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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

As the term has progressed various unknown roles and positions have been confirmed with staffing. Alison Martin has been appointed as the Aboriginal Education Teacher and Hannah Proud has won the coordinator position. The coordinator will be working with staff to identify students who are not meeting their potential and assist them in implementing intervention and differentiation. This will mean a change in Hannah's year one class on a Tuesday with Mrs Gail Lewis back filling on this day. Gail will also back fill behind Alison Martin on a Monday in her year 4/5 class. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and versatile teacher in this role.

Acquaintance night is just around the corner followed by the Governing Council AGM and I am looking forward to meeting and catching up with continuing and new families. I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to join the Governing Council; finance committee, grounds committee, canteen committee or parent club and be part of the decision making, beautifying or fund raising process of the school. The commitment is usually two meetings a term and may be a couple of emails backwards and forwards. The more the merrier! If you are unable to make the AGM after acquaintance night but would still like to be part of the school governance, please feel free to give me a call and express your interest.

On another note: Our Premier's Reading Challenge goal this year has been set at 90% completion. Last year we hit 82%, up from 70% in 2016. 12 books between now and September. We can do it Mulga Street!

Mardi McClintock
Principal

Tamarin Condon
Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

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| 19 th Feb – 2 nd March | Swimming |
| 20 th Feb | Acquaintance Night/Governing Council AGM |
| 8 th March | Payment for Noorla Yo Long excursion due |
| 12 th March | Adelaide Cup Holiday |
| 13 th March | Pupil Free Day |
| 14 th March | Book Fair 2.30pm – 4pm |
| 15 th March | Book Fair 2.30pm – 6pm |
| 15 th March | Noorla Yo Long Excursion |
| 16 th March | Book Fair 2.30pm – 3.30pm |
| 21 st March | Harmony Day |
| 22 nd March | Middle Primary Assembly 11.15am |
| 22 nd March | Final Yr 7 Camp payment due |
| 29 th March | Early Years Assembly 10.00am |
| 30 th March | Good Friday Holiday |
| 2 nd April | Easter Monday |
| 3 rd April – 6 th April | Year 7 Aquatic Camp |
| 4 th April | Junior Primary Assembly 12.00pm |
| 12 th April | Middle School Assembly 2.30pm |
| 13 th April | Term 1 Ends Early Dismissal 2.15pm |
| 30 th April | Term 2 Begins |

Acquaintance Night/School AGM

We invite all parents to attend the Parent Acquaintance Night followed by our Annual General Meeting of Governing Council to be held **next Tuesday, 20th February between 5.30pm-6:30pm**. This time is for parents and teachers to get together informally to meet and greet one another and explore ways both can work in partnership to support student learning.

This year each family will receive a School Family Passport for the evening. The passport will contain 8 areas in the school to visit during the evening and collect a stamp. Once completed, the passports can be placed in a box in the library. 4 passports will be drawn out at the AGM to win a variety of prizes, kindly donated by the following businesses:

Collins Court Butchers, She's Apples, Jens Hotel, Mulga Street School Governing Council. We look forward to seeing families on the night and good luck!

PUPIl FREE DAY – 13th MARCH 2018

A reminder to all families that **Tuesday, 13th March** is a pupil free day where students do not come to school.

On the day Mulga Street Staff will be participating in training and development in the area of literacy with a focus on spelling.



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Class Learning Plans will be available for all families at Acquaintance Night. These plans reflect much of the learning that has occurred during the weeks of Quality Start. The plans will be a valuable resource for finding out about your child's class expectations and how the class will run during the year.

Please make an effort to come and meet your child /children's teachers. We view this as the first stage of providing information to assist student learning and well being in 2018. Please come along and see the work your children have been involved in from the beginning of the year.

***A sausage sizzle will be operating.
Sausages, fruit boxes and bottles of water will be
available at \$2.00 each.***

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018
Tuesday, February 20th 7.00PM
To be held in the library**

An invitation is extended to parents to join the Governing Council for the Annual General Meeting which will be held in the library.

Brief reports will be followed by the election of Council members for 2018. The Governing Council plays a vital role in the future directions and decision making within the school.

I urge all parents to consider becoming part of this body by nominating for one of the vacancies that exist. Nomination reply slips are included in this newsletter, please return them to school by Monday Feb. 19th.

We thank the following members who have completed their tenure, or whose children have left the school or who have resigned, for their contributions throughout the last two years and encourage them to also consider renominating:

1 Year remaining

Andrew Hughes
Nissa Westbrook
Sheree Earl

Completed term

Mario Persello
Phil Lowe
Tim Hann
Eion Williamson
Craig Richards

LIBRARY NEWS

We are holding a Book Fair March 14th-16th!

