Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone. It has been great to see the students get back into their class routines smoothly. We welcome a new family to our school this term, Cameron (Yr 4), Conor (Yr 3) and Zac (Yr 1) Savage and their parents, Scott and Kim. At the end of last term we also welcomed a new UP student, Kaitlyn Nitschke (Yr 6). We trust their time with us will be enjoyable and rewarding.

During the holiday break the Mil Lel Show was held and it was a successful day. The school activities went very well and thanks to all of the families that assisted, both leading up to and on the day, your contribution was fantastic. It was also pleasing to see students helping with the management of the stalls and this is something I look forward to building on in the future. The Mil Lel Show has the potential to provide many positive outcomes for our school and community and I look forward to our ongoing involvement in the coming years.

Term 4 brings lots of excitement and I look forward to it with much enthusiasm, including seeing our students aim for personal best efforts and working hard to finish off the year in a positive manner.

Regards,

Stephen

Yesterday the MP Class visited the Mt Gambier Show’s animal nursery.
## Important Reminders

- School Closure – Tomorrow, Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} October
- Sun Smart Policy Term 4 – Students to wear a green wide brimmed or bucket hat.

## Dates To Remember

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Savage for winning a state-wide teaching award at a recent ceremony held in Adelaide during the holiday break. After winning a regional award earlier in the year, Ben was then in the running for the overall state award for which he was successful. Well done Ben.

## Staffing News

Judy Lacey will be absent for the first 6 weeks of this term and we ask that all notes and money continues to be placed in the letterbox at the front office. A finance support person will visit our school every 2 weeks to ensure that money is banked and receipt processes are maintained. We will also have SSOs in the office area daily for the first 20-30min of each morning to assist with any other matters.

## School Photos

Earlier in the week School Photo envelopes were sent home in preparation for next Wednesday 26\textsuperscript{th} October. Envelopes for parents wanting their children to have a family photo are available from the office. Please ensure your child comes dressed in school uniform on this day.

## Governing Council and Finance Committee

A reminder that our next Governing Council meeting is on Monday October 31\textsuperscript{st} at 7pm. A Finance Committee meeting will be held beforehand at 6.30pm.

## Assemblies

Our first assembly of the term will be held in Week 3 on Tuesday November 1\textsuperscript{st} commencing at approximately 3pm. Future assemblies will be held in Week 6 Tuesday November 22\textsuperscript{nd} and Week 9 Tuesday December 13\textsuperscript{th}.

## Mount Gambier Parade

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Respect - Participation - Success
The Mount Gambier Parade is to be held on November 19th and our school will be entering a float this year. We will be having a rural theme which will include the Fritsch family providing their clydesdales and a cart and also the Harfull family will supply a traction engine. We will need each family to organise a costume for their child based on our theme. If you need to (this is not an expectation, rather an option), Doris’s Costumes at 1 Englebrecht Lane (near She’s Apples) Mob: 0439 864 032 have numerous costumes that can be hired and cost between $10-20 depending on what your child requires. She has put on hold about 10 animal costumes and some other old style clothes (for approx 20 children) that may be suitable to use. Please contact Doris, if you would like, within the next week and arrange for a costume. They are on hold under Mil Lel Primary School (Thanks to Melissa Davies for following this up).

Please see the insert in this week’s newsletter about the Parade and return it to school – we need to get an idea of student numbers as soon as possible to help with our planning.

BLUE LAKE FUN RUN
This is being held on Sunday, 20th November (the day after the Parade) and it would be great to have some of our students represent our school again, last year’s effort was excellent. Entries for children cost $12. If your child would like to enter please complete the reply slip in the newsletter and return it to school with their payment and we will then enter the students. For any students participating, parents will need to organise transport and supervision on the day. Parents are encouraged to participate also.

