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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Book Week

How fantastic to see children immersed in literature, talking, reading and partaking in activities with the shortlisted books for this year's awards. A big thank you must go to Karen Pink, the library committee, student executive and any person who has contributed to organising activities and competitions throughout the last two weeks. Reading is a lifelong skill. If all children are able to read and comprehend texts they will be able to access all multimedia texts throughout their lives to achieve anything they desire. We encourage all children, R-7, to read for a minimum of 10mins each day out loud to an adult. Practice is vital to improving skills.

As we progress towards the end of the term the teachers in the Learning Centre are very busy choreographing their concert items to perform at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre on September 22nd. **Tickets will go on sale on Friday September 1st from the Box office or online. This year we have reduced ticket prices to compensate for the booking fee at the box office. Ticket prices will be adults \$10, concession \$8 and youths (u/17) \$5.** Please be aware that there is a transaction fee which is passed on to purchasers from Country Arts SA, \$2 online and \$3.50 over the phone or counter sales. It might be worthwhile getting a group of friends and family together and buying in bulk to avoid this fee. More details will come home in the coming weeks.

At this time of the year we also ask families to let us know if you are considering moving schools or interstate as we begin the process of classes and staffing for 2018. Please give the front office staff a call and let them know. I thank you in advance for your support with future planning.

Mardi McClintock
Principal

Tamarin Condon
Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

25th August

4th September

7th September

8th September

9am Bookweek Parade

5pm Grounds Meeting

Music is Fun Performance

8am Canteen Meeting

11th September

6pm Finance Meeting

13-15th September

7pm Governing Council Mtg

Year 5/6 Camp Cape
Bridgewater

22nd September

7pm LC Concert

26th September

10.15pm Early Years (R/1)
Assembly

27th September

12pm Junior Primary (Yr2/3)
Assembly

QKR! APP



Don't forget to download the Qkr! App on your phone or tablet. Search for the app in the app store, this is a new easier payment option we are making available to parents to pay for school/preschool/music fees, uniforms, excursions, incursion and pay for lunches from our canteen. For more information on how to install please contact the front office.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER



How To Talk More With Your Kids

If you were to focus on one thing to give your child an advantage then do what should come naturally – talk with them.

The links between school achievement and parents' ability and propensity to engage in conversation with kids from a young age is indisputable. The language stimulation they receive when they talk with parents is one factor. The language of first borns is generally more extensive and richer than their siblings who spend less time in one-on-one situations with a parent but engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids

in a far broader sense. It is right to say that kids learn a great deal from their parents but, in fact they do when we talk with them. In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us and who we are. It is by talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts as well as how we get a window into their worlds and how they think.

Getting conversations going with kids can be a massive challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, and kids that clam up are some of the blockers to conversation that parents meet. So you may need to be a little cunning, a little proactive and a little inventive to get some chat going at home.

Here are five ideas to help you get more conversation going in your family:

1. Turn off the TV (and other screens). Most homes have a range of electronic screens that you compete with to get their attention. Don't be afraid to take control of those screens and create a little conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you are a home full of screen junkies.

2. Turn on the TV (and other screens). If you can't beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder particularly for older children and teens. This can range from "who's going to win Australian Idol?", "what happens to the winners of Australian Idol?" to "what is the point of Australian Idol?"

3. Have more mealtimes (with the TV off). The family that eats together talks together...or they should. I have a theory that families with a strong food culture (i.e. they love food and value the whole eating experience) have strong bonds. So make mealtimes special and insist that kids sit until everyone finishes rather than they eat all their peas. Avoid turning mealtimes into food fights that you can't win.

4. Move more. If sitting and chatting is not your child's thing then try getting them up and moving. Boys will often talk when they walk or play so consider getting some action happening. When their hands are busy the tongues will often loosen up.

5. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting. Sitting together in a car, washing dishes and playing a game can provide opportunities for talk. Take the eye contact out of the equation and you may find the talk just flows with some kids. Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. It seems to me that the best communication in families happens when no one is working at it BUT in busy modern families you do need to work at communication. That is the way of it. You have to work hard at family.

Have a great weekend Mr. E (School Counsellor)

MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGE

A reminder that the Materials & Services Charge (school fees) are now due.

If you have not applied for School Card and believe you may be eligible, please collect a School Card form from the Front Office. School Card must be applied for every year.

Thank you to those families who have made arrangements with the school to pay the fees by instalment.

If you wish to pay by instalment please speak to Sue Shaw (Finance Officer) ASAP. Please do not hesitate to contact Sue if you have any issues in regard to the payment of school fees.

