



### DIARY DATES

<b>Friday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Outdoor Movie Night</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Year 6/7 Surf Education</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Rooms 1 &amp; 2 camp to Ballarat commences</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Rooms 5,7 &amp; 8 camp to Ballarat commences</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>End of Term 1 - Early dismissal 2.30 pm</b>

Term 1, Week 9, 31st March, 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We have been experiencing an increase in students arriving early at school. I am aware that some of our students are early to school because they genuinely like coming to school to socialise with their friends and to be here as soon as the classroom doors open to come inside and get a head start on their learning for the day. However, I would like to remind families that there is no yard supervision until 8:25 am. Students who are seen by staff in the yard are asked to come inside the office until playground supervision begins. Safety of these students who arrive early is of significant concern. Chronic early attenders may be booked into OSHC if these numbers continue and this would need to be at cost to the parents.

#### Sports Day

Have you put Sports Day in your diary? Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April is the day for this important school event. This year we will be holding the Championship **Events on Thursday morning 14<sup>th</sup> April** as we are aware that having both on the same day usually means a very long day for our students, particularly those in the Junior Primary classes.

The program, timetable for the day and the map of where each of the events will be sent home shortly. Please bring this with you to Sports Day. If you did not receive your copy or require an extra copy for other family members please collect one from the Front Office prior to or on the day. Please note that Junior Primary students will not be dismissed at lunchtime as we include whole school team games after the lunch break that will be scored for team points. These team events will be in addition to the usual tabloid format held in the morning. This will give our younger students the opportunity to join in with the spirit of friendly competition and collaboration along with the middle and upper primary students in their house team.

Order forms for food have been sent home. **Reminder: Pizza orders need to be received at the Front Office by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.** (BBQ items do not need pre ordering.) Cakes will also be available. We look forward to having many community members join us on the day for our R-7 Sports Day.

#### Parent Teacher Interviews (all but 4/5 classes)

Parent Teacher Interviews are being held this week and next. It is great that so many families have already taken the opportunity to meet with teachers and exchange information about their child's progress at school, their achievements and challenges as a learner. Unfortunately online bookings have now closed but teachers still have some times available that can be accessed by contacting them directly.

#### Dates for your Diary

Early dismissal on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>, for the last day of this term will be at 2:30 pm. We have planned Sports Day so that it will conclude for early dismissal. This will coincide with the dismissal times of other schools in the Mount Gambier district.

#### Pupil Free Day

Staff have been very fortunate to be able to spend two days this week with Michael Ymer focusing on teaching and learning in Mathematics. Michael is an international expert in mathematics education and has recently worked in schools in Japan, China, Singapore and Vietnam as well as throughout Australia. On Tuesday Michael lead professional learning sessions on connecting the Australian Curriculum in Mathematics, the Mathematics Proficiencies (understanding, fluency, solving problems, reasoning) and practical applications in the classroom. On Wednesday it was the students' turn with Michael teaching some of these concepts in classrooms whilst staff were released in year levels to observe him teaching. Ensuring that staff all focus on best practice teaching and learning programs that best



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best practice teaching and learning programs that best assist student learning in Mathematics is one of the important priorities of our 2016 Site Improvement Plan. Working together as a whole staff with experts such as Michael supports us to share and continue the excellent practices currently occurring in Maths teaching in our school and to explore ways of making sure that we are providing consistency within and between the year levels.

**SAPSASA Athletics**

Today 54 of our senior students will be competing in the South East SAPSASA Athletics carnival which will be held at Mount Gambier High School. This is an opportunity for our talented athletes to compete against the best in the district and to gain selection for the Lower South East SAPSASA athletics team and go on to compete at the SAPSASA Country Championships in Adelaide. Participating in these events is dependent on students meeting the standards at time trials that were recently held at school. Heath McShane, our PE Specialist Teacher, has been busy preparing our team for the competition and will supervise them on the day. I would like to wish each and every one of them the best of luck.

*Chris Sheldon  
Principal*

*Lesley Okholm  
Deputy Principal*

**Bizgate (online payment facility)**

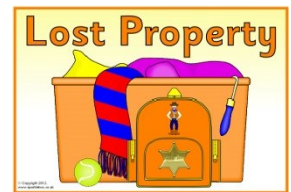
We have been notified by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) that Bizgate the online payment facility will be decommissioned at the end of March. Please note that the Bizgate facility is now closed.

*Gay Brooker  
School Business Manager*

**Lost Property**

The large pile of lost property has been sorted and those articles that were named have been returned to classes, however there is still a huge amount of unnamed articles. If you have any items that may still be missing, please visit and have a look through the basket in the Front Office. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

*Tracy Kain  
Admin Officer*



**Room 15, 22 and 23 Rail Lands Excursion**

First we walked there it took long. Next we sat on the stairs, I was partner with Saxon later we were finding natural built things. Then we walked back to school it was fun. Finally I went home I told Mackye what happened. I felt tired, very tired.



*Sam B Room 23*

**Sports Day**

Championship Sprints will be held on Thursday the 14th April this year from 9am. A note has gone home if your child is participating in the Sprints. Students who make the sprints should wear their team colours on the Thursday.



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Parent / Teacher/ Student Relay: **Runners needed!**

Each year on Sports Day, our final relay is hugely popular as the students, parents and younger and more athletic teachers, run around the oval!

The Parent team needs volunteers so if you are available and can be at the school at approximately 2.15pm, please return the slip below.

I would like to take part in the Parent relay team on Sports Day.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

