Dear Parents,

This week our students have been busy participating in electives. There was much creative thinking on display and students worked well in making their finished product that will be entered in the Mil Lel Show. Thank you to the parents that assisted also.

Next week our Year 6 and 7 students will be attending a camp to Canberra. They will join other students from Kongorong, Compton, Moorak and Glenburnie for the week long trip which departs this Saturday evening and returns on Friday. Our students have been looking forward to this camp all year and we look forward to them having a great experience whilst away.

Today our school held a Jump Rope For Heart skipping session. The purpose of this session was to provide an opportunity for our students to raise money for the Heart Foundation. Students participated in a variety of different activity stations and it was fantastic to see the strong level of effort and enthusiasm amongst the school. All classes have been practising their skipping skills during the term and it has been pleasing to see the improvement achieved by everyone. Thank you to Mrs Harradine for coordinating today’s session.

Regards,

Stephen

The Electives Scrapbook group proudly showing their work.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September
Friday 20th            Salad Roster – Johns Family.
Sat 21st – Fri 27th    Canberra Camp.
Monday 23rd            SACA Clinic R-2.
Tuesday 24th           Heat Ups Roster – Anne Gaffney.
Wednesday 25th         Salad Roster – Innes Family.
Friday 27th            Whole-school Lakes excursion.
                        End of Term, 2.30pm dismissal.

Term 4
October
Monday 14th            Term 4 commences.
Tuesday 15th           Heat Ups Roster – Anne Gaffney.
Wednesday 16th         Year 7 Grant High School tour, 2.00pm.

Advance Notices
Monday 21st October – School photographs.
Tuesday 22nd October – South East Primary Schools’ Music Festival.
Friday 25th October – School Closure.
Friday 1st November – Pupil Free Day.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
Each year schools across the state survey parents, students and staff to produce information that is shared in our Annual Report. In the past this has been run by DECD however this year schools have been given the responsibility to conduct these surveys. The content of the survey for parents and students is made up of 12 main questions. These questions are nationally agreed questions that will be used throughout Australia. Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope that contains information on how you can complete the survey; either online or by filling out the paper copy provided and returning it to school.

VALLEY LAKES EXCURSION
As culmination to Term 3 all Reception to Year 5 students will be going on an excursion to the Valley Lakes area on the last day of term – Friday 27th September. We will be travelling by bus and leave at approximately 11.00 am and return by 1.30 pm. Parents are welcome to join us. A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch. If your child does not want a sausage they will need to take a packed lunch. Parent help in cooking the BBQ is requested, please indicate on the reply slip if you can assist. (NB: HAMBURGER ORDERS FOR NEXT WEEK WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY.)

The cost for the excursion will be $3 per student. Please complete and return the accompanying reply slip.

SRC HAMBURGERS
Due to the whole-school excursion next Friday, hamburger orders for Week 10 will be served Wednesday 25th September. If ordering a hamburger, orders must be placed by Monday morning, 23rd September.

EARLY DISMISSAL
A reminder that the school term concludes on Friday September 27th with students being dismissed at 2.30pm. Term 4 starts on Monday October 14th.

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL TOUR
A tour for Mil Lel Year 7 students attending Grant High School in 2014 has been scheduled for Wednesday 16th October, Week 1 Term 4 at 2.00pm. Parents are responsible for organising transport.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School photographs are to be held on Monday 21st October (Week 2 Term 4). Please ensure school uniform is worn on this day. If you wish to purchase a new polo shirt for the photo please do so now so Parent Club has enough time to order any in if required.

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If you are able to assist with feeding the chooks and gathering the eggs during the holiday break please fill out the reply slip included in the newsletter.

**NAPLAN**

Normally around this time in Term 3 we receive NAPLAN results from the Year 3, 5 and 7 testing that occurred in May this year. However, due to an issue with printing, the delivery of this information has been postponed. Once we receive the reports they will be passed on to the families of students that participated in the test.

