Dear Parents/Caregivers

On Saturday morning I drove to Adelaide to watch the Mulga Street Choir perform at the Festival Theatre. I was immensely proud to be able to say that they were my children up on stage. I know that they are not ‘actually’ my children but as a teacher and leader of the school for some 10 years now, the children here at Mulga Street are all my children. I laugh with them; I cry with them, I feel their pain and their frustrations. I am proud of them when I see the difference they can make to their learning, with a bit of effort, and how pleased they are to share what they have done and how they did it. I enjoy talking with them about their weekends and their sport and feeling for them when they tell me that they have lost a pet. Because of this I become disheartened when I hear such negative things about teachers. Teachers are daughters and sons, mothers and partners. Teachers do not become teachers because they don’t like children. They become teachers because they want to make a difference, they want to help children learn and become informed, responsible, literate and numerate, resilient, problem solvers and caring citizens in our society. It is important that teachers and families work together to achieve the best outcomes for all children.

On October 5th it is World Teacher’s Day. Think of us kindly.

Mardi McClintock  Tamarin Condon
Principal  Deputy Principal

LEARNING HUB CONCERT

Main building learning hub concert tickets are now on sale from the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. There are very limited tickets still available. Please contact the box office for ticket sales.

There will be programmes available on the night for a gold coin donation. Artwork from the learning hubs will be displayed in the foyer for you to view while you wait.

We are looking forward to spending a “Day at the Beach” next Thursday night.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

On Saturday 17th September 15 of our students performed on stage at The Festival Theatre as part of the Public Primary Schools Festival of Music.

The Primary Schools’ Festival of Music, an official state icon, is a public school-based music education program which, is in collaboration between DECD and the SAPPS Music Society, gives all SA public primary students the opportunity to perform at a prestigious venue.

This year the Festival started in the jungle (Jungle Rhythm), looked at environmental sustainability through the commissioned work “Mission Possible” and ended Bollywood style with “Jai Ho”.

In between there were a number of Assisting Artists from public primary and secondary schools, other choir items that presented different musical genre and two pieces that specifically showcased the talents of the orchestra.

IMPORTANT DATES

26th Sept  6pm Finance Meeting
           7pm Governing Council Meeting

29th Sept  Learning Hub Concert

30th Sept  End of term

End of Term Friday Early Dismissal

2:15pm
In week 7 the Music Is Fun band came to visit our school. This band always provides a highly entertaining show with plenty of opportunities for students to get involved. Those who were lucky enough to be asked to participate showed a great deal of bravery and were rewarded with a great experience and lots of positive feedback from their peers. There were 2 items that required prior planning and practise and I would like to congratulate the following students for giving up some of their lunch times to create and rehearse their own dance for the song Welcome To New York: Caitlin, Marni, Sophie, Chelsea, Kyrah, Hailee, Kody, Bridie and Alana.

Also, congratulations to Allyson who sang a solo for the song If You’re Out There.

We look forward to the new experiences that will come when the band visits again in 2017.

Hayley Meyer

Parent club are seeking donations for the sports day raffle. Non-perishable grocery, snack food hamper items or vouchers would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped into the front office.

Congratulations to this year’s Sports Day Captains and Vice captains. Below is the list of successful applicants for each of the 4 teams. Each of these students will help lead their teams on sports day and play an important role leading up to the day to help make sure everyone has a successful day.

Keegan
Josh Stafford - Captain
Jordan Freeman - Captain
Georgia Stevens - V/ Captain
Sophie Fairchild - V/Captain

Powell
Zaidyn Tweed - Captain
Jade Rosenthal - Captain
Caitlin Letizia - V/Captain
Kaylee Howard - V/Captain

Shelton
Emily Tully - Captain
Jack Fenk - Captain
Luke King - V/Captain
Marni Black - V/Captain

O’Leary
Jiordan Muir - Captain
Troy Moreland - Captain
Laine Kuhl - V/Captain
Madison Buchanan - V/Captain

Making the Most of School Holidays
You don’t need an instruction manual to make the most of the school holidays. After all, holidays are about kicking your feet up, relaxing and getting away from the usual routines. Right?

For parents the prospect of keeping children occupied for several weeks can be daunting. Holidays can also be a difficult and lonely time for some. Sole parents and step-parents usually experience particular challenges at this time of the year as family catch-ups cause conflict, and disputes can arise over who children spend their time with. Often family differences are contained during the year but spill over when normal routines cease over the holiday period.

Here are some ways to help reduce tension over these school holidays and make this time enjoyable and fruitful for all:

1. Mix up the routines.
   The best part about holidays is the change from the routines of school-life. Some kids feel comfortable with the routines of school-life and can feel a little lost until the new holiday routine kicks in. Be patient with these routine junkies!
   Also make sure you begin adjusting the routine as returning to school comes closer so kids are prepared for going to bed and getting up at earlier times.
2. Mix ‘me’ time with ‘them’ time.
Plan a mixture of outdoor activities or trips with quiet at home activities where you can relax and recharge your own batteries. The holidays give you a chance to spend time as a family but you also need to take some time for yourself each day. It helps to let your kids know that you are having some timeout too.

3. Resist being your child’s home entertainment machine. Give children opportunities to keep themselves occupied or think of inexpensive, fun ways to keep themselves amused. “I’m bored” is an invitation for kids to keep themselves occupied rather than for you to keep them amused.

4. Team up with other families. Whether it is sharing celebrations with other families or just holidaying with friends, holidays offer the chance to broaden your child’s social circle. Make sure you provide the three types of activities that children want with their parents – i.e. rituals and celebrations, including family mealtimes; one-on-one activities where you spend some time alone with each child; and unstructured, impromptu activities such as playing simple games, storytelling and walks around the neighbourhood. These are important relationship-building activities that bind families together and enable you to build up emotional collateral with kids as they move into adolescence.

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.

YEAR 4/5 SOCCER
Last weekend the year 4/5’s played their last game of soccer. All the students enjoyed participating during the term and all showed improvement and a willingness to do the best they could be and support each other in all the games they played. Well done.
LC 20 Career Expo

Earlier in the term the students from LC20 had the opportunity to experience some different career pathways at the local Rotary Career Expo at Uni SA. The students had a small taste of a variety of different industries including, the forestry, automotive, defence, health and nutrition, nursing, hair and beauty, engineering, and environmental management as well as learning about educational pathways available through university and TAFE.

Students had the opportunity to control simulation programs used in the forestry industry.

Some students enjoyed learning about the hair and beauty industry and even had a free facial or new hair style!

Youth Forum “Weed Warriors”

Four students from the upper primary classes have been involved in a program learning about how to care for the environment and manage weeds. Last Tuesday, along with students from LC15, the students released leaf hoppers, a small insect which eats bridal creeper, at the Valley Lakes. The students have been learning about the effects of weeds such as bridal creeper on our environment. By releasing the leaf hoppers the students are helping to manage the spread of bridal creeper.