



NEWSLETTER



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As not all permission booklets have not been received back - the first newsletter will be distributed in hard copy form to all eldest students. Subsequent newsletters will only be distributed via email (if requested in permission booklet) or via the School Stream App. A limited number of hardcopies will be available from the Front Office.



Welcome to Week 2 here at Mil Le!

As I have begun to feel more “at home” it has been pleasing to see the students settle into their class routines and begin to consolidate their class and yard behaviours so that they have a happy, successful time here at school. Over the past week, teachers have been working with their classes focussing on our school values of “Respect, Participation and Growth”, what this looks like and how this can assist them to have a “Growth Mindset”. Many classes have also begun to develop class “Codes of Co-operation” that underpin essential behaviours and qualities necessary to be successful students and successful learners.

Our Site Improvement Priorities this year are Literacy and Numeracy. We are, within Literacy across the site, working on developing our reading comprehension, more specifically; our inferential comprehension. Within Numeracy, we are working on increasing the students’ understanding of geometry using worded problems and open ended thinking tasks. Stay tuned for more information!

Our grounds are looking lovely. During the holidays our trees have been lopped, we have had our water sprinkler system repaired, our septic works have been upgraded and this week a new rainwater tank is being installed. All of these improvements will certainly assist us in keeping our grounds beautiful and well maintained.

On Monday this week we held our annual census and it is pleasing for me to share that we have 102 students with us for the 2020 school year. Welcome again to our new Foundation students who are, if you don’t know, LOVING school which is just fabulous!

It has been a wonderful start to this new year and I look forward to seeing you all at our annual Acquaintance Night to be held next Tuesday, the 11 February from 5:30pm. Thank you must also go to our Governing Council and our Parent Club for all they do, it is so greatly appreciated and without them our school events would not be as successful as they are.

Tamarin Condon

Principal

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Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 19 February

The Annual General Meeting will commence at 7.00pm and the first Governing Council meeting of the year will follow after this has been held. Please see the information below regarding Governing Council if you are interested in joining this group.



If you are interested in nominating for Governing Council this year, please register your interest by returning the slip included in Week 1 information packs.

Governing Council Member Information**Continuing members for this year:**

Megan Beck, Nick Paltridge, Owen Wales, Belinda Seaman.

Members whose tenure finished at the end of 2019:

Jacinta Clark, Peter Seebohm, Emery Hayman, Mark Robinson, Sam Work.

School Card

For eligible families the School Card Scheme supports families with the cost of Materials and Services fees. All school card forms are now available on the sa.gov.au website. If you do not have access to a device or internet to complete your form online, please call into the front office and we can assist.

School Fees

All families should now have received their Material & Services and Swimming fees for 2020. Swimming fees must be paid prior to the commencement of lessons. Material & Services fees must be paid by the end of Term 1, Thursday 9 April, unless a signed instalment plan has been returned. Payments can be made via Cash, cheque or EFTPOS at the Front Office or electronically via Bank EFT or through the Qkr! App. Please ensure adequate references are used so that payments can be easily identified.

Swimming Lesson Information

Students in Years 3-7 participate in two weeks of lessons and Foundation-Year 2 students have one week of lessons. The dates for the lessons are:

Week 4 Feb 17 - 21 Years 3-7 and Year 2

Week 5 Feb 24 - 28 Years 3-7 and F/1 class

Lessons for all students are from 1:30-2:15pm. We will be having an earlier lunch and depart school, by bus, at approximately 1:00pm and returning to school at approximately 3:00pm during these dates. **Parents collecting students from the pool must physically sign the roll sheet before taking their child.** It is an expectation that all students participate in swimming lessons. Students are not permitted to bring money to purchase items from the Aquatic Centre Canteen.

If your family has a season pass to the Aquatic Centre, please contact us as this will impact on the cost of your child/children's swimming lessons.

If payment has not been received prior, students will remain at school.