Great value books will be available for all budgets.

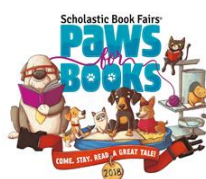
Keep the dates free to come along:

Wednesday 14th March 2.30-4 pm

Thursday 15th March 2.30 – 6pm

Friday 16th March 2.30 – 3.30pm

More information will be given closer to the dates!



**Karen Pink
Library Manager**

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 Sarah Holloway (Finance Officer) ASAP. Please do not hesitate to contact Sarah if you have any issues in regard to the payment of school fees.

***** ATTENTION FAMILIES *****

**The state government has lifted the School Card
income threshold to \$57,870 for 2018.**

**If you believe you are eligible, we urge you to
apply.**

PCW NEWS

Welcome back. Already 2018 is going fast. By now most students and families have settled back into school routine. I am in the process of setting up a 'Parent Hub' a space where parents can come to do reading with students, or just relax, have a cuppa and read a magazine or chat. We have a few activities for those families with toddlers. Watch this space for a further update. This space is right next to Ms Perryman's Reception class. Please take a moment and have a look. I will be placing a suggestion box in the room and would love your suggestions as parents/carers on activities you would like to take part in or see presented to assist you in your role. Look forward to catching up

**Pam Young
Pastoral Care Worker**

AUSKICK

This year Auskick will be held in Term 2, on a Monday afternoon from 3.30pm to 4.15pm.

Any child from Foundation to Year 2 is eligible to participate.

Notes will come home later in the term explaining the cost involved, how to register your child and for parents/caregivers to indicate whether or not they can assist during these sessions. If we do not have parent helpers or there are not enough students participating, Auskick will not go ahead.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ring the school. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Jessica Hill
Auskick Co-ordinator**



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COUNSELLOR'S CORNER



Going to School Matters

Regular attendance at school not only improves student's future life choices but also benefits others including parents, teachers and classmates.

The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to regular attendance and appropriate participation in educational programs. It is crucial that children and students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age; even from the time they are enrolled in preschool.

Children and students who have poor patterns of attendance are at risk of not achieving their educational, social or psychological potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in life.

Did You Know?

Being absent five days a term from Reception to Year 10 adds up to more than one year of school missed!!

Each morning teachers are required to complete daily lateness and absentees in their roll book. I thought it was important for parents to have some understanding of the times and requirements involved in this process.

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 is to be marked as an early departure in the roll book.

CANTEEN NEWS

We would like to welcome everyone back and hope you all enjoyed your holiday break.

If you haven't done so already don't forget you have the option for ordering lunches online via our Qkr! App.

To parents who already have downloaded the app please remember to update your child's profile with this year's classroom.

Leeanne Tincknell
Canteen Manager



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COMMUNITY NEWS

You are invited to

Mount Gambier Children's Centre for Early
Childhood Development and Parenting
Excellent rating award presentation day

This is a celebration to acknowledge the exceptional practices and programs provided by Mount Gambier Children's Centre in partnership with families, the community and partner agencies.

Mount Gambier Children's Centre was recently awarded the Excellent rating by the Australian Children's Care and Education Quality Authority (ACECQA).

The Excellent rating is the highest rating a service can achieve under the National Quality Framework.

The Excellent rating acknowledges our collaborative practices and programs to 'Re-imagine community' as we listen and respond to children and young families and provide innovative programs and services that benefit our community.

Date: Thursday 22nd February

TIME: 11:30am to 12:30pm – Includes light luncheon

RSVP: Friday 16th February

Phone: Rebecca on 87257375 or Email: Rebecca.Smith918@schools.sa.edu.au

LOCATION: Mount Gambier Children's Centre
for Early Childhood Development and Parenting, Mulga Street, Mount Gambier



ME/CFS

Awareness Night

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (commonly known as chronic fatigue syndrome) is a debilitating and confusing disease that affects the neurological, immune, endocrine, and energy metabolism systems.

Time: 6:45-9pm March 1st

Venue: Main Corner Complex

Cost: Free

A local sufferer will share her story before the award winning documentary on the disease "Unrest" will be shown, with time for Q and A after.

Book the night in your diary or find the event page on Facebook!
Hope to see you there!

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPLY SLIP

I wish to nominate for Governing Council in 2018.

Name:

Phone contact:

Please complete the nomination slip and return to the Front Office by Monday 19th February if you would like to become a member of the school Governing Council.



LH3C HAVE BOARDED THE LEARNING BUS

