Dear Parents/Caregivers

At week seven we typically begin to see children becoming tired and making poor decisions with behaviour. One of the areas we are having a lot of trouble with at the moment is children’s ability to problem solve in the yard.

Many children are using inappropriate language to respond to one another. This creates a very negative space for everyone to be in, with children unable to effectively learn, due to emotional distress, and teachers unable to teach as they are spending up to 50 mins sorting out yard issues. It is timely that today is ‘R U OK Day’, where we are reminded to consciously think about the wellbeing of others. I would ask all families to encourage children to think about, talk about and practise using appropriate responses to others and as adults we can all model this.

In week nine we will participate in White Ribbon Day events, which also reinforce looking after one another and having respectful relationships. We will again be sending a group of boys to "The Loudest Shout" and the whole school will reflect on what White Ribbon means through a whole school activity.

We welcome back Mrs Amanda Wright from sick leave and farewell Mrs Corfield who was back filling her for the last six weeks. In week eight Miss Proud will be taking leave for a week to undertake some training development in Adelaide, Ms Rose Povey will be absent in week nine and ten on long service leave and Mrs Coleman will also be taking some long service leave from week ten. I wish them well in their endeavours and journeys in this time.

Mardi McClintock
Principal

Tamarin Condon
Deputy Principal
POSTING OF CHILDREN’S IMAGES ON INTERNET

Whilst we want you to have memories of your children and encourage you to take those videos on your mobile device I would like to remind all families you need permission to post images of other peoples’ children on the internet. If all families could be aware of this and have these conversations with their children as well; as they also need to seek permission to post images of other children on line.

Mount Gambier High School
YEAR 8 2017

Parents of Year 7 students who will be attending Mount Gambier High School in 2017 are asked to take note of the following dates.

- Visits to MGHS for Year 7 students will be in Term 4, Weeks 1, 2 & 3
- Information meeting for parents of Year 7 students - Monday Dec. 5 at 7pm in the Garry Costello Centre for Creative Arts theatre
- Orientation Programme for Year 7 students will be on Wednesday Dec. 7 & Thursday Dec. 8 (Week 8)

CLASS PLACEMENT 2017

At the end of this term and over the first five weeks of Term 4, we begin the task of placing children into classes for 2017.

Many factors are taken into consideration by teachers - placement with friends; splitting children who do not work well together or who are too dependent on one another; gender balance; a balance within a class of academic abilities; children with special needs and behaviour issues, etc.

Staff spend considerable time during the staff meetings to organise students in class groups. Once classes are finalised, then teachers are assigned to classes. This may not occur until the end of Term 4 or until the January holidays, if staff are not appointed until that time.

If parents believe they have information, based on educational needs, which will help with their child’s placement, please put this information in a letter addressed to the Principal, marked ‘Confidential’.

We cannot promise to meet every request; however the information will be taken into consideration.

I remind parents that this process is NOT about selecting class teachers but rather information to be considered. Ultimately we need to trust teachers, as the professionals, to make the most informed decisions about students' placement.

All requests need to be received, in writing, at the school no later than Friday, September 30th

It is essential that we know as soon as possible of any future enrolments for the Children’s Centre and school ie: Reception children, children moving into the area, so these children can be included in future class placements.

We would also appreciate knowing if any families are planning to leave Mulga Street at the end of 2016, please put this information in writing and drop off to the Front Office, so these children are not included in our numbers for 2017 classes.

SCHOOL CHOIR

The choir rehearses each week on a Monday between 12.15pm and 1.15pm in the school hall. The children have been working well to learn the required 14 songs that will be sung at The Adelaide Festival of Music on September 17th and are looking forward to performing for the school community later this term as a part of our Learning Hub Concert.

On Wednesday morning all choir students travelling to Adelaide to perform on September 17th participated in a rehearsal with Cathy Lange, Deputy Conductor, Festival of Music and this was a fabulous experience.

Finally, a well-earned congratulations must go to Caitlin Letizia and Bonnie Camm who have been successful in winning solos and will perform as a part of the South East Festival of Music to be held in Mt Gambier in October.

