Dear Parents,

A few weeks ago we had a staff training and development day in Mathematics which was facilitated by Mike Chartres, employed by DECD as a ‘Mathematician in Residence’. During the day Mike shared with staff a range of knowledge and strategies that can be used to develop students’ ‘number sense’. A key part of students developing their ‘number sense’ is the development of effective Mental Computation strategies (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Some examples of what this looks like in class have been provided as an insert in our newsletter on the topics of Subitising and Turnarounds. These examples have been taken from a booklet specifically designed to assist parents develop their understanding of how number sense is taught.

In Week 9 we will be holding an information session for families who would like to find out more about mental computation strategies. If you would find such a session useful and would like to attend, please fill in the reply slip in this week’s newsletter. Also in the reply slip is an option to indicate if you’d like a copy of the parent information book; for parents who cannot attend the information sessions we are happy to send the booklet home.

Regards,

Stephen

Students had the opportunity recently to visit the Da Vinci Machines Exhibition held at the Riddoch Art Gallery.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June
Friday 13th
Salad Roster – Johns Family.
Issue 4 Book Club closing date for orders.
Parent Club Quiz Night.

Monday 16th
Heat Ups Roster – Amanda/Roger Munn.
UNSW Writing test.

Tuesday 17th
UNSW Spelling test.
Finance Committee meeting, 6:30pm.
Governing Council meeting, 7:15pm.

Thursday 18th
Upper Primary Football Carnival at Blue Lake Sports Park.

Friday 20th
Salad Roster – Innes Family.

Monday 23rd
Heat Ups Roster – Deb Burn.

Tuesday 24th
Assembly, 3:00pm.

Thursday 26th
Maths Information Sessions for Parents.

Friday 27th
Salad Roster – Clark Family (Amelia, Charlie).

GOVERNING COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Our next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday June 17th at 6:30pm. Governing Council will follow at 7:15pm.

ASSEMBLY
A reminder that our next Assembly will be on Tuesday June 24th at 3:00pm.
Class compere Year 3/4 class.
Depending upon the weather it will be held either outdoors under the shelter or in the Library. All families are welcome to join us.

AUSKICK
Auskick sessions will conclude in Week 10, Wednesday 2nd July, with a parent vs student match which no doubt will once again be keenly contested. A sausage sizzle will follow.

SAPSASA SOCCER
Congratulations to Saige Perry for being selected in the LSE SAPSASA Soccer team. Saige will compete in a tournament later this term in Adelaide. Well done Saige.

LOST PROPERTY
Lost property continues to accumulate in the lost property tub near the Library.
With the colder weather upon us it is certainly timely to check for misplaced windcheaters. We also request that families name all clothing items to help address this issue.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Mil Lel Parent Club Fundraising Quiz Night – Friday 13th June
Tickets are available from Canopy Interiors, Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier. The Blue Lake Golf Links bistro will be open for meals from 6:00pm.

Chocolate Fundraiser
Please ensure all money is returned by the end of term when our Chocolate Fundraiser will conclude.

Uniforms
The Rugby tops have arrived for those who have ordered. Sandra Robinson will be available Monday morning 8:30-9:00 for collection.

Free Hot Dog Lunch – Wednesday July 2nd
To request your free hot dog please provide a brown lunch bag clearly named, including classroom, at the top and indicate on the bag whether or not your child would like sauce. Orders must be in by Friday 27th June.

Heat Ups Roster
Parent Club will again be offering Heat Ups on Mondays during Term 3. Parents are asked to please ensure the heat ups are wrapped in foil (or oven proof material) and clearly named. Parent volunteers will be needed. It will involve placing the heat ups in the pie warmers in the French/Apartment room in the morning and then returning at 12:15pm to hand them out.

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**Next Parent Club Meeting** - Friday July 25th in the French Room at 2:00pm. Preschool children are welcome. Hostess: Suzanne Harding.

**DA VINCI MACHINES EXHIBITION**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**
You will find further information regarding the following on our Notice Board, by phone contact numbers or visiting websites provided.

**School Dental Service**
The School Dental Service is the major provider of dental services for babies, children and young people under 18 years in South Australia. Around 130,000 children attend every year. The Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule for 2-17 year olds started in 2014. **ALL children are very welcome to continue to access dental care at the School Dental Service.** Dental care is FREE for most children and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare.
Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental benefits Schedule can also attend – a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.
School Dental Clinics are located across Adelaide and regional SA. To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

**DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB**
**Sense-sational?**
How much do you rely on your senses to determine what is occurring around you? Can your eyes actually deceive you at times? Can you tell what something is just from feeling it? How is your sense of smell? Can you identify different foods just from tasting them? Find out how well-developed your senses are and see which one works best for you.
WHEN: Thursday 26th June at 6.45pm. WHERE: Tenison Woods College Science lab

**KIDS COOKING – JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
Enquiries and Registration to Lynette Sage, TAFEsa Mount Gambier Campus 8735 1504 or email lynette.sage@tafesa.edu.au

**AC.CARE FREE PARENTING EXPO**
Thursday 19th June 2014 5:45pm for 6:00pm start to 9:00pm. Leadlight Room, City Hall, Mount Gambier. To book phone ac.care on 8721 3500 or email care@accare.org.au by Monday 16th June.

**BLUE LIGHT MOVIE NIGHT**
How To Train Your Dragon II, Oatmill Cinema, Thursday 19th June. Ages 8-15 years. $5/ticket available at the Police Station (or on the night at the door but tickets are limited).

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As part of our Society and Environment unit of work on Communities, the Year 1&2 class went on an excursion to Reidy Park Primary School. We visited Room 16 and met our Year 7 buddies. They took us on a tour of their school. It was much, much bigger than Mil Lel.

A part of our work involved looking at similarities and differences between the two schools. As a class we found out the following:

Our school is different to Reidy Park in that it only has 95 students. Reidy Park has 650! There are 90 Year 7 students at Reidy Park this year; our buddies were amazed to hear we only have 8 Year 7 students.

At Mil Lel we have only 4 classes, Reidy Park has 30. Our schools are similar in that we are both communities that have a goal to learn.

“We went to Reidy Park on a bus. We sat in a circle and whoever was holding the ninja could talk about what’s different about our schools.” Jessica

“When we went to Reidy Park we had partners and we had a tour around the school.” Charlotte S

“We went around the whole Reidy Park school and we all had to find a partner. Some of our partners took us to the playground and the soccer field.” Joshua

“Our partners took us to the basketball court. They haven’t got a flying fox in their playground like us.” Lillie

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