Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In my short time here students have been involved in a regional debating competition (and won!), an excursion to the main corner to explore our region's history, experimented with robotics, begun practicing for end of term concerts, welcomed the puppetry workshop through Carclew and started the school football and netball competition. The ability for teachers to make the curriculum link with real and engaging opportunities is a challenge that often means we see students involved in such activities.

On Tuesday the J.P. classes welcomed their grandparents into the classroom. This was a wonderful way for the children to talk about how school life was in ‘the olden days’ and to compare how the learning is the same and different with today’s school life. It was interesting to hear that some classes had more than 50 students and that the children could use an old writing slate, pen and ink set and an early typewriter as ways to explore technology through the generations. It was a little worrying that we could identify with some of the school items brought in by our visitors but we recognise that we may have some very young grandparents out there!

Parents and visitors to the school are asked to make themselves aware of the traffic restrictions that will be enforced next Wednesday as the Tour of the Great South Coast Cycling event will be held along O’Halloran Terrace, just outside the school. This will have significant impact on the access to the school and traffic along Wehl St in the afternoon. Planning and management for this event from the schools perspective will be about student movement and safety as the only priority. This will mean that parking and traffic movement will be severely affected on this day, your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

To help with your planning, we aim to give ample prior notice for the school’s Pupil Free Day. Staff have agreed to use the final Pupil Free Day for this term to attend the ‘Designing Learning for Engagement, Challenge and Achievement’ workshop planned for Friday 6th September (Week 7). This session will use the ‘Teaching for Effective Learning’ document to frame a number of best practice planning, organisation, structural and wellbeing teaching practices to support the work we do in classrooms. Governing Council members have already been contacted regarding this and we anticipate that this will be approved at the next meeting.

I.C.A.S Science Competition

After the recent Science Competition we were notified of the following results. Congratulations to Abbey D for achieving a Distinction and Sarah D, Matthew C, Archie P, Ellie C for their Credit achievements. Intelligent!

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**Grounds Committee Meeting**

- 7:30 pm

**Governing Committee Meeting**

- 12:00 noon

**Professional Riders Presentation**

- 12:45 pm

**Assembly**

- 11:00 am

**Great South Coast Cycling Tour**

- 10:00 am

**Lions ‘Mad Minute’ Public Speaking**

- 10:00 am

**S. R. C. Meeting**

- 11:00 am

**School Photos**

- 12:00 noon

**Pupil Free Day**

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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School Photos
Master School Portraits will again be visiting our school to take our annual photographs of all students and staff. Information has gone home to all families. If you have not received your information please contact your class teacher. Envelopes for family photos are available at the Front Office.

Mount Gambier Debating Eisteddfod
Our students’ talents are wide and varied. Sarah D participated in the U/10 Effective Speaking and Debating sections of the recent Eisteddfods and was described as very confident and articulate to take 1st place in both sections. Wow!

Our Year 6/7 students participated in the debating sections for schools with great success. In Division 1, Emma R, Kassidy F and Meg W took the affirmative as to ‘Why should upper primary students have laptops?’ and won. Also in Division 1 Mitchell P, Eliza M and Sophie D took the negative in the same topic to also win, both teams defeating St Martins.
In Division 2 Gabby A, Daisy T and Mackenzie R (all Year 6’s) won first place by defeating Glenburnie with the affirmative side of the topic ‘Why should primary students have mobile phones in the classroom?’ Their results were also good enough to win overall Champions in Division 2. Spectacular!

Lions ‘Mad Minute’
Continuing to foster our Public Speaking prowess, the children from Rooms 2, 3 and 7 will be participating in the Lions ‘Mad Minute’ Public Speaking Challenge on Thursday 15th August with special guest judge Mr Rory McEwan.

S.A.P.S.A.S.A.
Our school continues to be well represented on the sporting scene. The L. S. E. Girls Soccer team were recently undefeated in the carnival in Adelaide playing eight games over four days, two of those were come from behind wins. Bree T and Arabella C were a part of this SAPSASA State Championship team. Awesome!
Not to be outdone by the girls, Patrick G was recently named in the U/12 State SAPSASA boys side chosen to travel to Brisbane in September. Currently playing for Blue Lake Soccer Club, Patrick is the only goalie to be selected. Good luck Patrick, you have a big job ahead of you.

Auskick Wrap-Up
Clinics ended last term and were not washed out once! A HUGE thank you to Jason B for his organisational skills, his Year 6/7 volunteers and all parent volunteers for their wonderful efforts which saw all clinics run smoothly. All 77 of our little Auskickers had lots of fun and a very positive attitude each week to practising their skills.
Six of our Year 2 students represented our region in the Port V St Kilda curtain raiser at Etihad Stadium and found the experience overwhelming. Congratulations to Will, Luke, Charlie, Blake, Ethan and Matthew. We are continually grateful to the support of all parents, students, staff and W.B.F.L. players who make our Auskick successful. Thanks!

School Netball
The Term 3 sport of Netball has commenced with gusto on Saturday mornings. Our school has three teams who compete against various schools in the district in their school gyms. Reidy Red played an exciting draw with Mulga St Red at Mulga St and it was said to be lots of fun. Reidy Blue played at home against Mulga St Green and had a good win with the girls enjoying the great efforts by their coach. Reidy has combined with Yahl for their third side and enjoyed the team work in their win against Melaleuca/Glenburnie at Melaleuca. Good results, teams!

School Footy
Our combined Year 3/4/5 football side, Reidy Yellow, had a convincing win against a combined Glenburnie, Yahl, Moorak side. In what was a great team effort, the boys played very well with a large score being achieved by their goal kickers. Keep it up guys!

