Dear Families,

At the beginning of the school year staff spent time on establishing a vision for our school. A vision achieves several valuable outcomes; it provides a common direction and an inspiration to get better and establishes agreed goals. The development of a school vision also provides a way to express to students and parents who and what we would like our students and school to be. Staff have spent time reflecting on questions such as ‘what is unique and valuable to our school that we should retain?’, ‘what are community expectations of our school?’ and ‘what things should we take into the future?’ From staff responses we have been able to develop a succinct and concise vision statement:

“Commitment to learning. High expectations. Community.”

As a part of this process we are seeking feedback about your thoughts on the proposed vision as well as our current school values. Please take the time to read the insert in this week’s newsletter that provides further information about these areas.

Thank you to the families that were able to come along to Tuesday’s Acquaintance Night. The evening provided a good opportunity to meet class teachers and gain an insight into the term/year ahead. Positive school and home partnerships are a strong contributor to student success and is a valued aspect of our school culture.

Congratulations to Piper and Wil who were elected as School Captains, and Eliza and Harry, School Vice-Captains for 2016. Each of our Year 7 students did an excellent job of preparing a written application (including getting a referee statement) and giving a speech to the whole school as a part of the selection process. We look forward to these student leaders being positive role models for our school.

Regards,

Stephen

Congratulations to Wil and Piper for being elected school captains and Harry and Eliza as vice captains.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February
Friday 19th
Heat Ups Roster – Katrina Potter.
T-Ball begins.
Monday 22nd
Mon 22nd – Fri 26th
Heat Ups Roster – Megan Beck.
Swimming – Year 1&2 class and Years 3-7.
Tuesday 23rd
Friday 26th
MLPS AGM 7pm. Governing Council meeting to follow.
Thursday 25th
SAPSASA District Swimming.
Friday 26th
Heat Ups Roster – Rebecca Opperman.
March
Wednesday 2nd
Parent Club Hot Dog Lunch orders due (for lunch Wednesday 9th).
Thursday 3rd
Parent Club meeting, 2pm.
Friday 4th
Clean Up Australia Day.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23RD
The Annual General Meeting will commence at 7.00pm and the first
Governing Council meeting of the year will follow after this has been held.

SWIMMING
Please note the following reminders for swimming. Lesson details are as follows:
- **Monday Feb 22nd – Friday Feb 26th**
  Years 3-7 and Mrs Sutherland’s Class
- **Monday Feb 29th – Friday Mar 4th**
  Years 3-7 and Mr Savage’s Class
The lessons begin at 1.30pm and conclude at 2.15pm. As stated above
Reception to Year 2 students only participate in one week of lessons whilst
students in Years 3-7 have lessons for two weeks.
We will be departing school at
approximately 1:10pm and returning at
approximately 3:00pm. If you intend to
collect your child from the Aquatic Centre
at the end of their lesson please ensure
that you let their class teacher know.
Children are not to bring any money to
spend at the Aquatic Centre and please
ensure all clothing, towels etc. are
labelled. It is also a good idea to have a
separate bag to put wet clothes in and for
children to have footwear that is easy to
get on and off. If time permits children
will be given the opportunity to change in
to their bathers at school prior to leaving.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
As a part of Clean Up Australia Day our
school will be tidying the Rail Lands in
Mount Gambier. Therefore, prior to the
swimming lesson on Friday March 4th all
students will travel to the Bay Road end
of the rail lands to clean the area
between there and Wehl Street.
Depending on the weather, we will have
lunch together at either the rail lands or
the swimming pool. Parents are welcome
to meet us and help with the clean-up.
We anticipate arriving at the rail lands at
approximately 12:00noon. Rubbish bags
will be provided but students are
encouraged to bring their own gloves.
Students will need to bring a packed
lunch and drink bottle for this trip also.

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT FEEDBACK
As a part of our school review processes
and commitment to improvement, we are
seeking feedback about our recent
Acquaintance Night. Please complete the
reply slip attached and provide any
comments.

SPORTS DAYS: ADVANCED NOTICE
- **Internal Sports Day** (held at school),
  Friday 18th March, 9:00am-2:30pm.
  Teams are included with the
  newsletter and will be displayed on
  the Noticeboard.
- **Small Schools District Sports Day**
  (held at Blue Lake Sports Park),
  Friday 8th April, 8:45am-1:30pm.
  Further details will be published in
  upcoming Newsletters. Helpers for the
Internal Sports Day are needed. Please refer to the insert for further information.

