FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The term is well and truly under way. The success of your child’s learning comes down to not only what is being delivered in the curriculum and how, but, the partnership between home and school. By now all classrooms are running their home reader programs and teachers have spoken to all students about their academic results and their goals for this term. Mr Currie, our Co-ordinator of ‘High Quality Teaching and Learning’ has organised our IXL and Reading Eggs programs for students and families to use at home. Please talk with your children about their learning, what they are doing at school and what as Mum or Dad, you can do to help them. These are invaluable conversations and will not only help you understand your child’s learning needs, but, provides you with another opportunity to form that special connection / bond with them.

If you did not get a chance to attend our acquaintance afternoon and you have questions about your child’s learning, please make direct contact with your child’s teacher. We do have parent teacher interviews coming up later in this term. Further information will be sent home about dates and times when we are closer to this event.

Assembly
Assemblies are a great opportunity for our students to showcase the learning which has been happening in their classes. Student values awards are also presented. If your child is receiving one of these awards, families will receive communication from your child’s classroom teacher. Please keep this communication confidential as it is very special when a student’s name is read out and they were not expecting it.

Friday 26th, 9:15am
Classes presenting at Week 4’s assembly are:
Room 7 (Mrs. Whitby)
Room 10 (Mr. Currie)
Room 6 (Miss. Willmott)

 Helpers for Parents & Friends
Our Parents and Friends Committee is a great way to support your child and their school. This committee not only supports a number of school happenings, but, also fundraises to purchase learning resources. Last week families would have received notes from our Parents and Friends Committee in relation to helpers. If you have some time and would like to help out, please contact the front office.

Sports Day
Congratulations to our elected House Captains for 2016. Sports Day communication has been sent home with your children, if you are able to help on Sports Day Friday 11th March (week 6), either in the canteen or with sporting events please return your note to the front office by Friday 26th February.
Volunteering at Newbery Park Primary School

Our school prides itself on its exceptional volunteers. Volunteers in the past have been required to have a DCSI police clearance. In a new DECD policy, our department has made it easier for families to volunteer by no longer requiring a relevant history screening. This will mean that our volunteers will be able to help out sooner. Volunteers should note that a screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students.

Annual General Meeting

This session is an opportunity for the school to report on 2015 through the school annual report. At this meeting our Governing Council will be elected.
Thursday 3rd March 2016, 4:00pm.
Start Time: 4pm
Where: School Library
Child Care Provided: in the gym

Forestry & Science in Room 6

Students in Year 4/5 are extremely excited this term! Our Science & Geography learning this term is about life cycles and habitats, and we have many different investigations to help us learn about the life cycles of different living things!

We have begun seed sorting – discussing the types of seeds that Ang has collected, where they have come from and how they grow. Soon we will be making clay seed balls, which we will then be able to take out and ‘distribute’ as a way of helping seeds grow!

We will be hatching chickens! We have borrowed an incubator and are researching the life cycles of chickens as well as the conditions needed for them to grow. Later this week we are hoping to receive our first batch of fertilized eggs – fingers crossed we will have some chickens to show people in a few weeks!!

We are also welcoming a class pet to Room 6 – Atticus the Axolotl. Axolotls are amazing creatures, and this will be a great way for students to learn about a rather interesting animal, whilst also taking responsibility for caring for him and cleaning his tank!!
Introducing our 2016 Young Environmental Leaders Program Representatives

Congratulations to Alicia White, Brooke Davis, Bianca Bennier and Nathaniel Manhood who are Newbery Park’s Young Environmental Leaders Program (YELP) representatives for 2016. We had nine excellent written applications this year but unfortunately we are only able to take four representatives to the Forums. Our first forum is at the Naracoorte Caves on Wednesday 2nd March where we will meet students from all over the South East and begin our environmental awareness journey.

