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Term 4, Week 1, 19th October, 2017

DIARY DATES

Friday	20	October	School Closure Day - Mt Gambier Show
Tuesday	31	October	Finance Committee
Wednesday	1	November	Governing Council, Grounds & Fundraising
Thursday	2	November	School Tour 9.30am
Friday	3	November	Pupil Free Day
Thursday	9	November	Year 3/4 Concert

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We are looking forward to a positive and busy term ahead with many activities to look forward to including transition days (for both Yr 7s and new Reception students starting at our school next year), Yr 7 Graduation and our Carols Evening. Next week our choir students will be performing at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre as a part of the South East Primary Schools Music Festival and in Week 4, our Year 3 and 4 students will be presenting their concert. Thank you to all families who were able to come along and support the Year 6 and 7 'History Mystery' learning showcase at the end of Term 3. Our students valued your presence and it gave them a fantastic opportunity to share their learning to an audience. Family involvement in school life is valued; at any stage this term, please feel welcome to contact either myself or your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss your child's progress at school.

2018 Class Planning

As mentioned last term, our school will be starting the process of student placement in classrooms for 2018 in the coming weeks. If parents believe they have information, based on educational needs, which will help in your child's placement, please put this information in a letter addressed to the Principal, marked 'Confidential'. All requests need to be received, in writing, **by Friday October 27th**. Please be aware that this process is not about selecting teachers but rather providing information for the school to consider. We cannot promise that every request will be met. However, all information will be taken into consideration.

Students will also have the opportunity to be a part of the class arrangement process and have been asked to identify friends that they would like to be in a class with next year. This information will be sent home for you to discuss with your child at the beginning of next week and is also due by Friday October 27th. Whilst the

intended purpose of having students nominate peers to be placed with next year is to support their transition into a new class, we also encourage families to use this as an opportunity to support their children to apply important life skills such as being resilient and accepting of change. We encourage all children to be optimistic about building friendships with a broad group of people.

Volunteer Information Session

Our school will be holding a RAN-EC induction session for volunteers on Tuesday November 7th from 6.30pm-8.30pm in the school library. It is a DECD requirement that all volunteers who provide ongoing assistance must participate in a Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care (RAN-EC) induction session. The RAN-EC induction outlines for volunteers their child protection responsibilities and provides guidelines on protective practices. All current and intending volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend. Please complete the reply slip in this week's newsletter if you would like to register for this session (there is no cost to participants).

Stephen Jolley
Principal



Last term our Year 6/7 students held an Ancient Civilisation Learning Showcase. These displays were the culmination of a terms learning of Ancient History.

Uniform Expectations

A reminder, that this term all students are expected to wear a hat during play times and outdoor activities. The school has uniform policy approved broad brimmed and bucket hats for sale available from the Uniform Shop for \$7. Those children without the correct headwear will be asked to play in the shade. With the warmer weather expected this term, please be aware that our uniform policy also states that any shorts worn by students should be of appropriate length, with no visible logos.

Congratulations

Sam and Jess O'Neill welcomed their baby son Thomas Edward on September 28th. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them.

Reminders

- Our school will be closed for the Mount Gambier Show tomorrow, **Friday 20th October**.
- Governing Council has approved a **Pupil Free Day** on **Friday November 3rd**. On this day staff will be participating in a professional development workshop focused on planning and moderation.
- Our first whole school assembly for the term will be held on Thursday October 26th from midday in the gym. Future assemblies will be held on a fortnightly basis from this date. All families are welcome to attend.

PMA Maths Competition

Congratulations to the following students for participating in this year's PMA Maths competition. Well done to everyone.

Rec Individ. Zara G
Yr 1 Individ. Sian C
Yr 2 Individ. Lila P
Yr 3 Individ. Nevae B and Caitlin H
Yr 4 Group Milla P, Amber R and Summer M
Yr 5 Individ. Taylor B
Yr 5 Group Lara T and Ella S
Yr 6 Individ. Rylee S
Yr 6 Group Coco M and Luran N
Yr 7 Group Ashley B and Tully M

Thanks to Draven A, Carla B and Sarah R, Levi R and Ruby D for entering as well. All of your hard work was clearly evident and I hope you all enter again next year.

RAN-EC Induction Session

I would like to attend the RAN-EC induction session on Tuesday 7th November from 6.30-8.30pm (please return to Front Office)

Parent Name

Signature

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 and easier payment option which allows families to pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions, incursions and lunches from our canteen service. You can even sign permission slips on the app. For more information on how to install the app, please contact the Front Office.



