Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Jolly Phonics workshop last week was a most valuable learning experience for all of our staff. Jolly Phonics is a program that uses sounds and actions to help students read and write. Teachers have already implemented aspects of the program into their practice and we are in the process of ordering resources to support the program in the future.

As a followup staff will participate in the Jolly Grammar training early in 2014. You might like to look up the website to learn more about Jolly Phonics. www.jollylearning.co.uk

Included with this newsletter is important information regarding the bushfire season. Our school has a “high risk” bushfire rating. This means that we will be closed on days of a forecast catastrophic fire danger rating. Please read the information and contact the school if you have any questions.

Anne-Marie

ASSEMBLY

A reminder that Assembly will be held next Wednesday 6th November at 9:00 am. Families are invited to share in just some of the learning that is happening in our classes.

LEARNING ON DISPLAY

The PowerPoint display in the FLA has again been updated to include the preschool excursion to Holla-Fresh, R/1/2 Milo cricket, 3/4 angles and lacrosse and the 5/6/7 Rube Goldberg invention.

SWIMMING

Swimming lessons will be held at the Mount Gambier Aquatic Centre in week 5 of this term (11th -15th November). Students will travel in a bus fitted with seat belts. While the school will continue to subsidize swimming there will be an additional cost for those students travelling by bus. Invoices have been sent home and you are asked to finalise payment if you have not already done so. Please return the swimming consent/medical form together with payment in a clearly marked envelope.

CLASSES 2014

We are in the process of looking at classes for next year and ask that if you know of anyone leaving or enrolling at the school in 2014 could you please let the front office know.
After the Jolly Phonics training last week, we would like to create some manipulative resources using bottle tops. We need over 70 bottle tops per set. We would appreciate it if you could start collecting bottle tops that are the size of a 2 litre milk bottle top. Please send them along to school washed and have your child add them to the tub in their classroom. Thanks.

Thankyou to everyone who supported the fund raising for World Vision. A total of $110 was raised.

Girls Golf Club – Term-4

(For girls aged 8-17)

Sunday 17th Nov’13 @ Mt Gambier Golf Club 9.30am-12.30
Sunday 8th Dec’13 @ Lucindale Country Club 9.30am-12.30
Sunday 12th Jan ‘14 @ Mt Gambier Golf Club 9.30am-12.30

Coaching and competition – new girls always welcome.
All equipment supplied or bring your own.

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