**Mount Gambier Show School Closure Day**

Please note that there will be no school on Friday October 25th due to the Mount Gambier Show.

**Pupil Free Day**

Friday November 1st has been set aside for a pupil free day for staff to participate in training and development.

**SAPSASA Golf**

Congratulations to Jhett Perry who has been selected in the SA State Golf Team. Jhett was successful in making the team after the recent try-outs in Adelaide that Patrick Mitchell and Saige Perry also participated in.

"On the first day we played on the small course. We had to score 90 or less to play the qualifier for State. I missed by 1 shot, and so did Saige but Jhett got through."

Patrick

"I missed out by one shot to make it to the longer course. This was my very first SAPSASA tournament and I really enjoyed it. I hope to do it all again next year."

Saige

**Adelaide Choir**

Last weekend 3 students, Estelle and Hamish Paul and Harry Harding, travelled to Adelaide to join other students to participate in the Festival of Music at the Adelaide Festival Theatre.

"I had a great time in Adelaide at Choir. I met lots of new people. At the end of the performance we all waved colourful handkerchiefs as glittery paper fell from the ceiling. I thought it was quite spectacular."

Harry H

"In Adelaide it was really fun. On Saturday morning we went to the Festival Theatre for a practice and then we waited around for a couple of hours before we had to meet back there at night. The performance was amazing. The lighting was excellent and all enjoyed it."

Estelle

"The Adelaide Festival of Music was a great experience although I didn’t enjoy sitting in the first row on the stage. I met lots of great people from different schools across the state."

Hamish

**Upper Primary Netball Carnival**

Last Friday a group of girls from the UP class participated in a netball carnival against other schools. Thanks to the parents who helped coach and manage the team.

“We went to Olympic Park netball courts last Friday and we played 6 games. We won 2, lost 3 and drew 1. We all had a turn at every position on the court. Two girls from Glenburnie filled in for us because we were short of two players. There were 4 pools of teams and we were in the fourth. Overall we came 4th in our pool. We all enjoyed a great day of netball and look forward to playing in the carnival again next year."

Ella, Holly, Jennieva, Levina, Rebecca, Brianna & Zoe.

**Mount Gambier Christmas Pageant**

Our school will be entering the Mount Gambier Christmas Pageant this year which will be held on Saturday November 16th. Our school will be accessing a float offered to us by the Mount Gambier Lions Club and the theme of their float is “The Old Woman that Lived in the Shoe”. Next term we will be sending out further information about this event, including a reply slip for families who want to nominate their child/children to participate.

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**AUSKICK NEWS**

Congratulations to Michael Kirby who has been nominated for an Auskick Coordinator award for 2013. This nomination recognises Michael’s fantastic contribution to Auskick at our school over the past 9 years.

**SIGN IN/OUT BOOK**

Thank you to the families that have supported our request to use the sign in/out book located in the front office. This book is to be used if your child arrives at school after the first bell due to an appointment etc or, if during the day, you have to collect them for some reason. If your child does return to school after an appointment please ensure that they are ‘signed’ back in.

**MIL LEL SHOW RAFFLE**

There are still a number of raffle books not yet returned. If you have not already done so, please return tomorrow.

**SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS**

Jessica Douglas for making great progress with her reading.
Levina Gruzlewski for being a positive and considerate student.

**CERTIFICATES**

Lachie Wintulich for being careful in his writing work.
Zac Shanks for his constant willingness to help others out.
Jeremy Cox for putting in a huge effort in all areas of learning.
Charlotte Stafford for taking extra special care with her handwriting.
Piper Storck for constantly using numerous Tier 2 words in her work, and in conversations.
William Scanlon for consistently completing high quality work in all areas.
Rebecca Smaling for interest, focus, and out of hours work on her Maths project.
Ben Gaffney for sustained focus in Maths and Science and the pride he takes in his finished work.
Harry Harding for excellent focus and effort in Maths and Science and his willingness to share his work with other classes.

