Dear Parents,

Excitement for our Sports Day tomorrow continues to build. Congratulations to the following students who will be team captains:

Boronia:  Rebecca Smaling & Jhett Perry
Banksia:  Chloe Kirby & Ben Gaffney
Wattle:  Brianna Simpson & Riley Burn
Bottlebrush:  Holly Baldock & Patrick Mitchell

Banksia is aiming for 5 wins in a row which would equal Wattle’s school record that occurred from 1998-2002. We look forward to a great day and welcome all families to come along and join us. Good luck to all students.

A few reminders for the day:
• After morning bell, students are to go into their classrooms. Teachers will bring them out shortly afterwards to commence the day.
• Students are encouraged to wear their team colours. Please note sneakers / sandshoes must be worn at all times on Sports Day. Students will also need to bring a sports squeeze bottle for drinks.
• We have planned to run cricket oval events in the morning and have events after lunch within the school grounds.
• Our presentations will conclude at approximately 2.30pm from which students will be dismissed.
• If the weather impacts on the day normal classes will be held (dismissal will still be at 2.30pm) and a modified day will be organised for Tuesday afternoon on April 2nd at approximately 1.30pm.
• There will be a pooled lunch under the shelter. Please provide a savoury and a sweet, enough for your family, to be shared.

Please also read through the insert regarding next week’s District Sports Day, it includes information regarding the organisation and timetable for the day.

Regards,

Stephen

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### PUMPKINS FOR SALE

The Beck family has kindly donated pumpkins to sell during our sports day tomorrow. The money raised will go toward supporting the Year 6&7 Canberra Camp later in the year. The pumpkins are priced between $8-$15 each.

### ROTARY DICTIONARY PRESENTATION

At our assembly on Monday the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West presented dictionaries to our Year 3 students. We thank them for this ongoing initiative.

### MOVE IT ASSISTANCE

Some costume requirements have been determined for aspects of our Move It performance and we are seeking parent assistance in this area. The first group requiring assistance is the Reception class girls who each need a colourful tutu. Our dance coach Mikayla has provided some ideas of what she would like them to look like. At this stage we are looking for parents (from any class) who would be interested in forming a costume committee to assist with making any costume requirements. Please fill out the reply slip if you are interested in being a part of this group.

### PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A reminder that our parent-teacher interviews will be held in Week 11. If you wish to have an interview, and have not already done so, please book a time with Judy Lacey in the front office. Confirmation slips will be sent home next week.

### CROSS COUNTRY

The Naracoorte Cross Country event will be held on Friday May 10th. An insert has been provided in today’s newsletter. All students who nominate will be expected to participate in training sessions either before school or during lunchtime. Please fill out the reply slip and return it to school as soon as possible.

### ANNETTE HOPGOOD FAREWELL

A reminder that our community farewell for Annette Hopgood will be held next Wednesday April 3rd. A whole school assembly for Annette will be held at 12.15pm prior to the lunch. Families are welcome to join us for the assembly. Lunch will commence at approximately 12.35pm. Please note that the lunch is for adults attending, students will have their usual play break and will therefore need to bring their own lunch as normal. If you are intending to come and have yet to reply, please fill in the reply slip in today’s newsletter.

### SATURDAY MORNING SCHOOL SOCCER

A Soccer competition for boys and girls in Years 3 to 5 will be run in Term 2, commencing Saturday 11th May. Games will be played on Saturday mornings from 9.00am at various school locations. If you are interested in your child/ren playing school Soccer please fill out the reply slip enclosed and return it to the Front Office by Wednesday 3rd April. We need a coach and manager, if you can help out with either roles please indicate on the reply slip.

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**Auskick**
Next term Auskick will be held at our school. Auskick is an Australian Rules Football coaching program and students in Reception to Yr 2 are eligible to participate (Registration Forms will be available for students next week). It is anticipated that sessions will commence in Week 2, Term 2 on Wednesday afternoons between 3.45 and 4.30pm. Michael Kirby will be managing the Auskick coaching sessions however we will need the support of other parents to assist – please indicate on the reply slip if you are able to. We have 2 options available to interested students:
Option 1 – Students complete a Registration Form and pay $55 for the Auskick Pack. This fee includes the contents of the pack and insurance which covers accidents that may occur during the sessions.
Option 2 – Students do not register and pay $15. This amount will cover lesson participation only and does not include an Auskick Pack or insurance. Our school insurance does not cover any incidents that may occur.
Similar to 2012, there will be an opportunity for selected Auskick participants to play at a half time break at a selected AFL game during July (no specific dates have been provided yet).

