip Crowe kept them busy and engaged for the two days and is looking forward to seeing them grow in their learning next year. Maddy Teakle joined our team for Transition as the Yr 1/2 teacher in the newly (fabulously) refurbished ‘French/Art’ room which will be known next year as the Yr 1/2 classroom. Maddy’s group of students welcomed her and made her feel as if she has always been a part of our school community. She is very excited about being with us in 2021 and I look forward to working with her next year. All of our other students spent the two days in their new class groups for 2021 and enjoyed the opportunity to ‘test’ out their new classes

before the year commences. Meanwhile, our Yr 7s spent their Transition days at Grant HS and got a taste of the year ahead. Next year, will of course, be the last year we have a Yr 7 class with the moving of all Yr 7 students to secondary schools from 2022.

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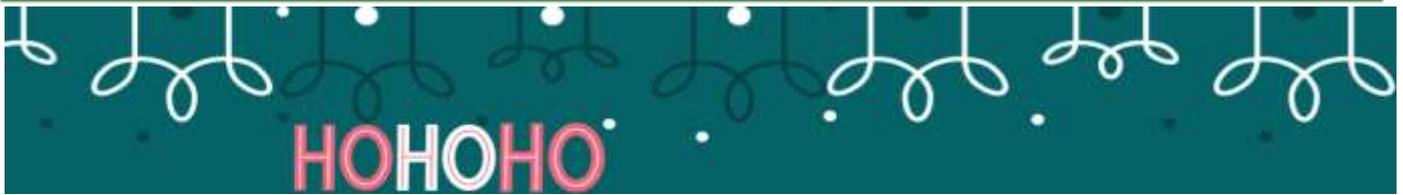
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Christmas Concert/Graduation

We are all very excited about our end of year Christmas Concert and Y7 Graduation draws closer. The classes have all been practising their item for the evening and are getting very excited about their upcoming performances. We will be videoing the Concert and Graduation and this will be available for people to purchase later for a small cost. The Christmas Raffle is being drawn on the night, so please return your raffle books as soon as possible. Even if you haven’t sold them all, please just bring them to the office.

As always, if you have any concerns, ideas or suggestions, please don’t hesitate to come in and speak with me.

Regards
 Tamarin Condon
 Principal



With the Premier's announcement this week, in line with the Department for Education and SA Health, the correct COVID-19 restrictions must be put into place for our Christmas Concert next Thursday 10th December. The advice continues to be "events on school sites can continue, however attendance outside staff and students should be minimised. At all events adults must be able to physical distance, hygiene measures must be in place and attendance records are kept for contact tracing".

As a result, our end of year concert will look a little different and I ask that this year we only have parents and siblings in attendance.

We will have a "contact tracing sheet " available for all families to fill in and ask that you enter the school through the Front Gates on Kennedy Avenue so that this can be done along with hand sanitising. This is unfortunate, however, I am pleased to be able to offer this event which will also be filmed and made available for purchase. I acknowledge that this may cause some issues for families and hope that we can work together to enjoy this celebration.

Please contact me at school if you would like to discuss this further.

Thanks in advance, Tamarin

Mil Lel Primary School Christmas Concert 2020 Thursday 10th Dec, 6pm At Mil Lel Primary School



Bring your picnic basket, blanket and chairs and join us on our oval from 5:30pm for an evening of entertainment provided by the students of Mil Lel.

Come and see our classes perform their concert item and see our Yr 7 students Graduate.

We will draw the winners of our raffle, give our annual awards and farewell our families leaving us this year.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we invite parents and siblings ONLY.

Please enter the school via the gates on Kennedy Avenue as there will be COVID-19 contact tracing forms required to be completed and hand sanitiser available.

Gold coin donation to assist us in covering costs for equipment hire.



MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY
2020/2021

SUMMER READING CLUB

HEY KIDS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?
DO YOU WANT:

- A place to hang out with friends?
- To be rewarded for reading?
- To be in the draw to win fabulous prizes?
- To come to an amazing party?

THESE COOL ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU WHEN YOU JOIN THE SUMMER READING CLUB!

WHAT IS THE SUMMER READING CLUB?

- A national reading incentive program
- 2020/2012 theme: 'Myths, Fairy Tales and Legends'
- Club levels 0-5 years / 6-11 years / 12 years plus
- **'New'** club level 15-17 years.
- Lucky dips every time you read
- 'Golden Gnome' hunt daily.

HOW TO JOIN?
TALES OF WONDER
MYTHS, FAIRY TALES AND LEGENDS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN IN THE LIBRARY FROM TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2020 UNTIL THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2021.

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

City of Mount Gambier
Mount Gambier Library
6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier SA 5290
Phone 08 8721 2540

BLUE LAKE CAROLS 2020

LIVE STREAM SPECIAL

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER

7:30PM

OUR ANNUAL BLUE LAKE CAROLS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ONLY THIS YEAR ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and links to the Live stream.

YouTube | Facebook | bluelakecarols

Mark Your Calendar

Dates to Remember

DECEMBER			
Week 8	Fri	4 Dec	Pupil Free Day
Week 9	Thurs	10 Dec	5.30pm— Y7 Graduation and School Concert
Week 9	Fri	11 Dec	End of TERM 4 - Dismissal at 2:30pm
JANUARY 2021			
WEEK 1	Wed	27 Jan	TERM 1 -School Commences - 8.50am

Kimochis Puppets

This year the F1 class has benefitted from a new character education and social-emotional learning (SEL) program that teaches children positive habits to lead happy and successful lives. This new program uses *Kimochis... Toys with Feelings Inside*®.

Our parent Club has assisted us this year in purchasing a full Educator's Kit and, as the Pastoral Care worker, I have created a Kimochis Corner in the Library.

Kimochi means "feelings" in Japanese, and the Curriculum is based on research that tells us that a strong social-emotional learning foundation is essential to academic and life success. Research also shows that teaching social-emotional skills in school increases academic test scores by 11%!

In the F1 classroom, I have worked with the students over this last semester to create puppets of our Kimochis® characters which we encourage parents to use at home to extend learning through puppet play. Please play with your child to explore social situations by using the puppets. If they begin using fighting voices and faces and bodies instead of using talking voices, faces and bodies, or harming words instead of helping words, you can suggest they try redoing it, but in a 'talking voice, face and body' or 'helping words'.

We hope you will have fun with these puppets when they are sent home at the end of next week.

Belinda Tilley—Pastoral Care Worker



Herself Scholarship Opportunity

Change your life.

Apply for a Herself Project Scholarship - Commencing Feb 2021

Are you're ready to be all that you can be? Ready to recalibrate your perception of who you are, clarify your purpose, articulate your ambitions, discover your strengths and empower you to live your most authentic and powerful life?

If you are, you could access one of 10 scholarships worth over \$3000 to undertake the Herself empowerment program. These scholarships are available to local women who can participate in person in Mount Gambier for a 2 1/2 hr session per week for four months commencing in February 2021. (times will be decided when the cohort has been selected.)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 24 December 2020

More info here <https://www.i-myself.com.au/scholarship-application> or email