Tamarin Condon

Safety, Trust, Respect
STUDENT GALLERY

For Book Week, Ms Bradley’s class read ‘The Cow Tripped Over The Moon’. Students participated in various activities throughout the week. This sample of their work is on display in the Library.

COUNSELLOR’S CORNER

This is a repeat spotlight in the newsletter giving all families the opportunity to understand the times and requirements involved in the lateness and absentee process.

Each morning teachers are required to complete daily lateness and absentees in their roll book:

Lateness/absenteeism

Lateness- A child arriving to class after 8:45am is to be marked as late in the roll book, however will not be required to sign in at the Front Office.

Sign in sheet- A child arriving after 9:00am is marked as late in the roll book and is required to sign in at the Front Office.

Morning absent - A child arriving to class after 10:45am is to be marked as a morning absence in the roll book.

Afternoon absent- A child leaving class after 12 noon and not returning to school is to be marked as an afternoon absence in the roll book.

Early departure- A child leaving class after 2:30pm and not returning to school (for appointments or family reasons) is to be marked as an early departure in the roll book. If a student leaves school due to illness at any stage during the day, they will be marked as an early departure.

Thanks
James Egan (School Counsellor)

WOODEN TOY BOX FOR SALE $30

Made from recycled pallets at the MSPS

KIDS’ SHED

The toy box is on display in the Front Office

If you are interested in other custom made wooden products, please speak to Dave Marshall or John Magarey.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots

Contributing to the tennis revolution by jumping on board Tennis Australia’s kid’s starter program – MLC Tennis Hot Shots, we are offering a FREE ½ hour come and try session on Monday 26th September at the Olympic Park Courts, Margaret Street. Three timeslots will be available: 3:45-4:15, 4:15-4:45, 4:45-5:15.

Bookings are a must and can be made by contacting local MLC Tennis Hot Shots approved provider Casie Edwards on 0408956409.

This FREE MLC Tennis Hot Shots come and try session is for children 7-10 years of age. Children wishing to continue can join the Monday afternoon program which runs for 8 weeks in term 4.

FREE Tennis Lessons for 5-7 year olds

Already over 100,000 children have graduated through the Pee Wee program at tennis centres across Australia. This highly regarded, fun coaching program has specialised equipment, modified racquets and tennis balls making it a fun activity for all participants.

The FREE ½ hour come and try session will be held at the Olympic Park Courts, Margaret Street, on Thursday 29th September. Three timeslots will be available: 3:45-4:15, 4:15-4:45, 4:45-5:15.

Bookings are a must and can be made by contacting local Pee Wee Tennis provider Casie Edwards on 0408956409. Each child enrolling for the first time in the Thursday afternoon 8 week program in term 4 will receive a free Tennis racquet and hat.

Safety, Trust, Respect
This term we have looked at the potential danger our material world has made on our planet. To best comprehend this danger and threat to the world, we looked at this on a small scale on six areas of our school.

We looked at rubbish found on the school grounds. The areas we called Catastrophic, Century to millennium, Decade of Pain, Dangerous and bio-degradable. It is amazing how much rubbish gets blown behind buildings, fences, trees and other obstacles on our school.

It is amazing how much rubbish gets blown away. We have enjoyed bringing back the children's classroom and I have enjoyed bringing back the past four months of LC 23 back. I have come to LC 23 to keep coming rain in this town. I

My name is Setio Shanahan, like a shower of rain in this town, I continue to keep coming back. I have come for the past four months and I have been very pleased with the children's classroom and I have enjoyed bringing back the past four months back.

I will still be here this year. I will still be here and I will still be here to keep coming rain in this town. I

Students completing the Environmental Report Card on the rubbish found on site after a normal lunch day.

During this term we have been working in groups to create an information report poster on six countries participating in this year's Olympics. These countries represented all of the different and key aspects of their participation in the Summer Olympic Games. We would like to thank those people who came and voted on our class posters at the front office. It was such a great experience for our class and we are looking forward to the next one in 2020.

We will be Year 8 and 9 then.

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