Acquaintance Night: Tuesday 11 February

Acquaintance Night will provide an opportunity for families to visit their child/children's class and find out about class routines and expectations. The format for the evening is as follows:

5:30 – 5:45pm F/Year 1

5:45 – 6:00pm Year 2/3

6:00 – 6:30pm BBQ and mingle

6:30 – 6:45pm Year 4/5

6:45 – 7:00pm Year 5/6/7



Families are able to place an order for sausages and hamburgers which will be provided by the school and cooked on the night by Governing Council members. Families will be responsible for bringing their own salad and utensils or other extras (including drinks) if they choose, but will not have to bring any meat to cook or bread. The BBQ will be available from 6pm.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- Krymzon Calisthenics classes Monday - Thursday. Email krymzoncalisthenics@gmail.com
- Army Cadets Information Session - Friday 14 2020 at 7pm, Army Depot, Shepherdson Rd. More info 48acu@armycadets.gov.au
- Wellness and Wellbeing Festival - Saturday 15 February 2020, 9am - 3pm, City Hall Main Corner - Free Event.
- After School Clubs at the Mt Gambier Library - Tech Heads, Tuesday 4-5pm. Minecraft Club, Wednesday 4-5pm. Lego Fan Club, Thursday 4-5pm. Spaces limited, contact library for more info.
- All Girls Cricket - Wednesday 12 Feb - April 1, 4-5pm at Mt Gambier North PS. James Dunn 0433017664 jdunn@saca.com.au. Voucher Code: GAMBIEGIRLS45 to receive \$45 discount.

Start of Year Requests and Reminders

Please be aware of the following information; we thank you in anticipation of your support in these matters:

- Our Front Office will be open every day this year. Charmaine Ramage, Administration, works Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning and Friday. Elise Chuck, Finance, works on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Please ensure all notes left at the Front Office are named and if money is included, ensure that it is in a clearly named sealed bag or envelope and handed directly to a staff member.
- Morning bell: Please be aware that the first bell will sound at 8.50am – this signals that students are to make their way to the classroom and be prepared for learning by 8.55am. Parents, please be mindful of keeping the area outside classrooms free from this time. By doing so ensures a smooth start to class routines. Also, at times, there may be children who are upset when they first come to school in the morning and it is easier to transition them into classes without others being nearby. Being mindful of this request will be a positive reflection of our school value of Respect.
- Before school catch ups with staff; Staff are in their classrooms from 8.40am. This time can provide an informal opportunity for parents to catch up and chat with teachers but please be aware that they are also preparing for the day ahead. If you wish to discuss a matter, it may be more appropriate to organise a time to meet after school. Quite often, during the morning, there are other children in the class and therefore the conversation cannot be held in privacy.
- When children are absent, or there is a planned absence, please provide your child's class teacher with either a written note or submit absence via the School Stream app. A note is also required if you need to pick up your child during the day for an appointment. Students will need to be signed in and out at the Front Office. The Department for Education requires schools to keep a record of this information so your assistance with this matter is appreciated.

School Stream

Families are encouraged to download the School Stream app for reminders, newsletters, classroom activities and permission forms. Simply open your Apple or Android App Store and search School Stream then add profile for **Mil Lel Primary School**.



National School Chaplaincy Program: Pastoral Care Worker

This year we welcome back Jodi Greenwood as our Pastoral Care Worker. She will work, in collaboration with Michelle Schutz, to promote and foster student wellbeing.

Assembly Arrangements

Our assemblies for Term 1 will be held in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 under the shelter near the Library. Our school captains, Zac Shanks, Shaylah Cole and Vice Captain, Evan Clark, will comper assemblies and all classes will present their learning. Our arrangements for this term are:

Week 3, Monday February 10
 Week 6, Monday March 2
 Week 9, Monday March 23

Our assemblies commence at approximately 3:00pm and all families are welcome to join us.

2020 Student Leaders

Congratulations to Shaylah Cole and Zac Shanks who were elected as School Captains and Evan Clark who was elected as Vice-Captain.



This week, classes elected their own SRC Reps.

Congratulations to :

- F/1 Class: Hugh Clark and Noah Forrest
- 2/3 Class: Jaquelyn Cutting and Connor Ruwoldt
- 4/5: Matilda Clark and Alice Mitchell
- 6/7 Class: Caelin Hayman

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

Monday 10	School Assembly, 3pm
Tuesday 11	Acquaintance Night
Monday 17 - Friday 21	Year 2's and Year 3-7 Swimming
Wednesday 19	AGM / Governing Council, 7pm
Monday 24 - Friday 28	Foundation/1 and Year 3-7 Swimming



Foundation/Year 1

The Foundation/Year 1 children have been settling in to school well. Here are some photos of the children engaging in number games, discovery learning and our nature names.

