Dear Parents,

At a recent meeting for principals it was confirmed that this year we need to alter the amount of ‘face to face teaching’ that is provided to students in order to meet the required industrial entitlements certified in the 2013 SA School and Pre School Enterprise Agreement. All schools are expected to bring their school day in alignment with these expectations. For Mil Lel, it will only mean a slight alteration to our timetable. Currently we are providing 5 minutes per day above the recommended ‘face to face’ teaching time, so to address this, our afternoon recess will now be 15 minutes and run from 2.20pm – 2.35pm. If you would like more information regarding the nature of this change please contact me at school.

This year our school will be participating in Move It (we last participated in 2011). Move It provides an opportunity for schools in our region to participate in a dance performance that will be held at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. The theme for this year’s Move It is ‘Dreaming of the Future’. All students are expected to participate, and our dance item will be choreographed by Kim Cella (a past Mil Lel student). The performance dates for Move It are Wednesday June 19th and Thursday June 20th.

A lot of work goes into preparing for Move It and as such we will be commencing practice in Week 7 of this term.

Regards,

Stephen

Mil Lel students have enjoyed swimming lessons over the past two weeks.
### DATES TO REMEMBER

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### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

Our **Clean Up Australia Day** activity will be tomorrow. We will depart school at approximately 11.50am and travel to the Old Railway Station where children will pick up rubbish between the Bay Road and Wehl Street area. Plastic gloves will be supplied however children can bring their own if they wish. After the clean up activity we will go to the Aquatic Centre to have lunch (children will need to bring a packed lunch and drink). Year 1 and 2 students will then return to school while Reception and Year 3 to 7 students will have their last swimming lesson before returning.

### SPORTS DAYS

With swimming completed students will now be preparing for the upcoming sports days:
- Internal Sports Day (held at school), Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Small Schools District Sports Day (held at Blue Lake Sports Park), Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>.

For our own school Sports Day (Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March) students are encouraged to wear their team colours and bring along mascots and banners etc in their team colours. A list of who is in each team has been placed around the school. *Please note sneakers / sandshoes must be worn at all times on Sports Day.*

We have planned to run Cricket Oval events in the morning before the heat of the day and have school based events after lunch around the shade of the school trees and the shed.

Children will need to bring a water bottle. As in previous years, there will be a pooled lunch. Please bring a savoury and a sweet, enough for your family, to be shared.

We anticipate the day finishing at approximately 2.30pm. Students are able to go home at this time otherwise they will be supervised until normal dismissal time. An insert of the programme and teams has been included in this week’s newsletter.

Last year our SRC decided to make an alteration to how our Sports Day Captains are decided. Rather than necessarily appoint the oldest boy and girl in each team they decided on the following:
- If there is more than one Year 7 boy or girl in a team then a vote would be held to decide the captain (the same would apply if there were no Year 7 students and only Year 6 students).
- If there is only one Year 7 student, then that student would become the Captain (again, the same will apply if there is only one Year 6 student).

In previous years we have also had a parent mow the cricket oval prior to sports day. We anticipate doing line marking on the Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup> March) before Sports Day so having it done before this date would be much appreciated. The mower can be towed behind a ute. Please indicate on the reply slip if you are able to assist.

More information regarding the District Sports Day (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April) will be sent home later in the term.

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES ASSESSMENTS
We are in the process of completing entry information for our Yr 3-7 students for the University of New South Wales Assessments. All students in these year levels will be automatically entered into the English, Mathematics and Science Assessments with Parent Club contributing to entry costs. In addition to the areas above, students are also able to complete the following assessments:
- Computing (Entry Fee $8.80)
- Writing (Entry Fee $18.70)
- Spelling (Entry Fee $12.10)
If you wish your child to enter any of these extra assessments then families will need to pay the entry cost for them. Please indicate in the reply slip the following;
- If you do not wish your child to complete the English, Mathematics and Science Assessments (this note does not need to be returned if you want your child to enter these tests, they will be automatically entered).
- If you want your child to complete any of the additional assessments for which families will have to pay the entry fee.

PARENT CLUB NEWS
District Sports Day Polo Shirts Reminder
Tomorrow, polo shirts required for District Sports Day will be taken for printing. If you require printing, and have not already left your polo shirt at the Front Office, Parent Club will receive further requests before school tomorrow morning. Please ensure the shirts are clearly named and $5.50 payment is included.

Easter Egg Raffle Donations
Donations for the Easter Raffle, to be held on Mil Lel Sports Day, may be left in the basket in the Front Office by Monday 25th March.

Next meeting: Thursday 21st March at 9.00am in the French Room. Hostess: Suzanne Harding.

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.

RIDDOCH ART GALLERY
Take a Flight into Art – Art for Kids. Sunday 3 March 1.00 – 2.30pm. Nature Weaving. Free for children ages 8 to 12. Bookings 8723 9566 or admin@riddochartgallery.org.au

ARMY CADETS
The 48th Army Cadet Unit (Mount Gambier) is seeking new members (open to all young people aged between 12½ to 18 years). Further information – Ben Haggett 0418851072 or Rod Wewer 0417603508.

AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS – TRAINING SHIP GAMBIER
‘Be a cadet for a day’ for ages 12½ to 16 years. Sunday 3rd March 9.30am – 3.30pm. Further information – Sonya Davey 0408853576.

SCHOOLKIDS BONUS
The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund. If you receive a family or income support payment, you could be eligible. Check your eligibility by visiting Australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus or contact Centrelink – either in person or by calling 132 468.
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