SRC NEWS

2016 Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who will represent their class as SRC representatives during 2016. We look forward to all our SRC representatives and school leaders being positive role models for our school.

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Icy Poles

From next week, SRC will be selling icy poles under the shelter during lunch times this term for 50¢ each. Students will be limited to buying no more than 2 each day and we also discourage children buying icy poles for their friends.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

Deklin Joyce for showing great consideration toward another student.

Jakob Opperman for displaying improved public speaking skills and effort in class.

CERTIFICATES

Will Ciavatta for being so keen to read in the mornings.

Alison Seaman for being respectful to the other children in the class.

Thomas Shephard for his fantastic work in Maths (addition).

Eliza Beck for her excellent effort in writing procedures.

Shaylah Cole for putting much effort into ensuring a positive start to Year 3.

Charlie Kirby for making an excellent start to Year 4, and being a great mentor.

Bradley Walkom for putting so much effort into a positive start to Year 3, and for doing great work too!

Jacob Opperman for participating in all classroom activities.

Caitlin Crouch for being a friend for those in need.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Easter Raffle

Parent Club will be holding an Easter Raffle on Mil Lel Sport Day. Please place your donation of eggs or Easter goodies in the basket provided at the front office by Friday 11th March. This year Richard and Hayley Crouch are donating meat to add to our raffle. A book of tickets will be sent out in the next newsletter and the raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the sports day.

Phone Book

Please return the rely slip that was in the last newsletter before Friday 19th February to be included in this year’s 2016 Community Phone Book.

District Sports Day

Please remember that students need a white polo shirt with school logo and green shorts. Parent Club arrange logo monogramming each year. You can leave your white shirts, clearly named, in a bag (also named) with correct payment ($10.00/each) at the front office before Friday 11th March when polo shirts will be taken for monogramming.

Hot Dog Day – Wednesday 9th March

If your child/children would like to receive a hot dog please place their order by clearly writing their name and class on the top of a brown paper bag with $2.00 enclosed and placing it in their class room lunch box (not the front office) by Wednesday the 2nd March.

Heat Ups

Parent Club will not be providing sauce for heat ups anymore. It will now be a family responsibility to provide sauce for their children.

Catering for Family Reunion

Parent Club have agreed to cater for a family reunion on Sunday 13th March. If you are able to help on the day or provide food for afternoon tea please contact Sandra Robinson 0428 145 312.
Movie Night
Please note that the Parent Club are planning a Movie Night on Friday 15th April (last day of term). We will be using the City Council’s large inflatable screen to show the movie. More details will be included in the next newsletter.

Next Meeting - Thursday 3rd March in the Library at 2:00pm. Pre-school children are welcome. We have decided to have one Thursday and one Friday meeting each term.
Hostess: Suzanne Harding.

2016 ICAS UNSW ASSESSMENTS
If you would like your child to participate in any the assessments, please fill in the reply slip provided with the necessary payment. These assessments are external to any school based testing and further information can be found at: https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about

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Part 1: Growth Mindset vs. Fixed Mindset
A message from Miss Brumby.

One of the most important aspects of successful learning is having a Growth Mindset. However, children can often develop what we call a Fixed Mindset, which is the notion that intelligence cannot improve. These children believe that you are born with a certain amount of intelligence and there is nothing you can do to change that. Science proves that this is untrue and we all have the capacity to build upon our intelligence. When someone comes to the realisation that intelligence can grow, they have developed Growth Mindset – the notion that through practice, patience and learning from your mistakes, you can indeed get better at whatever you are working on.

Underachieving students can develop a Fixed Mindset and find it difficult to maintain motivation for learning. Similarly, those who are high achievers may also have a Fixed Mindset. Both groups of children fear making mistakes as they don’t want to appear ‘unintelligent’. Consequently, they may make limited progress and their confidence in their abilities continues to decrease over time.

Also, some high achieving students may fear breaking out of their comfort zone, and not like pushing the boundaries, fearing experimentation.

In both situations, having a Fixed Mindset is detrimental because neither will achieve their full potential and this can carry into their adult lives.

With this in mind, it is essential that Growth Mindset is fostered within our children. Even those who already have a Growth Mindset can benefit from learning about how their brains grow and adapt. Once they are aware, they can consciously use this information to cope with new and challenging situations –even in subjects (or jobs) they are not naturally inclined toward.

Yet how do we encourage Growth Mindset? Next Time: the Magic of Mistakes

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