Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back! We trust that you enjoyed the holidays. It was great to see all students in the new polo tops this week, they certainly look very smart. A reminder that the summer uniform also includes black, grey or green shorts or a green and white check dress. Students are also required to wear a wide brimmed or bucket hat in terms 1 and 4.

We welcome Harmony and Trey to the 3/4/5 class and Mostyn and Seth to the preschool. We hope they enjoy their learning at Mount Burr.

We also welcome Courtney Mesecke to our staff. Courtney is teaching the 1/2 class and we hope she enjoys her time with us.

Thankyou to all staff who have spent time in the holidays ensuring that classrooms are well set up for the commencement of learning. During the first two weeks classes will engage in the “Learning for Life-Aiming for Excellence” program. Teachers have included a short summary of their program in this newsletter.

Anne-Marie

FOOTSTEPS

The Footsteps dance program will be in the school in week 9 (23rd-27th March). The school is heavily subsidizing this program with families being asked to contribute $10 per child. Invoices are being sent home next week.

BELL TIMES

Just a reminder that bell times are as follows:

8:55 – bell to begin the school day
11:30 – recess play
11:50 – end of recess
1:30 – lunch play
2:00 – End of lunch
3:30 – End of school day

Teachers are on duty from 8:30 am, it is important that students, other than bus children do not arrive at school before 8:30 am. It is also important that children arrive at school before 8:55a.m. and be organised for the day’s learning.

FIRE SEASON

As the fire danger season continues it is important to be aware of the school’s fire policy particularly in relation to catastrophic fire days. Important information is being sent home with this newsletter outlining the school’s procedures. Students will practise fire drills over the coming weeks.

DIARY DATES

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**HEADLICE**

Head lice checks will once again be conducted each Monday morning across the school.

It is department policy that children with live lice are sent home and return to school following treatment.

We have been very successful in keeping head lice under control and ask that you continue to support the school by being vigilant in checking and treating your child when necessary.

**PRESCHOOL/FOUNDATION**

During the first two week “Learning for Life” program the focus for learning in the Preschool/Foundation class is on establishing daily routines and building relationships with each other. As a class we will investigate how the brain works and the importance of a healthy snack.

Kelsey Bromley

**1/2 CLASS**

The year 1/2 class has been enjoying their first week back at school working on the ‘Learning for Life’ program (as has their teacher!). During this time we have been discussing the concepts of a teacher and student, as well as what learning means to us. We have also spent time practising our class routines and goal setting. The students have also learnt ‘the secret to making friends’... make sure to ask them the secret when you see them!

Courtney Mesecke

**3/4/5 CLASS**

During the first two week program students are setting learning goals and looking at what career paths they might follow. We will revisit these throughout the year and relate what we learn to the skills needed in our careers.

Students are also looking at positive thinking and changing “our picture”, to build resilience as we make our way through the “learning pit”. We have been discussing how learning needs to be challenging in order for us to learn something new and how our resilience and ability to think positively enables us to keep persisting in our learning.

Students are looking at the school’s Site Improvement Plan, and how this relates to the learning in our classroom, with a focus on becoming powerful learners.

Elizabeth Stuckey

**5/6/7**

During this first two weeks with our Learning For Life program our focus is on powerful growth through goal setting and a growth mind set; feedback for improvement and having independence and initiative in our learning. We will also be setting our classroom improvement plan. It is very important that we understand the importance of goal setting and the intrinsic capability of becoming a powerful learner. We will also revisit the importance of fast thinking and self-monitoring our progress.

Lisa Scott

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**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.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. 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.
MILlicent GYMnastics CLUB

The Millicent Gymnastics Club is located in the Youth Centre at the Millicent Showgrounds. Kindergym classes for babies – 5yo are held on Monday, Thursday & Friday; Tiny Tots for 4 & 5yo on Monday & Friday; Gym Skills classes for school age children on Tuesday & competition classes on Monday & Wednesday. General enrolment at the club on Thursday 30/1/15, 3:30 pm to 5 pm or email millgymclub@gmail.com for info on how to enrol via email or post. All enquiries to Jules on 0438 824 307.

MILlicent SOCCER

Soccer Training McLoughlin Park Millicent

U12 AT 4.30pm & U14 Soccer & U17 at 5pm will commence on Tuesday 10th Feb and Thursday 12th Feb 2015

Further information from coaches

U12 Mal Sneddon 0429788161
U14 Ian Lines 0407399014
U 17 Steve Hughes 04575362625

Thanks Bridget Secretary Millicent United

LEARN AND PLAY GOLF

Golf SE - GIRLS GOLF CLUB
For girls aged 8-17yrs.
All equipment supplied. Cost $5.
TERM 1 DATES
Sunday 15th Feb – Penola Golf Club
Sunday 15th March – Millicent Golf Club
Sunday 12th April – Lucindale Golf Club

Enquiries to Mary 0438 057 435

CRICKET CARNIVAL

Naracoorte Cricket Lightning Carnival for 8-11 year olds – boys & girls welcome!
SACA are running a FREE cricket Lightning Carnival for 8-11 year olds in Naracoorte & would like to