Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thankyou to those parents who attended the Acquaintance afternoon last week. Teachers sent home information for those families who were unable to attend. Thankyou too, to those parents who have offered to hear reading. Your help is very much appreciated.

We have now completed our “Learning for Life” program. Included with this newsletter is a summary of the learning that each class has engaged in during this first 2 week program.

A reminder that our first Assembly for the year is on Wednesday of week 5 (27th February) We look forward to sharing our learning with you.

Anne-Marie

SCHOOL DAY

A reminder that teachers are on duty at 8:30am each school day. Only bus children are permitted to be on the school grounds before 8:30 am.

The school day begins at 8:55 am and finishes at 3:30 pm.

If you are picking your child up during the school day could you please come through the front office and sign them out.

FOOTSTEPS

As part of The Arts curriculum the Footsteps Dance Program commences next week. Thankyou to all those families who have paid. Payment is required before next Monday.

JUNIOR COACHES

The junior coaches play an important role in our school in helping children enjoy their playtime. Thankyou to the students in the upper primary class who have volunteered to act as junior coaches.

SPORTS DAY

The Mount Burr Primary School Sports Day will be held on Friday 8th March. All children have been placed in a team. If your child is in Sturt they are asked to wear a red t-shirt while children in Light are asked to wear yellow. All children are asked to wear black shorts and appropriate footwear as well as their school hat.

Congratulations to the following students who were voted team captains and vice captains:

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**ICAS COMPETITIONS - DATES**

**SITTING DATES**
- Computer skills – Tuesday 21st May 2013
- Science – Wednesday 5th June 2013
- Spelling – Tuesday 18th June 2013
- Writing – Monday 17th June 2013
- English – Wednesday 31st July 2013
- Mathematics – Tuesday 13th August 2013

**Entry Fees for 2013**
- $5.00 for Computer Skills, English, Spelling, Mathematics and Science.
- $10 Writing
- Entries open for Years 3-7
- Please complete application and payment by Friday 1st March.

**YEARS 5/6/7**

The Upper Primary class has been working on our school values of Learning to Know, Learning to Be, Learning to Live Together, Learning to Do. With the help of Billy Learner we have also learnt about using our chaps (thoughts) to change how we act especially during learning time. We have also started learning about Bloom’s Taxonomy’s levels of thinking and how that relates to our learning. We are continuing to develop ideas for our future by making the stepping stones. Now that we have developed our concept of the school vision statement, we are going to be using the school Site Improvement Plan to create a Class Site Improvement Plan, followed by personal learning goals for reading, writing, working with words and maths. We have been practising a song about learning that we hope to present at assembly.

**YEARS 3/4**

“First Two Week Program”

The first two weeks of 2013 have flown past with lots of hands on learning and group work activities. Students have been thinking about the type of learner they wish to be and have been learning about the brain and how it helps us learn. A highlight for the students was dissecting lambs’ brains and discovering the different parts of the brain. Students also made models of the human brain using play dough. We will be focusing on 3D shapes and measuring the area of shapes during Maths in the following weeks and writing recounts in English.

**YEARS R/1/2**

It has been a busy couple of weeks in the Junior Primary class! During the two week program, an emphasis has been placed on establishing class routines and building relationships. Students have engaged in learning about our school motto ‘Learning for Life – Aiming for Excellence’ and what it means for them and their learning now and in the future. Students have learnt about the different parts of the brain and how they can impact their ‘chaps’ and the choices they make; how to pronounce different colours in Japanese; and the FISH Philosophy.

We are now looking forward to the rest of the term and beginning to focus our learning on Maths, Literacy and other learning areas such as History and Science.

**PRESCHOOL**

In the Preschool we have had a great start to the new school year. For the last 2 weeks we have been busy getting to know each other and learning the Preschool routines and expectations and practicing social skills. We have learnt about what we need to keep our brain healthy and why our brain is so important to us. We have looked at ways we can help each other and ourselves to become great learners and what we want our preschool to look like and sound like.

We will continue to discuss and incorporate these values into the Preschool learning journey. This term our learning focus is Water.

**MUSIC LESSONS**

While students have the opportunity to learn violin, viola, cello ($25 a lesson) and piano/keyboard ($15 a lesson) with Lee Leake there is also the opportunity to learn either the recorder or flute ($15 a lesson) with Tamara Wimshurst. If your child is interested please get in touch with the front office. Nathan McDuff will continue with drum lessons ($15 a lesson).
COMMUNITY NOTICES

FLEXIBLE DELIVERY STUDY

Information regarding the flexible delivery study can be found on the school notice board.

MILLICENT SOCCER CLUB

Millicent Soccer Club will be putting an Under 9 team in the Western Border Soccer Association playing on Sundays - time to be negotiated with other Clubs
Under 9 Soccer boys and girls will be born in 2004 - 2005 - 2006
Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.30pm until 5.30pm
Coaches are Gavin Walker and Ben Wilkinson

Further information phone Ben 8735 6047

EAST GAMBIER
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration and Coaching Clinic with Senior Coach & Players

Friday 22nd February commencing 5.30 pm with sausage sizzle to follow.

All intending players, previous and new,
Very welcome for Under12s and Under14s.

Apologies to Heather 0412 871 619

ARMY CADETS

The 48th Army Cadet Unit (Mt Gambier) is seeking new members to join.
The Australian Army Cadets is a national youth development program with the character and values of the Australian Army. Cadets participate in ceremonial parades, fieldcraft, navigational exercises as well as learning to use service firearms.
The cadets have many opportunities to develop their leadership and teamwork skills in a fun and supportive environment. Cadets are open to all young people aged between 12½ to 18 years and parade every Friday night during the school terms from 7 to 10pm at the Army Reserve Depot, Shepherdson Road, Mt Gambier. For further enquires please call Ben Haggett on 0418 851 072 or Rod Wewer on 0417 603 508.

WHAT’S THE BUZZ!!

What’s the Buzz? Is a program designed for children who struggle in making friends and fitting in socially.
These are children who lack confidence, find it difficult to fit in, react too quickly and put others off, struggle to read the social play, to bounce back after upsets and deal with day to day frustrations appropriately. In essence, they have trouble making sense of how the social systems they interact with work; the family system, the school system or the friends system. The Mt Gambier Children’s Centre will be running the WHAT’S THE BUZZ... program for a small group of children aged between 6 and 9 years of age in Term One in 2013. The program will go for 1 hr each week and we are planning on running the group between 4pm and 5pm from the 20th Feb 2013. The program will be run over two terms (eight weeks each term).
Please register your interest by ringing Kelly Williams on 87 257375, or emailing Kelly.williams2@sa.gov.au