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To show our recognition the school is hosting a lunch for our volunteers.

**Volunteer Lunch**

**When:** Friday 13th May 2016

**Where:** School Library

**Time:** 1:10pm

We hope to see all of our volunteers here for this special event. If you can make it please RSVP to the Front Office by Wednesday afternoon.
What is STEM?
STEM Education is a term used to refer collectively to the teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Why is STEM important?
STEM touches every aspect of our lives, from our smartphones to the technologies that enable us to explore the world around us and outer space. In the future it is predicted that there will be a high demand for STEM related jobs, such as ICT professionals and engineers. We know that not every student will become a scientist or mathematician, and that is the way it ought to be, but we do want them to be aware of the role that STEM plays in their everyday lives and how important it is that STEM knowledge continues to grow. By cultivating an interest amongst students in these areas it is hoped that they will gain a greater understanding of these subjects, show improved engagement and be more likely to continue studying STEM areas as they get older.

STEM subjects are well placed to teach skills that are relevant to an ‘information-rich’ society such as problem solving and creative thinking. Building STEM capacity in our students aligns with our current strategies to support children to develop a growth mindset and become powerful learners. Fostering these areas will help them develop the confidence and curiosity to:
- Actively participate in their learning
- Make decisions based on sound evidence
- Skilfully solve problems and deal proactively with new situations
- Communicate effectively in a variety of forms
- Collaborate with others.
- Believe that they are capable of learning and achieving with effort.

Regional STEM Training and Development Day, Friday May 27th 2016
This day will provide teachers the opportunity to listen to guest speakers and participate in STEM related workshops to build their capacity and awareness to teach these areas in the curriculum. Local community events have also been organised for the weekend of May 28th and 29th, with families having the opportunity to attend various free events at the Mt Gambier Library and Main Corner Complex (Saturday) and the Railway Lands (Sunday).
**SRC Update**

**GRIP Student Leadership Conference 2016**

On Tuesday 12th April, the SRC students travelled to Mount Gambier to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. The Conference is aimed at student leaders as a way to improve, grow and develop their leadership skills within a school environment. The topics that were covered across the day included “How To Grow as a Leader,” “Bye Bye Bullying,” “People To Influence” and “Traffic Light Leadership.” The day included Loud Noises games and interaction with students from other schools. The SRC had a great time and will use what they learnt to implement new ideas throughout the rest of this year. Thank you to Mr Scanlon and Robyn for assisting on the day. The SRC have written reflection sentences to say what they enjoyed about the Conference:

- “I enjoyed learning more about being a leader.” Indiana
- “I enjoyed learning about being a better leader.” Braydn
- “I enjoyed learning about the traffic lights leadership model.” Tyson
- “I enjoyed learning about the traffic lights approach to leadership.” Sam
- “I loved when we participated in the loud noises games.” Lily
- “I think that it was very loud and very fun.” Mackenzie

Nathan McDuff
Pastoral Care Worker

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**SAPSASA ATHLETICS 2016**

Once again our school was the host of this big community event. We thank our parent group for their amazing work and food they had for sale in the canteen. It is great to have such a dedicated team of parents represent our school. Thank you

There were many schools from our area; Mary MacKillop Memorial, Glencoe, Nangwarry, Kangaroo Inn, Beachport, Robe, Millicent North, St Anthony’s, Kalangadoo, Penola Primary, Mount Burr and Tantanoola, with over 350 children on our oval. We thank all these for coming to our school to participate.

We had a large number of students involved in this day. I was proud of the efforts achieved by them all. These students were able to beat their personal bests and compete with the best of the best. Not everyone wins an event or gets a place in the top three, but this is not what is important. It is that we all had a go and made our school proud. The 9 year old boys that were in my group of children were great role models of our school and they made me proud.

I would like to congratulate Arley Rigney for achieving 1st Place in the discus and Ella for achieving 1st place in high jump. They now have the chance to go to Adelaide later in the year and compete at Santos Stadium. We wish you both all the best with this event.