**Hookin2Hockey**
Starting from Week 2 in Term 2 (Friday 10th May) the Lower South East Hockey Association shall be hosting a 7 week programme at Blue Lake Sports Park for Year 3 - 4 students and Year 5 – 7 students at 4:30pm. $2/week per student. For more information contact Mike Armour, Hookin2Hockey Coordinator 8724 7474 or email michaelarmour5@bigpond.com

**School Values Award**
**Skipping Team Members** for displaying fantastic enthusiasm and persistence during practice sessions.

**Certificates**
**Chloe Chadwick** for forming letters correctly.
**Charlie Clark** for contributing to class discussions.
**Jorja Mitchell** for always being willing to help out her classmates with their work.
**William Virgo** for practising and making great progress with his reading.
**Harrison Stafford** for great improvement in trying to concentrate.
**Eliza Harding** for writing an excellent first draft of a discussion.
**Jhett Perry** for consistently giving his best effort and being very helpful.
**Brianna Scanlon** for her creative thinking and often giving us a different perspective from which to look at our learning.

**Parent Club News**
**Fruit Kebabs**
Last Wednesday most of the children enjoyed fruit kebabs at morning recess. Thank you to those who helped prepare and serve the kebabs.

**Easter Raffle Final Reminder**
Parent Club will be holding an Easter Raffle tomorrow at Sports Day. It will not be too late to contribute to the basket in the morning. Tickets will be sold during the day with the raffle being drawn after presentations.

**District Sports Day Jackets**
School jackets will be distributed on 4th April to all children who need a jacket for the street march. Parent Club will be arranging to have the jackets cleaned after sports day and so families are reminded to return the jackets **unwashed** and as soon as practicable. Children may wear their own school jacket from home if they wish.

**Cadbury Fundraiser**
Next term Parent Club is having a confectionary fundraiser. We hope each family would be able to distribute/sell at least one box. Please indicate if you would prefer to sell chocolates or lollies (Natural Confectionary) on the reply slip enclosed and return it by next Wednesday 3rd April.

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Hot Dog & Icy Pole Lunch Day – Monday 8th April
Parent Club will be organising a Hot dog and Icy Pole lunch instead of regular lunch orders on Monday 8th April. Please note that no lunch orders other than a Hot Dog and Icy Pole order will be accepted. Orders for this lunch need to be placed on Tuesday 2nd April the same way as regular lunch orders. Cost: Hot Dog $2.50 each with or without cheese and Icy Pole 50¢ each.

Lunch Day / Heat Ups Roster
If you are able to help with Monday lunch orders or Tuesday heat ups during Term 2 please indicate on the reply slip enclosed.

Next meeting: Thursday 9th May at 9.00am in the French Room. Hostess: Bec Scanlon.

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.

DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB
We Will Rock You
We walk over them every day, yet have you really stopped to look at all the different rocks that make up the Earth? Be a geologist for an evening and help identify some common and exotic rocks.
WHEN: Thursday 28th March at 6.45pm. WHERE: Tenison Woods College Science Lab. AGE: 5+
COST: $1/members, $3/non-members, $5/family. Parents welcome free. To book your place, phone Vanessa Courtney 8725 5455 or email courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM
Sessions at 10:30 only – Monday 15th to Friday 19th April
Sessions at 10:30am & 2:30pm – Monday 22nd – Friday 26th April
Book by phone or online from 22nd March

FRIENDS OF THE MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY – CAVE CLUB
Canvas Collage, Rock Art! Wax Painting
Catch up sessions now 10:30am Saturdays!

LIMESTONE COAST MOTHER’S DAY CLASSIC
Sunday 12th May
The Limestone Coast Mother’s Day Classic Walk in the Park will start at 10:00am at the Valley Lakes on Sunday 12th May 2013. For more information please phone Peter Collins 0401 447 260 or Simon Brook 0418 251 412. Register online: www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/events/regional

FREE RANGE SCIENCE & ACTNOOW THEATRE PRESENT THE CLOCK
Thursday 7th May at the Main Corner Complex, 7.30pm

STREET CIRCUS HITS TOWN
360 Allstars is a revolutionary production exploring all forms of rotation. Boasting world champion athletes, world class dancers and world renowned musicians, the performance connects the street with the elite to deliver a radical urban circus. They’re on for one night only at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre on Saturday, April 27 at 7:30pm. Box office 8723 8741 or www.helpmanntheatre.com.au

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