**PARENT CLUB NEWS**

**Heat Ups Reminder**

Parents are reminded to provide food that is defrosted, not frozen. Thank you.

**For Sale – Frozen Food**

Parent Club are selling frozen food, left from lunch orders - great to have in the freezer as Heat Ups. These food items are located in the freezer in the French Room and may be selected from the list provided. Please enclose payment with a list of the selection you have taken in a sealed envelope, marked to the Attention of Parent Club, and leave at the Front Office. Please see Amanda Simpson, Deb Burn or Judi Paul with any questions.

**Mil Lel Show Cake/Produce Stall Fundraiser**

Parent Club hold a cake stall at the Mil Lel Show each year which is a fundraiser for the school. Donations of cakes (cut and wrapped in individual pieces), slices, muffins, cup cakes, jams, sauces, preserves, pickles with list of ingredients on items would be appreciated. Preferably nothing with fresh cream that needs refrigeration unless you pack your donations in an esky. Donations may be left at Michelle Storck or Deb Burn’s house on Friday 11th October or taken to the show by 9am Saturday 12th.

**Animal Nursery**

We also still need lambs, calves and ducks for the animal nursery. Please let Deb Burn know if you have any other suggestions that would be suitable for the nursery.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 24th October at 9am in the Library. Hostess: Michelle Storck.
ELECTIVES & JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

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

COMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL 150TH CELEBRATIONS
On November 1st, 2nd & 3rd 2013 Compton Primary School will be celebrating 150 years of education. If you are a past student, staff member or know of anyone please contact Kerry Walter on 8725 1723.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO – SPORTS THEMED
Friday 27 September – 6:30 to 9:00pm. City Hall, Main Corner.
Tickets $5 from the Mount Gambier Police Station. Primary Years 4-7.

JUNIOR TENNIS
G Grade Junior Tennis, Friday nights at Olympic Park from 4-5pm. Suitable for all children age 5-8 years. Low compression orange balls used, ½ court matches with small nets. 7 week/term, cost $30/term commencing 18th October. No G Grade competition on Friday 25th October. All participant details to Cassie Edwards 0408 956 409. Anyone doing this can still attend Pee Wee Tennis clinics.

WILSON PEE WEE TENNIS - MLC TENNIS HOT SHOTS
Bookings essential. Contact approved provider Cassie Edwards 0408 956 409.

MOUNT GAMBIER DISTRICT LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE
Information Day Saturday 21st September at Centro and the Market Place from 9am-12noon.
Registration Day Sunday 13th October at Mount Gambier High School oval 10am-12noon.
For more information, please call Jonathon 0427 490 551.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING MOUNT GAMBIER
Season starts Oct 18th. Contact Robyn Collins 0437 268 229 or Sue England 0418 828 944.

GIRLS TRY GOLF
Golf South East is seeking girls aged 8 to 17 years who may be interested in joining the NEW Girls Golf Club. Monday 30th September, Tuesday 8th October – 9.30am at Naracoorte Golf Course.
Registration and enquiries to Mary Winser, Girls Golf Club Coordinator 0438 057 435.

JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC
For boys and girls, beginner to advanced. Tuesday 1st October at Millicent Golf Course.
For more information please contact Steven Coote 0423 378 060 or Dwayne Baker 8725 1527.

SOFTWARE
Mount Gambier Softball League invites all interested in a game of softball to contact Felicity Walker on 0439 816 583 or email gfwalker@bigpond.com. Season commences Saturday 19th October. No experience necessary, everyone welcome.

MAYFAIR (Singing) – MJ DANCE (Acro) COME AND TRY WORKSHOPS
October school holidays. Places in each workshop are limited.
Singing: Call Hannah on 0417 876 133 or mayfairsingers@outlook.com
ACRO: Call Maria 8723 0991 / 0439 872 309 or maria.slape@bigpond.com