Andi Zerk
Cooking term 1

In week 9, term 1, Rooms 1, 3 and 7 enjoyed cooking week. The garden provided pumpkins and chives for damper, tomatoes, capsicum and basil for dipping sauce, and mashed potatoes for our chocolate potato cake. A total of 43 students helped with either harvesting or cooking and many more were involved in tasting. We tried new skills such as weighing, grating, peeling, mixing, chopping, kneading and dishwashing.

A huge thanks to Kathy Godden and Katie Edwards for helping out over the three days.

We have also been cooking in the garden on most Wednesdays during term 1, thanks to Miss Willmott for helping. At recess times we harvest and wash potatoes and pumpkin, then cut them and roast them in the staff room oven. By lunch time they are ready to enjoy. We also had roast beetroot a few times, very sweet! We have had a few stirfry/scrambled egg days, of course some eggy bread, and one day we grated some potatoes for fritters which became ‘Ang’s mess’ and it tasted pretty good too.

**Pumpkin and Chive Damper**

2 cups Self Raising Flour  
1 cup water  
½ cup grated pumpkin  
Some chopped chives  
Extra flour for the board

Put 2 cups of flour in a bowl, and water and mix with hands into a dough. Add more flour or water as needed. Add chives and grated pumpkin. Make dough into a ball and knead well. Make a ball or sausage shape and put onto well-floured alfoil, lightly wrap. Put into pre-heated oven for 30 mins at 220C. When cooked, break into pieces, serve with butter or dip into soup.
Now that the pumpkins have been picked we are looking forward to cooking over the fire in the garden, more life skills to learn.

Angela Jones

**Chocolate Potato cake**

100 grams butter
150 g sugar
50 g cocoa
100 g mashed potato
¾ cup milk
150 g Self-raising flour
½ teaspoon bi-carb soda

Stir butter and sugar together until it looks like cream (using soft butter makes this a lot easier). Add mashed potato, then milk, then sifted dry ingredients. Mix well. Line a cake tin with baking paper and cook in medium to hot oven for 30 – 40 minutes.

**Tomato Dipping Sauce**

Tomatoes
Green capsicum
1 sachet of tomato paste (2 tablespoons)
A big handful of Basil
A small splash of olive oil

Heat olive oil in a saucepan, add chopped green capsicum, stir for 2 minutes. Add tomatoes, chopped roughly if fresh or just straight from the bag if they were frozen with the juice in the bag too. When tomatoes heat up add tomato paste and basil leaves. Turn down to low heat and stir every now and then but don’t put the lid on! Its cooked when it is thick and smells really good, about an hour.

When you have many tomatoes in the garden put some in a bag in the freezer and when the weather gets a bit cooler make this yummy dipping sauce for damper.
Phil Cummins Visit - Friday 13th May

We are looking forward to welcoming Phil back to Newbery Park on Friday morning, week 2. Phil is an award winning author and has a rich knowledge of literature and working with children. Phil is very suitable for all ages and writes novels across all age groups.

Reminder: Ann Baker Parent Information Session

Training Date: Wednesday 18th May 2016
Location: Room 10, Newbery Park Primary School
Time: 5:30pm—7:00pm
Tea Provided: Gino’s Pizza & Drink
Cost: Free (including dinner)
RSVP: To the Front Office by Friday 13th May 2016

Movie Night & Sausage Sizzle
Year 6/7 Fundraiser

When: Wednesday 18th May 2016
Location: School Library
Sausage Sizzle Time: 5:00pm - 5:30pm, $2.00 per sausage
‘G’ Rated Movie: 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Cost: $2.00 entry, includes choice of flavoured popcorn.

Young Carers Respite Support Service

Attention Young Carers from primary school age to 18 years..............

Do you have a major caring role and need support with your education?

The Young Carers Respite Support Service can discuss helpful options so you don’t fall behind in your schoolwork.

This may include assistance with tutoring, school sports costs, educational materials, or accessing school camps.

To find out more call Carers SA, phone 8724 8700 or 1800 052 222

1st Millicent Scout Group

Starting Tuesday 17th May
Joeys (age 6 to 8) 5:00 to 6:00pm
Scouts (age 9 to 14) 6:00 to 8:00pm
Scout Hall, Stark Ave Millicent

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