Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. It has been great to see all students settle back into their class work this week. This term we have several new students joining our school. In the Reception class Eliza Beck, Caelin Hayman, Thomas Johns and Dante Earl have all commenced school for the first time. Mitchell Ruwoldt, Year 1, has joined Ms Warburton’s class and Levina Gruzlewski, Year 5, has joined Mrs Pratt’s class. We welcome these students and their families and trust their time at Mil Lel will be positive and rewarding. We now have a total of 86 students at the school.

The coming week is National Literacy and Numeracy week and next Friday we will be holding a whole school activity to celebrate its significance. Developing children’s Literacy and Numeracy skills are an important focus for our school along with developing children to be effective learners. It is acknowledged that schools are educating for a future that people cannot confidently describe, therefore it is important for children to develop a range of skills and attitudes to help them be successful in a changing world. Researchers have argued that if children are to be successful in learning and life, they need to be tenacious and resourceful, imaginative and logical, self-disciplined and self-aware, resilient, collaborative and resourceful. These are all important areas and not necessarily gained during one individual lesson but rather developed over time by children’s experiences.

High quality teaching is a strong driver and all Mil Lel staff have a strong commitment toward seeing each child reach their potential, both in their personal development and school work. Term 3 provides a great opportunity for all children to consolidate and build on their learning since the start of the year as we look forward to another positive term ahead for our school.

Regards,

Stephen
## DATES TO REMEMBER

**July**
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> - Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Speech & Drama Eisteddfod.
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Salad Roster – Stafford Family.
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Lunch Roster – Jacinta Clark & Amanda Simpson.
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Heat Ups Roster – Deb Burn.
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> UNSW English Competition Yr 3-7.

**August**
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Parent Club meeting.
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Salad Roster – Mitchell Family (Naomi).
- Eisteddfod Debating Yr 5-7.
- Literacy & Numeracy Week activity.
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Pupil Free Day.
- Lunch Roster – Karen Douglas.
- Assembly 3.00pm.
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Governing Council meeting, 7.15pm.
- Salad Roster – Beck Family.
- Issue 5 Book Club orders closing date.
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Pupil Free Day.

### Advance Notice

- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Pupil Free Day.**

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## SMS SCHOOL SERVICE

This term we will be sending home information/reminders via an SMS service. This will only be used occasionally and we anticipate it will not necessarily be ‘new’ information rather a reminder or update of what is put into our fortnightly newsletters. Therefore, we do ask that families to continue to refer to our newsletter for key dates and information about school activities. For the remainder of the year, messages will be sent to the nominated contact number provided last term. If you wish to change who receives the message in your family please let Judy know in the front office.

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

We would like to give families the option of receiving our newsletter via email. If you would like to receive the newsletter in this format please write down the email address/es that you would like it sent to in the reply slip provided. Please also indicate in the reply slip if you would like to continue to receive a paper version of the newsletter.

## GOVERNING COUNCIL

Our first Governing Council meeting for Term 3 will be held on Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup> commencing at 7.15pm. The next Finance meeting will be held later in the term.

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## TERM 3 ASSEMBLY DATES

Please note the following dates for our school assemblies:
- Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup>
- Monday August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup>

Assemblies will start at approximately 3 pm and all families are welcome to join us.

## MOUNT GAMBIER EISTEDDFOD INVOLVEMENT

This week, and in the coming weeks we have a number of students participating in Mt Gambier Eisteddfod events within the categories of Debating, Speech and Drama and Music. Good luck to all of the students involved.

## NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK ACTIVITY

Next Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, students will work with a buddy to complete an activity to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week. One part of this activity involves children sharing a favourite book, either a book that they currently like or it can be a book that they liked reading when they were younger. We request that parents please speak to your child/ren about what book they would like to share next Friday with their partner. Teachers will also support children with their choice.

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TERM 3 PUPIL FREE DAYS
Please note the following dates have been set aside for school closure days for staff to participate in training and development:
• Monday August 5th.
• Tuesday August 27th.

LOST PROPERTY
Unfortunately so far this week our lost property box has already been filled with un-named jumpers. If your child is missing a jumper please check the lost property box which is located in the Art Room. We do encourage all clothing to be clearly labelled.

AUSKICK
Auskick sessions concluded at the end of last term with a keenly contested parents vs students match. Once again, the students came out the victors! Thank you to Michael Kirby and the other parents that were able to attend the sessions, your help is much appreciated.

MELBOURNE AUSKICK TRIP
Last Saturday a group of our students travelled to Melbourne to participate in the half time match at Etihad Stadium. All students put in a fantastic effort.
“The best part was kicking the ball and when I ran off the oval I gave the crowd a ‘high five!’” Zac
“I marked the ball and tried to kick it to Shaunn. Lots of people clapped when we played.” Patrick
“When we were watching the football Dad and I got some chips. When I was on the oval I got the ball in my hands and then one of the black team players tackled me.” Clyde
“I kicked two goals. I was really thirsty after the game. It was a lot of fun.” Shaunn
“We watched a little bit of the first quarter between Port Power and St Kilda before we went onto the oval to play our game.” Amy
“My mum went on the oval to watch and had to pack up after we played. When we were in Melbourne we went shopping.” Charlotte S

TERM 2 SCHOOL SOCCER
School soccer also concluded last term and it was a great effort to have a school team in this competition. Thanks to Rob Harding for coaching the group of students who showed not only terrific skill but also positive sportsmanship and team work.
“School soccer was great fun. I scored lots of goals.” Tayne
“I liked school soccer because I played in a position that I liked.” Kyan
“School soccer was great fun. Unfortunately I was injured during the season and only played a few games.” Estelle
“School soccer was great fun. Mr Harding was a great coach.” Conor
“I had a real fun time with Mil Lel playing my last year of school soccer. Dad was a great coach!” Harry
“I played my best game against Reidy Park. Our team was undefeated for the whole year. I was goalkeeping for about three games.” Saige

PARENT CLUB NEWS
Lunch Day Roster
At this stage we have enough volunteers for Lunch Orders until Week 3 this term. After that, there are not enough helpers for Monday lunch orders to continue. Enclosed with this newsletter is the roster. Please add your name next to a date that you would be able to help. We understand that Lunch Orders are valued by the school community but is very much dependent upon volunteers helping out. Please return the reply slip by the end of next week. Based on the responses we receive, a decision on whether Monday lunch orders will continue will be made by the end of Week 2.

Lunch Day Menu
Reminder - Noodles are no longer available. Please delete this item from your menu.

Next meeting: Thursday 1st August at 9.00am in the Library. Hostess: Mellissa Day.
Community Notices

You will find further information regarding the following on our Notice Board or by phone number contacts or visiting websites provided.

Hobitz Netball Club Net-Set-Go!
Sundays at 11am (Term 3) from 28th July to 15th September at MGNA Courts.
Registration: Contact Sonya Beare 0407 391 385 or email hobitznetballclub@bigpond.com

LSEHA Mini Minkey Hockey
For all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students from Friday 9th August for 3 weeks, 4.30-5.30pm at Blue Lake Sports Park.
Contact: Mike Armour 0422 909 074 or 8724 7474 or michaelarmour5@bigpond.com

South East Women’s Football Association Bendigo Bank – Fun in the Park
5-12 Years – Girls, Boys and mixed groupings. 9-10am at Frew Park from Saturday 3rd August.

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