



DIARY DATES

Thursday	19	September	Cupcake Orders close	
Monday	22	September	Pupil Free Day	
Tuesday	23	September	Krispy Kreme Fundraiser closes	
Wednesday	24	September	Cupcake Day	
Friday	26	September	End of Term - Early Dismissal	2:30pm
Monday	13	October	Term 4 Commences	8:50am

Term 3, Week 9, September 17th, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School Hats for Term 4

As we welcome the warmer spring weather we need to remind our community that as from Term 4 the students will need to wear their school hats. Those who forget their hats or don't have one will be asked to sit in the shade. You can purchase school hats at the uniform shop.



Early Dismissal for Vacation

School will end at 2:30pm on Friday 26th September for the holidays. School bus runs will be earlier to allow for this. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and restful vacation.

Staffing for Term 4

At the beginning of Term 4 Peter Clayfield will return after his period of Long Service Leave. I would like to thank Alan Hogg who has been filling in for us and teaching Physical Education over the past term and wish him all the best for his continuing retirement.

Lesley Okholm will be taking Long Service Leave for the first five weeks of the term and I am currently conducting a panel to replace her in her role as Deputy. Have a great break, Lesley.

National Assessment Program

Literacy and Numeracy

NAPLAN

We have recently received our NAPLAN results in Literacy and Numeracy for 2014 and once again the vast majority of our students have scored well above the national minimum standard. In each of the year levels (3, 5 & 7) many students scored in the highest band level in either one or all of the tests.

However, as pleasing as our student results are, NAPLAN is only one of the comprehensive assessment tools teachers use throughout the year. As I have reported in recent newsletters students have just completed a range of diagnostic assessments using Running Records, Oxford Spelling Lists, PAT Maths, PAT R, Comprehension and Phonics Testing. These data sets are regularly analysed as part of our school assessment processes and students' achievement levels are monitored to ensure growth in learning. Assessment results are providing information for teachers to use in identifying the next teaching points in a range of curriculum areas.

We look forward to the most important phase of NAPLAN and that is closely analysing the individual student results.



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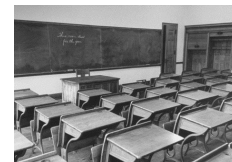
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Pupil Free Day

Reminder that our Term 3 Pupil Free Day for the school will be held next Monday 22nd September. School will be closed for the students and staff will be attending professional learning.



Road Safety Concerns

Once again staff and Governing Council have raised the issue of the safety of our families who do not use the school crossing but choose to dodge the traffic on both Wehl Street and O'Halloran Terrace. Both of these roads carry high volumes of traffic and it is of great concern that parents continue to encourage their children to dash across the road between the traffic flow or stand in the middle of the road waiting for a break in traffic. For safety's sake please walk those few extra metres to the monitored traffic lights where cars are required to slow to 25 km/hr.

Chris Sheldon
PRINCIPAL

Lesley Okholm
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sue Hutchesson
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

We recently received results for the series of ICAS competitions that many of our students participated in. Congratulations to the following students for their great results.

Science:	Distinction:	Abby D
	Credit:	Alec G
	Merit:	Manon F, Lucy E
Writing:	Distinction:	Olivia F, Alexander F, Maisie H
	Merit:	Abby D
Spelling:	Distinction:	Alexander F, Archie P
	Credit:	Emily N, Gabby A, Faith M
	Merit:	Olivia F



School Crossing

We would like to thank the following students from Room 10 for their efforts with school crossing over the last 7 weeks. Lilie, Ashlee, Mairead, Eliza, Kelly, Jasmine, Declan, Dylan, Jeff, Addison, Abby, Madison K, Madi R, Kynan, Milla, Ellie, Angus, Oliver, Brodie, Jordan, Joel, Teagan, Riley, Lachie. *Well done everyone!*

Alison Whibley
Yr 6/7 Teacher



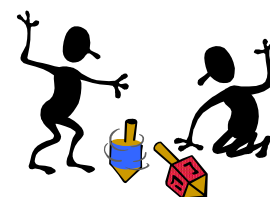
Positive Trackers

We have had several people rewarded for their wonderful efforts around the school lately. Their success is celebrated at assemblies and recognised in both the newsletter and on the Front Office big screen. Congratulations to Tobi S and Skye M for being a friend to someone in need of one, Milla W and Ethan M for collecting rubbish without being asked to do so and Mikaela B for picking up a fallen rubbish bin. *Inspiring!*

Play Support Roster

Tomorrow's activity is making hats while next Thursday will be a Disco and the making of party bags. If you are interested in these activities held in The Flex with the Peer Support Leaders and Miss Mouat, speak to your class teacher for a Classroom Pass.

Sue Mouat
Play Support Coordinator



Native Wildlife S. E. Cupcake Fundraiser

At a recent assembly, visitors from the native Wildlife S. E. carers group came to discuss what they do and how we can help them and the native wildlife of our district. Allegra (our cupcake fundraising organiser) was lucky enough to hold this very small but beautiful baby possum.

