Parents are invited to join the Governing Council for the Annual General Meeting, which will be held in the North School Community Hub. Brief reports will be followed by the election of Council members for 2016. If you are interested in supporting the school’s direction including curriculum, Landcare, Facilities, or Finances, or any other aspect of school life your help is invaluable.

Anyone from our community can come along to the AGM or Governing Council meetings. Become part of our team by completing the nomination slip included in this newsletter and return to school by Tuesday 23rd March or let us know at the AGM. Bring a friend to the meeting so you can check out what it is like, before deciding to sign up for the team.

Thank you,
Jane Turner

| Diary Dates                                                                 |
|                                                                           |
| Brekky Club                   Mon/Wed 8.15-8.45                               |
| Assemblies                    Fridays - even weeks 2.30                          |
| Friday 19/2                   T Ball commences                                |
| Mon 22/2                      PUPIL FREE DAY                                 |
| Mon 14/3                      Adelaide Cup                                    |
| Fri 25/3                      Easter                                       |
| Weeks 8/9                     Swimming                                     |
| Wed 23/3                      AGM                                         |
| Wed 5/4                       School Photos                                 |
| Friday 15/4                   Term 1 ends at 2.15pm                           |
| Term 2                        Monday 2nd May                               |
Merit Awards

The following students were presented with awards at our last Assembly.

Room 4  Georgia Paxon
         Mar Ner Moo
Room 6  Milli Grant
         Noah Stevenson
Room 7  Caleb McDonald
         Mystique Fraser
Room 8  Xavier Pomery
         Isabelle Morgan
Room 9  Gift Ngando
         Shar Ku Say
Room 10 Sienna Henke
          Alex Maes
Room 11 Mikayla Tye
         Nay Blu
Room 13 Jacob Shiel
         Bonique Burley-Frazer
Room 14 Nap Pha Rad
         Haylee O'Meley
Room 15 Ethan Williamson
         Saphire Ladner
Room 19 Reagan Boer
         Lachlan Grant-Carter
Room 20 Isabel Pech
         Shaye Pollard
         Shelby Harwood
Room 21 Chelsea Koopman
         Emma Treskow

School Photos

School photographs will be taken on Tuesday 5th April. Forms will be sent home shortly. Prices start from $30.00.

Year 7 Jackets

Notices have been sent out to all Year 7 students regarding their 2015 jackets. Last day to pay deposit before orders are sent is Monday 22nd February. No orders will be accepted after this date.

School Fees

By now you should have received the school invoices for fees. Please make arrangements for these to be paid in full or see Sonia to set up a payment plan. School Fees are due no later than Friday 19th February. School Card application forms are available from the Front Office. These need to be completed as quickly as possible. Governing Council will be investigating any school fees not paid by the end of Term 2.

EFTPOS is now available at North School for paying accounts.

Sonia Solly
Finance Manager

After School Sport

T-Ball

Once again, a big thank you to Kym Franklin who has kindly offered to Coach our T-Ball team. Matches commence at 5.00pm at the Blue Lake Sports Park. Please have the kids out at the park by 4.45 at the very latest for a practice. We only just have the required numbers for our team, so it is very important that all players show up for the game.

Mackayla mentors her brother Aiden in our JP Learning Centre.
Welcome Trudi

My name is Trudi Shelton and I am thrilled to be filling the position of Pastoral Care Worker at your school. My role will be to support the spiritual, social and emotional wellbeing of the students. And to provide support for a range of day to day matters affecting the school community.

I have recently completed studies in Community Services and had the privilege of being a member YSAT (Youth Services Action Team), which had me networking with over 30 youth focused agencies throughout the Limestone Coast.

I am passionate about supporting and promoting the intellectual development and wellbeing of the young people in our community.

I will be fulfilling my duties at North on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning week 3 and I very much look forward to being a familiar face and meeting you all.

Respect, Generosity, Fair Go and Doing Your Best!

Go North!!

School Dental Service

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service.

Dental care is FREE for most children. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

Your local School Dental Clinic is at Mount Gambier and Districts Health Service Wehl Street North for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

School Captains

Congratulations to our School Leaders for 2016 who were elected by their peers. School Captains are: Ella Simmonds and Ethan Giddings.
Vice Captains are: Emily Mulraney and Alex Wass.

SAPSASA Softball

Is your daughter in Year 5-7 and interested in trying out for the SAPSASA Softball team? The first tryout for the MSE/LSE SAPSASA team, which will compete in the state carnival in Adelaide during the week of Monday, April 4th till Friday, April 8th. MSE/LSE will play all of their games at Barratt Reserve, West Beach. Please note that Year 5 girls will only be selected if there are not enough suitable Years 6 and 7 girls.

The tryout will be held at the Millicent Softball Ground at Bolton Reserve, Millicent on Wednesday, March 2nd from 12:00pm till 1:15pm. Please see the Front Office for the nomination form.
Although the school boom gate is broken, the staff car park is not for parent parking. It is unsafe and congested.

**Absences**

Please remember to tell the school when your child is absent. You can ring the Front Office; send a note or text 0400327509.

**Brekky Club**

Breakfast Club is run on both Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8.15am-8.40am. We are still looking for volunteers who can support this worthwhile program.

**LSE SAPSASA – Swimming**

**Invitation to Team Practice**

Time Trials will be held on Thursday February 25th at the Mt Gambier Aquatic Centre. Swimmers who attend these sessions must be available for the Country Championships in Adelaide on Friday 18th March and parents are responsible for getting the children there.

Consent forms are available from the Front Office and these will need to be forwarded on by Friday 19th February.

**Primary Swimming**

Notices have been sent home with students in Years 3 - 7. Swimming fees are required to be paid to the Front Office by Friday 11th March.

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**1st Mount Gambier Scout Group**

**Presents**

**FAMILY DAY OUT & AIR DISPLAY**

**AT THE MOUNT GAMBIER AIRPORT**

**100 YEARS OF CUB SCOUTS**

60th Anniversary 612 Squadron Air Force Cadets

**Sunday 6th March**

Gates OPEN 10.30am

GOLD COIN ENTRY 3.30pm

Weather Permitting

Emergency Service Displays, Come & Try Activities, Plane Displays, Market Stalls, Car Clubs Displays, Radio Displays, Drone Display, Food Stalls, Drink Stalls, Kite Rides, Ice Creams, Popcorn, Drills, Lucky Dips, Tarmac Trail, Live Music, Joy Flights and HEAPS MORE!

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**Governing Council Nomination Form**

Name ____________________________

I am willing to be nominated as a 2016 Mt Gambier North Governing Council member.

Signature _______________________