ENGLISH COMPETITION
Last term our Year 3-7 students participated in the English Competition and a number of students achieved strong results.
Harry Harding Credit
Hamish Paul Credit
Holly Baldock Credit
Poppy Kentish Credit
Brianna Scanlon Credit
Lucie Whitworth Credit
Riley Burn Credit
Amy Kirby Distinction
James Lassaline Distinction
Lisa Fritsch Credit

GARDENING
From next Friday a group of parents will be assisting with some gardening activities during lunchtime. If you would like your child to help out please return the reply slip. This will be a great opportunity for the students to take on some ownership and responsibility of our school grounds and depending on the level of interest, students will be rostered to help during certain weeks (on a Friday).

SCHOOL NETBALL
Last term we had a keen bunch of players for school netball and thankyou to the parents who helped out with coaching and club house duties. By having a number of people prepared to help, it makes the management of school sport activities to run smoothly. Below is a comment from the team’s coach Deb Burn.

"For many of the team it has been the first time they have played netball. We have had some wins and several very close defeats. Overall everyone has improved a huge amount and we are seeing the beginnings of some fantastic up and coming netballers. It has been very enjoyable for the parents, grandparents and most of all, the team. I would like to thank Liz Whitworth and Lisa Fritsch for helping me coach and for the many parents who have helped me in many ways. Thanks also Subway, Baker’s Delight, KFC and Videoezy for the vouchers."

TENNIS COACHING
This term our students will be participating in tennis lessons on the Fridays in Week 2 and 4. The lessons will be held here at school and all equipment will be provided. The cost of these lessons will be paid for from a grant provided to our school through our excellent achievement in the Premier’s Be Active Challenge earlier in the year when we had 100% of students achieve the set target.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

You will find further information regarding the following on our Notice Board situated in the foyer leading in to the Front Office or by contacting phone numbers or visiting websites provided.

T BALL COMPETITION
For children aged between 5-8. The competition is run by the Mt Gambier Softball League and games are played on Saturdays during the school term between 9.45am and 11am. Equipment supplied. A $5 registration fee applies and a weekly $2 match fee. For more information contact Jill Gilmore on 0409152529.

ANNUAL SHOPPING SPREE
Tuesday 8th November at 6pm. Meet at CWA Hall in Mt Gambier. $10 per ticket. Savings and discounts at a variety of shops. See Melissa Davies for more information.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING
Water Safety Program – 19th-23rd December

MILO IN2CRICKET PROGRAM
A fun introduction to cricket for boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. North Gambier Cricket Club, starting on Wednesday 19th October at 4.30pm.
For more details and to register log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your postcode or contact Alice Johnswood 8300 3896 or ajohnswood@saca.com.au

MOUNT GAMBIER PRO-TOUR
MLC Tennis Hot Shots Clinic, Wednesday 2nd November at Olympic Park, 4-5pm.
Pro-Tour Event, 30th October to 6th November. Tennis daily at the Olympic Park Complex from 10am onwards. Free entry. Canteen facilities available.

WALK TO CURE DIABETES
The Limestone Coast Walk to Cure Diabetes will be held on Sunday, 13th November 2011 around the Blue Lake from 10am. Visit the JDRF website www.jdrf.org.au/walk to register.
For more information contact Narelle Klingberg 0409 695 861.

MOUNT GAMBIER CHILDREN’S CENTRE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND PARENTING
Various information sessions and activities during Term 4 include: Bringing Up Great Kids, My Time (supporting parents of children with disabilities), Parents with Pushers, 21st Century Teenagers!, How to Enjoy the Festive Season without becoming ‘The Fruit Cake’, Supporting Children through Grief and Loss, Separation Anxiety, Saturday Dad’s Playgroup and more.
For further information please contact Fiona Pulford 8725 7375.

MIL LEI SHOW RESULTS

RAFFLE
1st Prize: Davies Family
2nd prize: Ben Wood
3rd Prize: Lorraine VanDenHoogan

GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE BULL
Winner: Deb Burn (Guess 809kg, actual weight 806kg)