BANK DETAILS

Account Name: Mulga Street Primary School Council Inc

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia

BSB: 065-504

Account Number: 10362131

PCW NEWS

PERSEVERANCE

What really is perseverance? Remember Aesops Fable of the Tortoise and the Hare – here is how it goes:

There once was a speedy hare who bragged about how fast he could run. Tired of hearing him boast, Slow and Steady, the tortoise, challenged him to a race. All the animals in the forest gathered to watch.

Hare ran down the road for a while and then paused to rest. He looked back at Slow and Steady and cried out 'how do you expect to win this race when you are going at your slow, slow pace?' Hare stretched himself out alongside the road and fell asleep thinking there was plenty of time to relax.

Slow and Steady walked and walked. He never, ever stopped until he came to the finish line. The animals who were watching cheered so loudly for tortoise that they woke up Hare. Hare stretched and yawned and began to run again, but it was too late. Tortoise was over the line already.

After that, Hare always reminded himself, 'Don't brag about your lightning pace, for slow and steady won the race!'

So stick with a task, work on it, stay committed no matter how long it takes and finish what you start, solve a problem and be a winner.

'Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there's love and inspiration I don't think you can go wrong.'

Pam Young - Pastoral Care Worker



WANTED

The front office is looking for small sized trackie pants up to size 10 if you have any you no longer require we would be grateful of any donations. Thank you.

WHOOPING COUGH

A case of whooping cough has been reported within our school community. If your child has been ill and a dry cough develops after 3 to 7 days please seek medical advice before your child returns to school or preschool. Immunisations with vaccines that protect against whooping cough are effective in reducing the likelihood of illness and complications from the disease. Children within the school community who have received the recommended number of doses of whooping cough vaccine are much less likely to become infected with the disease. If your child is not immunised, it is recommended that you contact your local doctor for more advice regarding preventative measures.

LEARNING CENTRE CONCERT DVD

We would like to offer families the opportunity to pre-purchase a copy of the learning centre concert on DVD. All orders must be ordered and pre-paid by 18th September 2017. DVD's are \$30 each and are professionally edited by Rob Tremelling. Please complete the order form and return with payment to the front office. Please note a minimum number of 20 orders is required.

Learning Centre Concert DVD Order Form

Name _____

Class _____

Order _____ copies learning centre concert DVD @\$30

Money Enclosed \$_____

Signed _____

COMMUNITY NEWS

CENTRALS TENNIS CLUB
Bishop Road, Mount Gambier

We are looking for new players
Juniors and Seniors welcome
(must be 8 years or older)

Coaching available for juniors
Great family club.
Please contact Sonya on 0438 566 454
for more information.



A colorful poster for a T-Ball event. At the top, it says 'Come and try' in a cursive font, followed by a logo for 'MG BASEBALL' featuring a stylized 'M' and 'G'. The main title 'T-Ball' is in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Below the title, there's a blue baseball helmet and a baseball. The event dates and times are 'Sept. 8th, 15th & 22nd' and '6.00-7.00pm'. The central image shows a young child in a white baseball uniform, wearing a blue cap and blue shoes, in a dynamic pose as if about to throw a ball. At the bottom, it lists 'AGE 7-15', 'UNDER LIGHTS', and 'SAUSAGE SIZZLE' on the left, and 'BLUE LAKE SPORTS PARK DIAMOND 1' on the right. A row of logos for various sponsors is at the very bottom, including 'Tops', 'South INDIANS', 'Centrals', 'Federal', and others.



Safety, Trust, Respect





Our group is the army group & there is three people in the army trying to survive by killing the monsters. The monsters names are Ethan & Cameron The people's names in the Army are Riley, Jake & Brandon.



Group 3 is a medical group there are five people in the group. There are Stacey, Mikayla, Chloe, Mia and Quinlan. We try to save Mia's life when she has a heart attack and she survives it.



We have 3 people in our group but we had 1 missing. We dance for about 15 seconds. And after that we have a pillow fight. The people in our group are Zariah, Belle and Elycia.

LC23 Countdown to Concert



Our group is the dancing group. There is 5 members in our group Shelby, Lexi, Destinee, Matilda, Arabelle. At the end Lexi does a spin and all of the girls lift up Shelby.



This is group 4's concert practice. Our theme is 'Dream Big'. Group 4 is the heroes but one who is a villain. The class song is 'Superhero'. These are the people in the group, Brad Jennings, Callum McIntyre-Gregory and Madison Jacobs. In the pic Madi is dancing/cheering on Brad who is battling Callum the villain.



In LC23 we've been practicing for the learning centre concert the theme is Dream Big our group (group 6). We're the sports stars our group is planning to have fun and make the crowd inspired by our act. We've put lots of effort into making up this act. Haydn, Gavin, Cody, Nirvana and Emily