Student Representative Council

In 2016 I am excited to once again oversee and lead the Student Representative Council (SRC). This year’s SRC consists of the following students: Tyson Mitchell, Indiana Marshall, Brooklyn Roessel & Isobelle Fewster (Room 11), Sam Hunt & Mackenzie Job (Room 6), Braydn Hateley & Lily Howells (Room 10).

We have started our SRC Meetings and have some ideas already in the pipeline for Term 2. Our first big event for this year is to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference in Mount Gambier in Week 11 of Term 1. This is a great opportunity for our student leaders to gain further insight into being a student leader, gaining further leadership skills and providing a fun and relaxed atmosphere in which to learn.

I look forward to working with the SRC for 2016.

Nathan McDuff
Pastoral Care Worker
COMMUNITY NOTICES

**ARMY CADETS**

The 48th Army Cadet Unit (Mt Gambier) is seeking new members to join. The Unit is holding an Information/recruitment night for potential cadets and their parents on Friday 26th of February at 7.00pm at the Army Reserve Depot, Shepherdson Road, Mount Gambier. In the cadets you will have the opportunity to learn bush skills, field craft, navigation, leadership and teamwork in a supportive and safe environment. Cadets is open to all young people who are turning 13 at anytime this year to 17 years of age and parade every Friday night during the school term from 6:30 to 9:30pm. For further enquires email: 48acu@cadetnet.gov.au or call Rod Wewer on 0417 603 508.

**Under 10 Basketball players needed!!**

The Millicent Basketball Association are seeking more under 10’s to play Basketball this season, specifically boys (junior & senior under 10’s).

If you wish to play it is not too late, please contact Peter Seebohm as soon as you can on 043838773

**Enjoy catching up, having a run and kick? Better give soccer a go then!**

Practice for Senior Women (15+yrs), Monday and Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

Under 15s Girls Wednesdays 5:00pm has commenced.

Under 12s Girls Development begins Wednesday, February 24th at 4:30pm.

Junior Skills, girls and boys to 12yrs, 5 sessions commencing Tuesday 8th March.

MiniRoos boys and girls 4-10yrs commencing mid-term 1. Millicent Soccer Ground, Plunkett Terrace. Sandshoes are suitable for practice. Enquiries phone: Sue Lines 8734 4074

**Keep your kids smiling**

SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare About the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.

Please call now for an appointment.

Millicent School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8733 3957
To all potential players and their families

The Millicent Football Netball Club is committed to the development of up and coming footballers and through this commitment we field Under 12’s in the Western Border Junior Football League which play on a Sunday for away games and Saturdays for home games. We are expected to travel only as far as Mount Gambier and on a rotational basis. We also field an under 13, 15 and 17 1/2 in the Western Border Football League which play on a Saturday and only travel as far as Casterton and Mount Gambier.

Under 12 D’s – a player must be 7 years by April 30th 2016 (AFL policy) – primarily 9 and under
Under 12 B’s – primarily 11 and under

As a club we support all levels of players and believe we have in place the coaches to encourage and develop skills of our junior footballers. We worked closely with both the WBFL and WBJFL to achieve a structure with a 2 year age gap that provides opportunity for all players to maximise their enjoyment of football.

**Coaches**

12 D – Jason Werchon
12 B – Ben Sims
13 and under – Cam Haggett
15 and under – Doug Lang
17 1/2 and under – Nat Robbins

Under 12’s and 13’s training will begin on Thursday 3rd March from 4.30 – 5.30 pm every Thursday evening

Trainings for 15’s will begin training Tuesday 23rd February from 5.00 pm and continue every Tuesday and Thursday. Under 17’s have started and will be at 5.00 pm every Tuesday and Thursday.

Contact details, including current email address, will be obtained on the first training night so that further correspondence can be sent to you regarding registration, forms, fees, medical information & team information. Please ensure that you are able to pass these contact details onto your coaches before you leave this first training session.

**We urge you to come and experience “The Saints”**.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me – 0417 834 247

Yours Sincerely

Jason Werchon
MJFNC

Visit us at http://millicentfc.vcfl.com.au