Toys at School
It has been brought to our attention that many children bring toys to school from home that are becoming a distraction in the classroom. They are beginning to cause arguments and tears due to them being lent, taken home etc. by other children. If toys are necessary for Morning Talks or the like, please arrange for them to be given to the class teacher for safe keeping. We would appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Snack Shack News
Recently, the canteen was grateful of a donation of goods from the Farrar family after the closure of their Deli. These goods were available for purchase in the canteen with the profits staying in the school. To the Farrar family, THANKYOU! Keep your eyes open for some ‘Special Days’ in the canteen. Coming soon!
Jeanie Clark
Canteen Manager
**Positive Tracker Awards**

Honesty is a great trait to have and this was showed by Alisha G in the playground to earn her a positive tracker award recently. Xavier A was another recipient who showed good friendship skills when tying another child’s shoe laces. **Well done to both of you!**

**Golden Dustpan Awards**

With all the wintry winds about it has been difficult to keep our grounds tidy but Room 21 (McKenzie/Cliff) have proven it makes no difference to their cleanliness by winning the Golden Dustpan Award. **Lovely!**

**The National Child Oral Health Survey is Here!**

Over the next few weeks, an invitation will be sent home to parents via randomly selected students. Parents/Guardians will be asked to fill out a survey questionnaire, then on designated days, our trained, professional clinicians will visit the school to record the oral health status of the participating students. The survey examination can take up to 15 minutes and will record the presence of decay, any existing fillings, trauma to front teeth (fractures/chips), gingivitis, plaque, enamel defect and any ulcers or other tissue trauma in the mouth. No treatment will be given, as this is a research survey to take a snapshot of the current oral health status of our 5 – 14 year olds in South Australia. However, should our clinicians detect an area of concern; parents will be notified in order that treatment can be sought through the school dental service or the family dentist. The collective results will provide policy and planning direction for services in your community and eventually to be absorbed into a National study. Should your child be selected, South Australian Dental Service would be very grateful for parental consent for your child’s inclusion in the study. Please respond to your survey request by Wednesday 18th September.

**'Robogals’**

On Thursday 25th July, the Adelaide University Company ‘Robogals’ came to work with all the students in year 6/7. They provided us with robots that were made out of Lego. They taught us how to use a new program to make the robots move. Then we plugged the robots into the computer and we programmed the robots with everything they needed to outline the shape of a triangle. After this, we downloaded the program onto the robot. We placed the robot on the ground and pressed a button so it would travel by itself. At the end of the session we had a competition where all of the robots went into an arena. The rules were you couldn’t go outside of the arena or be tipped over by another robot. If you were, you would be disqualified. The winner was the robot that won all the rounds against the other robots. It was very exciting and everyone had fun!

Finn, Faith & Lachie

**Hip Hop School Seminar**

We are very lucky to have a Hip Hop crew from New York coming to our school to run a motivational performance. 'Regime' have been running seminars for the last 8 years and they bring a highly entertaining and interactive seminar, with a message that is powerful and relevant, aimed to encourage and promote self-worth with our students. All classes will have the option to attend this performance on Monday 12th August. This is a motivational performance and not a faith based performance, however if you still wish for your child not to attend please let your class teacher know. Dance has the power to inspire and impact this generation.

Josie Phillips
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

**Cadbury Fundraiser**

Who doesn’t search for chocolate on a cold, wintery evening? You can support our school by taking a box of these Cadbury chocolate bars to sell to family and friends. Each box contains 50 items @ $1 each. If you would like a box to sell, please either come into the Front Office to collect one, or return the slip at the rear of this newsletter, and we will send a box home with your child. Thankyou!

Lesley Okholm
Fundraising Committee

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**Please note that all newsletters can be viewed on the website in full colour. **
DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB
Lights, Colour, Action! We need light to see everything that we do. You will explore how light travels, how it can be used and how it helps us to see and distinguish colours.

WHEN: Thursday 15th August at 6.45pm
WHERE: Tenison-Woods College Science lab
AGE: 6+
COST: $1 for members, $3 for non-members, $5 for a family. Parents welcome free.

To book your place phone Thea on 8725 9051 and leave a message, or email tshaughnessy@stmartins.sa.edu.au

South Indians Baseball Club
The South Indians Baseball Club is seeking junior players from 8 years of age and up to come and join us for the 2013/14 season. If you are unsure whether baseball is your game - then please attend our ‘Registration Day’ on Friday 6th September from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Blue Lake Sports Park.

Mini Minkey Hockey
Mini Minkey Hockey will commence for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Students starting Friday 9th August for 3 weeks from 4:30pm to 5:30pm on the turf at the Blue Lake Sports Park. Cost is FREE! Hockey Sticks are supplied. For more details contact L.S.E.H.A. Junior Co-Ordinator Mike A on 0422 9090 74 or 87 24 7474 email michaelarmour5@bigpond.com

Lower South East Country Cup – U12 Trials
If you are a keen cricketer who is interested in trying out for The Lower South East U12 Country Cup side for the 2013/14 season please attend.

When: Tuesday 24th September 2013
Where: Mount Gambier High School (indoor nets)
Time: 4:30 – 6pm
Cost: Free

The U12 Lower South East team will play in a Country Carnival to be held in Adelaide from 18 – 21 November 2013.

To be eligible you must be under 12 years of age as at the 1st of September 2013.

For more information or to register, please contact SACA Cricket Officer, Shelley Nitschke on 0447 081 634 or snitschke@saca.com.au

CHILD’S NAME .......................................................... ROOM NO. ……

I …………………………………………………………………………………………….. am willing to sell a box of ‘Cadbury Fundraiser Chocolates’ on behalf of the school. Please send ...... box/es home with my child.

I understand that I am responsible for the collection and return of proceeds from these boxes, including return of unsold items.

SIGNED …………………………………………………………………………………..