



## NEWSLETTER

### Newsletter No.2

Dear Families,

Welcome to week 3. It has been a busy start to the term with some children taking up until now to settle into their new classrooms. Adapting to change can be confronting for many adults and children and create many emotions. I encourage you to talk with your children about their thinking and how they have control over this. Positive self-talk and a 'I can do it' headset goes a long way in helping with the change process.

Next week on Monday and Tuesday we will undergo our External review. The purpose of external school reviews is to support us to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build public confidence in government schools. All government schools are externally reviewed every 3 years. The focus of the external school review is to evaluate our school's performance. The review panel includes a review officer and a trained review principal. Our school review will occur on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The review panel will identify aspects of our school's improvement that have been verified through the review processes, as well as the improvements that we need to make in the future.

Next week we also have our annual Acquaintance Night from 5.30 – 6.30, followed by the AGM of the Governing Council at 7pm. It is a great opportunity for families to come and meet their child's classroom teacher in an informal setting. The parent club will operate a sausage sizzle on the night. Sausages and drinks will be available for \$2.00 ea. Don't forget to visit all six spaces across the school on your passport with every completed passport earning points toward the sports day start totals.

### Governing Council AGM and election of council members 7pm Tuesday

We are desperately seeking new members to nominate for Governing Council. Meetings are held twice a term. Governing councils are bodies that govern a school or preschool. Every school's local community is represented by either a governing council or a school council. The site leader works together with the council to develop future directions for their site. In your role on a governing council, you work with the site leader to:

- involve the local community
- develop and approve local policies
- set the broad direction and vision of the site
- monitor and review the site improvement plan

- be the employing authority of some services, including OSHC and canteen

If you are interested in nominating to be part of the Mulga Street Primary School Governing Council or would like to know any further information, please feel free to contact myself at school or Mario Persello, the Governing Council Chairperson on 0403466626 or return the nomination reply slip, which is included in this newsletter, to the school by Monday Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mario Persello  
Craig Richardson  
Liz Spencer

#### Completed term

Andrew Hughes  
Tim Hann (Left)  
Eion Williamson (Resigned)  
Nissa Westbrook

*Mardi McClintock*

Principal

*Tamarin Condon*

Deputy Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

18<sup>th</sup> February

Swimming Lessons begin

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE OF DATE

19<sup>th</sup> February

Acquaintance Night  
Governing Council AGM

8<sup>th</sup> March

Pupil Free Day (Tentative)

11<sup>th</sup> March

Adelaide Cup Holiday

22<sup>nd</sup> March

Pupil Free Day (Tentative)

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March

Noorla Yo Long Excursion

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> April

Year 7 Aquatics Camp

5<sup>th</sup> April

Junior Primary Assembly 2:30pm

Learning Centre Assembly – TO BE ADVISED

## BANK DETAILS

Account Name:

Mulga Street Primary School  
Council Inc

Bank:

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

BSB:

065-504

Account Number:

10362131



## WELLBEING



### School Captains 2019

I would like to acknowledge all of the students who were brave enough to participate in the election process for School Captains. Like applying for any position this can be quite daunting. Mardi and I had a difficult time making final decisions as the field of contenders was of such a high standard.

After much deliberation we were able to congratulate these four students for winning leadership positions for 2019. We wish them all the best.

#### School Captains:

Zoe Phelan  
Maddie Van Der Heyden

#### Vice School Captains:

Milla Vinko  
Shelby Bradshaw

#### Principal Representatives:

Brad Jennings  
Grayson Frost

#### Indigenous Representative:

To be advised

Congratulations to these students for their tremendous efforts. Please make sure you continue to be brave and put your hand up for other opportunities as they arise:

Zariah Niemz  
Harmony Kennett  
Callum Harvey  
Abby Thompson  
Jorja Owen  
Molly Badenoch  
Abbey Letizia  
Mikayla Govan  
Kohdy Gunn  
Jack Weir-Drenthen

**James Egan**  
Student Wellbeing Leader

## 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 an 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.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- **Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.**

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Prices range from \$1 to \$30 (for sets) and purchasers have a chance to win a lucky door prize. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

**Book Fair dates: Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup>, Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> and Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> March**

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

**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.

## CANTEEN

Mother's Day will be here before we know it so why not buy her a Mulga Street Canteen cook book. It has all our favourite recipes and lots more. You can either order and pay via our Qkr! App or call past and see me in the canteen. It will take approximately 1 week to receive your order.

**Leeanne Tincknell**  
Canteen Manager



## PCW NEWS

Welcome to an exciting school year! This year we are introducing a new social-emotional learning and character education program called Kimochis. Kimochis means 'feelings' in Japanese. This curriculum is based on research documenting that when instruction in building social, emotional, and behavioural skills is provided there is a positive effect on how children problem-solve and interact with their peers later in life. Your child will learn how to recognize and manage emotions, demonstrate caring and concern for others, establish positive relationships, make responsible decisions, and handle challenging situations constructively. From time to time there will be a School to Home Connection letter that will outline what your child was taught and how you can reinforce and extend the learning at home. During the first units your child will be introduced to the five Kimochis Characters. Each Character has a different personality and temperament, just like children! Each Character has a favourite food, number, and colour. They have feelings that define their personalities and behaviour. The Kimochis lessons will teach your child new emotional vocabulary and simple strategies to cope with challenging social moments.



**Pam Young**  
Pastoral Care Worker

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### EAST GAMBIER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



#### JUNIOR CLINIC WITH SENIOR PLAYERS

SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEB

U12 10:00 - 11:30 am

Clinic commence 10:30am

ALL NEW AND EXISTING PLAYERS WELCOME (TURNING 6 AND UP)

MEET YOUR COACHES

FOLLOWED BY FOOD, REFRESHMENTS AND REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

SPORTS VOUCHER REGISTERED CLUB

ENQUIRIES TO Nathan Stratford 0427 979 238

**SPORTS  
VOUCHERS**  
sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

## Wellness and Wellbeing Festival

**Saturday February 23rd**  
Cave Gardens, City Hall,  
and Library  
10am-4pm

Showcasing local products and services supporting emotional, physical, and mental wellness and wellbeing.

There will be stalls, workshops, presentations, food, music, and more!

Brought to you by the  
Chronic Illness Limestone Coast Support Group

## WANT TO DANCE?

### MOUNT GAMBIER

JOIN US FOR A FREE TRIAL!



[WWW.DANCESA.COM.AU](http://WWW.DANCESA.COM.AU)



#### DanceSA is opening in MOUNT GAMBIER!

At DanceSA School of Performing Arts you will experience recreational dance fitness classes which celebrate individuality, diversity and creativity!

Join the DanceSA Family of 16 years, come and trial our dance classes.

Experience a fusion of dance styles in every class.  
Jazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop with Ballet Fundamentals.

Dance classes available for ages 3 years and up, of all experience levels!  
Classes commence Term 1 2019

#### RIPLEY ARCADE STUDIO

Commercial Street West, (parking off James Street) Mount Gambier

FREE trial lesson with great fees and family discounts  
AMAZING performance opportunities

NO costume making, NO expensive shoes, NO need to join multiple classes

#### REGISTER FOR YOUR SPOT AT A FREE TRIAL DAY!

0408 988 483 | [info@dancesa.com.au](mailto:info@dancesa.com.au)

## GOVERNING COUNCIL REPLY SLIP

Please complete the nomination slip and return to the Front Office by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February if you would like to become a member of the school Governing Council.

I wish to nominate for Governing Council in 2018.

Name:

Phone contact:



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