From The Principal

Let’s S.T.A.M.P. Out Bullying

Stay away
Tell someone
Always help
Make friends
Play nicely

Schools always aim for a Bully Free environment. The word bully means different things for different people. Having a friendship problem is not bullying - it is a time for learning. Disagreements become bullying when it is regular and repeated hurtful actions. Most children will change their behaviour if it is explained to them that it was hurtful.

When bullying is reported to a staff member it will be investigated and documented. However, there are some children who are not yet confident enough to tell their concerns to teachers. For these children a parent or friend can be their support. A quick heads up at the end of the day or a phone call from home can alert us and allow us to follow up quickly the next day, so we can talk to all children involved.

When we work together to solve the little issues we are much more likely to avoid things getting out of hand.

YELP

Four Young Environmental Leaders attended their first workshop in Naracoorte yesterday. Children in Room 15 applied for this very important position. Tahlia, Shayla, Hoe Bay and Robert were chosen to represent our school. You will hear about their project later this year.

Dates to Remember

Children arrive from 8.40am

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**Whacky Hair Day**

On Friday 11th March we will be holding a Whacky Hair Day. SRC are asking for a gold coin donation. All monies raised will go directly to the Leukemia Foundation. Students are asked not to bring hair products to school and they will still need to wear their school uniform.

*Student Leadership Team*

**Landcare Car Park**

Just a reminder that the Landcare Car Park is one way. Enter through one gate, leave through the other. Let’s keep each other safe!

**Family Maths Challenge**

On a farm, a worm came out of his hole and saw some chickens and some horses. Altogether he saw 20 legs. How many chickens did he see? How many horses? Is there more than one possible answer?

**Merit Awards**

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

Room 4  Caeleb Morgan  Harmony Parish
Room 5  Makayla Fleming  Brody Stevenson
Room 6  Saw Gay Lai  Jorja Barnes
Room 7  Jasmine Sims  Mikaela Griffiths
Room 8  Remy Stapleton  Holly Lawrence
Room 9  Moo Mya Soe  Yo Mu
Room 10  Shayla McRobert  Jayden Fleming
Room 11  Nathan Plummer  Hannah Simmonds
Room 13  Nicole Martin  Jarod May
Room 15  Brad Cowling  Tahlia Tye
Room 16  Jaylee Pettingill  Kaitlyn Upward  Annabelle Searles  Tegan Elsworthy
Room 18  Monica Aheyo  Juspi Juspi
Room 19  Emily Mulraney  Jamie Williamson
Room 20  Jessica McPhee  Saw Nai
Room 21  Destiny Parish  Adam Queay

**Minecraft Club**

3:30pm - 5:00pm Mondays during school term
3:30pm - 5:00pm Wednesdays during school term

Free Multiplayer Minecraft Fun At The Mount Gambier Library

Bookings open a week in advance
Call the Library on (08) 8721 2540 to book
Ages 6-18
Pedal Prix 2016

This year our Pedal Prix teams will be competing not only in Murray Bridge later in the year but in a new race meeting to be held right here in Mt Gambier.

Students who have registered their interest in being involved with Pedal Prix this year will be receiving notes home shortly outlining details of this event.

It would be fantastic if our community could come along and support our teams.

Heath Masters - Pedal Prix Co-ordinator

Jazz Ensemble

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to be in this years’ Jazz Ensemble.

Shae Dolhling          Natalie Pettingill
Mackenzie Seiber      Htoo Eay Paw
Alex Wass             Chanelle Davis
Clarice Simmonds      Bradley Male
Shane Wass            Daryl Simmonds
Emerald Ladner        Julian Simmonds
Evany Rex             Georgia Lord
Skye Wehrmann         Ella Simmonds
Ethan Giddings        Ba Na Say
Dillan Barry          Griffin Smith
Cameron Brooks         Jamie Williamson
Riley Beare           Bodhi Gale
Emma Treskow          Jade Calverley

Governning Council Nomination Form

Name _______________________________________

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

Signature ___________________________________
An open invitation is extended to all our parents to drop-in to our North Community Hub on either Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. Trudi Shelton would love to meet you in a casual setting with a cuppa.

Centacare - Catholic Family Services have commenced a new 6 week programme which will be held in the Hub. Several of our Year 7 girls have been fortunate enough to be selected to work with both Romlea and Melissa from Centacare. The purpose of this group is to support young people to build healthy relationships and develop new skills. Activities will build confidence in problem solving and enhance peer support networks.

Fun activities include:
- Confidence building games
- Mindfulness art
- Cyber safety awareness
- Group social discussions
- Team building
- Problem solving

Should you ever require the services of Centrecare, they can be contacted on 87240500.

Pangula Mannamurna has offered to visit our Hub. Please contact the school if you would like your child to be involved in any of the programs that they may offer.

Absent From School

Last week we had 47 unexplained absences. Please advise the school on the day that your child is absent. This allows teachers time to plan for your children rather than spending valuable time chasing up absenteeism during their programming time.

You can
- phone the Front Office,
- send a note
- text 0400327509.
- inbox our page on Facebook

If your child is late for school, they must sign in at the Front Office. A note from the parent explaining lateness must be given to their classroom teacher if not signed in by an adult.

White Ribbon Day

I would love some feedback / thoughts if you have a few minutes.
- How would you describe our school in a max of 2 sentences?
- What considerations are / were needed before doing White Ribbon Day / Focus?
- What lessons have you learnt in the White Ribbon Journey?
- Any results as a result of holding a White Ribbon Day event / Focus

What plans would you like to see for 2016

If you can help me, please jot a couple of things down and pass them on through our Front Office.

Simone Badenoch
School Counsellor