Canteen

On Fridays this term the canteen will be open at lunchtime only. The Fundraising Committee will be selling:

Zooper Doopers for 50 cents
Zings for 50 cents
Paddle Pops for \$1.50
Fruit Boxes for \$1.00

Don't forget that lunch orders are available on Wednesdays and Thursdays and can be ordered via the Qkr App.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book club orders are due back to the school by Friday 27th October.

School Fees

The Finance Committee has made a recommendation that School fees be set at \$310.00 per student for the full year. This motion will be put forward at the next Governing Council Meeting on Wednesday 1st November 2017 in the Library. An open invitation is given to any parent who would like to attend the meeting where the motion will be put forward. If you cannot attend this meeting, you can express your views in writing to the Chairperson of the Governing Council.

Materials and Services fees are an important part of the overall financial resources of the school and is factored into each year's budget. Ensuring these fees are paid enables the school to prioritise other important projects. In 2017 the school has been able to install a new playground and establish a set of laptops for classes in the primary years to access for their learning. Next year the school has budgeted to replace the existing interactive whiteboards in every class with newer technology and we continue to plan for upgrading other outdoor areas and replacing more computers around the school.

Lost Property

Please remember to clearly label all of your child's belongings so that they can be easily returned when found.

Year 6/7 Ancient Civilisations Learning Showcase

During Term 3 all of the Year 6/7 students were focusing on the topic of Ancient Civilizations. The classes learnt how to become historians and throughout the unit, they visited all of the year 6/7 class teachers to learn about a different Ancient Civilization. After getting a snapshot each student picked a civilization to research and complete various tasks on, to develop their knowledge about the civilization that they had chosen. After gathering all of the information the 6/7 classes held a showcase presenting all of their work to other students, parents and teachers. The showcase was successful and all of the students that participated in the event felt like they had achieved a higher level of thinking. It was very successful overall and was a good way to teach the students about history in an interactive and engaging way.

Written by Tully & Leah



Values in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
2	Owen L Myles D	Taking care with his work and improving his handwriting. Having the courage to try new and challenging tasks
3	Maya L Livinia U	Always trying her best and having a growth mindset. Having a growth mindset.
4	Lochie O	Trying his best to stay focused with his learning.
7	Amy W Breanna P	For her caring attitude and the help she offers to her classmates. For a more disciplined effort to complete set tasks.
8	Rubiee B Lenny V	Showing care towards classmates. Showing care and consideration towards others.
11	Olly B Kyle J	Applying himself in the history unit to achieve his best. Hard work and dedication during history project
12	All of Room 12	For their persistence and effort with our History unit of work.
15	Nash L Kira H	Having the courage to always try hard with his learning. Effort with her learning always.
17	Jayden T Sienna D	For being persistent and completing his maths work successfully. For having the courage to try and succeed in her writing.
18	Eli J Sara G	For courage to meet the reading benchmark for Year 1. For care with all her book work.
20	Max J Sam B	For being brave when sharing his learning. For always showing respect towards others.
22	Tyler M Levi S	Showing courage. Respecting class rules and trying hard to complete class work.
24	Hallam D Charlie P	Putting in excellent effort in his writing. For being a caring and respectful student.
25	Timothy W Braxton C	For completing work effectively in class. For having a go at writing on his own.

TERM 4 PLANNER 2017

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	16/10	17/10	18/10	19/10 Newsletter	20/10 School Closure Mt Gambier Show
WEEK 2	23/10	24/10	25/10	26/10 Assembly	27/10 High School Tours (Grant & MGHS)
WEEK 3	30/10	31/10 Finance Committee	1/11 Governing Council Grounds & Fundraising	2/11 Newsletter School Tour 9.30am	3/11 Pupil Free Day
WEEK 4	6/11	7/11	8/11	9/11 Assembly Yr 3/4 Concert	10/11
WEEK 5	13/11	14/11	15/11	16/11 Newsletter	17/11
WEEK 6	20/11	21/11	22/11	23/11 Assembly Sport Team Photos	24/11
WEEK 7	27/11	28/11	29/11	30/11 Newsletter	1/12
WEEK 8	4/12	5/12	6/12 Yr 7 High School Visits 2018 Reception Visits	7/12 Assembly Yr 7 High School Visits 2018 Reception Visits	8/12
WEEK 9	11/12 Year 6/7 Aquatics Day	12/12 Volunteer Morning Tea	13/12 Carols By Candlelight	14/12 Newsletter Year 7 Graduation	15/12 Last day of Term 4 Dismissal 2.30