A reminder that the last day for taking orders for cupcakes will be this Thursday 18th September. Orders can be handed in to the Front Office in a clearly labelled (name and room number), well sealed envelope. Cupcakes are \$1 each and please, only one cupcake per person. Thanks to Allegra and her Room 17 classmates and families for this opportunity. *Yummy!*



Fundraising Reminder

Our Krispy Kreme order forms went out last week and we would like to remind you that orders need to be back by Tuesday 23rd September. An original glazed pack of 12 is \$15:00 while a classic pack of 12 is \$20:00. More order forms can be collected from the Front Office if needed.
Fundraising Committee

Chocolate Fundraiser

Earlier in the year we held a successful Cadbury chocolate fundraiser. For those of you that like to indulge in this colder weather, please visit the Front Office as we still have some of those boxes remaining and would like to wrap up this fundraising venture.

Lesley Okholm

Fundraising Committee



Lost Property



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 over at the end of term will be donated to charity.

Tracy Kain

Admin Officer

Eat Smart B Active

Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 22 & 23 have received the next edition of the Eat Smart Be Active Newsletter containing valuable information high and low sugar and fat contents. *Keep up the good work!*

Jen Herbert

Coordinator



Winners!

Earlier this term the students from rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 22 & 23 participated in the 'Eat Smart B Active' Challenge & Mount Gambier's Healthiest School Awards. Students endeavoured to pack healthy lunch boxes on a daily basis for two weeks and were active each day by skipping. On Friday Bank SA staff made a surprise visit at assembly to present some awards. The award for Healthiest School in Mount Gambier was awarded to us! As a result our school was awarded a trophy and cheque from Bank SA for \$500. The Healthiest Classroom Award was presented to Ms Helps' Room 22 class. They were awarded a trophy and a \$50 cheque from Bank SA and a fantastic fruit and vegetable basket from She's Apples. Holly from Ms Say's Room 6 Class was awarded the Healthiest Student in our school. She was presented with an 'Eat Smart B Active' mp3 player to help her continue to be active!

Congratulations everyone!



The children of Room 22 with Ms Helps and Caitlin from the Border Watch

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots

Contributing to the tennis revolutions by jumping on board Tennis Australia's kid's starter program - MLC Tennis Hot Shots, we are offering a FREE 1/2 hour come and try session on Friday 26th September commencing at 3:45pm at the Olympic Park Courts, Margaret Street. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting provider Cassie on 0408 956 409. Sessions are free for children 7 - 10 years of age. Those wishing to continue can join Monday or Friday afternoon programs which run for 8 weeks in Term 4.



Netball S. A. Clinics

Netball SA are again running School Holiday clinics in Adelaide during the school holidays. School Holiday Netball Clinics provide players aged 5-16 years with the chance to be coached by State Premier League players and accredited Netball SA Community Coaches. Clinics focus on technique, ball control, shooting, defence, passing, footwork, small sided games and most importantly they are FUN! For more information visit sa.netball.com.au

Little Athletics Come & Try

Come and enjoy top facilities and equipment including brand new state of the art Timing Gates. Come & Try Registration day is Friday 12th October in Mt High School oval from 4:30pm. Season Commences Sunday 17th October on Mt High School oval from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. To register visit www.salaa.org.au>joinup>new registration or call Jonathon on **0432 790 913** or email littleathsmtg@gmail.com



Blue Light Disco

The Mt Gambier Public Library will host another Blue Light Disco Friday 19th September from 6:30 - 9:00pm at the Library for Primary grades 4 - 7 following the theme of 'Blue'. Tickets are available from the Mt Gambier Police Station for \$5 each with all proceeds supporting local youths in need.

Come & Try Swimming

Mount Gambier Swimming Club will be holding 'Come and Try' sessions at the Swimskool, Mount Gambier on Monday 22nd September from 5.15 to 6.30pm and Wednesday 24th September from 6.15 to 7.30pm. All interested swimmers are invited to attend. For further information please phone Fiona on **0417 834 331** or Shirley on **0438 869 042**.



Podiatry For Your Child

Podiatrists from 'myPod Podiatry' will be available at 'The Athlete's Foot Mt Gambier' on Thursday 25th September from 4:30pm to 5:30pm to offer foot advice for people having foot related problems. No appointments necessary. Please call into 33 Commercial Street West Mt Gambier for your session.

Kongorong Cricket Club

Kongorong Cricket Club invites you to 'Come and Try' cricket on Saturday 20th September with a BBQ lunch provided if you are keen to have a bash. U/12s must be 8 years old to play. Other divisions are U/14s, U/16s and senior grades. For more information please contact Rob **0418 854 207** or Pete on **0477 028 763**.



Take Home a Big Brother or Sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3,5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email

scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!