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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This week has seen the completion of our “Learning for Life” program. A new focus during this time was the introduction of “The Daily 5” across all classes. The aim of this program is to foster literacy independence and includes read to yourself, read to someone, work on writing, listen to reading and word study.

Included with this newsletter is a summary of the learning that each class has engaged in during this the first 2 weeks

As part of The Arts program all classes will next week participate in the Footsteps dance program.

Our first Assembly for the year will be held on Wednesday 29th February. Families are invited to attend and share in the learning that is happening in our school.

We were recently informed that our application for a solar grant was successful. This grant will be used for installing solar panels and also upgrading the lighting in the school.

Included with this newsletter is some important information regarding starting pre school and school.

Anne-Marie

HEAD LICE

In line with Governing Council policy head lice checks will again be carried out each Monday morning. This practice has been very successful in almost eradicating the head lice issue in the school and we would ask parents to support this policy by regularly checking their child’s hair and treating where necessary.

ICAS COMPETITIONS - DATES

SITTING DATES
Computer skills – Tuesday 22nd May 2012
Science – Wed 6th June 2012
Spelling – Tuesday 19th June 2012
Writing – Monday 18th June 2012
English – Tuesday 31st July 2012
Mathematics – Tuesday 14th August 2012

Entry Fees for 2012
$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 2nd March.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

The Mount Burr Primary School Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th March at 7:00pm.

At this meeting the new council will be elected and the Financial Statement for 2011 presented. The A.G.M. will be followed by a short council meeting.

Council members with one year remaining:

Lee Leake
Leah Gibbs

Re-tiring members: (may re-nominate)

Mary Thompson
Emma Handford
Sandra Kellie
Carolyn Rossgregor

Governing Council offers the opportunity to be involved in the decision making process of the school and we welcome all new members. Please nominate yourself or an interested person by filling in the form attached to this newsletter. It is important that Governing Council members make a commitment to attend meetings regularly.

MOUNT BURR SPORTS DAY

The Mount Burr Primary School Sports Day will be held on Thursday 15th 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.

JUNIOR COACHES

Our thanks to Courtney Handford and Jacob Thatcher who have volunteered to be junior coaches this term.

The junior coaches play an important role in helping students sort out minor issues in the yard. They wear orange vests in order to be easily visible.

We appreciate the contribution they make to our school and hope Courtney and Jacob find the experience of helping others a satisfying one.

THANKYOU
Thankyou to Chris Scott for his help this week in assisting the builder. It was much appreciated.

**R/1 CLASS**

The Reception/Year 1 class focused on setting their class routines and values by discussing what our Learning classroom will “Look like, Sound like and Feel like”. We talked about what a learner and a teacher meant to us and the importance of our Keys to success- Getting along, Persistence, Organisation and Confidence. We also introduced the importance of keeping our brain healthy and why our brain is special to us. We used games and stories to help build positive social relationships within our group. We all look forward to a great year of learning.

As part of the daily 5 we have focused on reading to self.

**2/3 CLASS**

In the year 2/3 class we have been setting up and organizing ourselves so that we are ready for learning. Some of the things that we have enjoyed have been: beginning our Daily 5, Personal Collages, Art, Maths, Fish Philosophy, learning about our Brain, sharing concepts and our work on the school motto. We have been busy and are feeling very organized for a great school year.

Please come in to our class to see our displays.

**4/5 CLASS**

During the first two weeks the middle primary class had a focus on the skills we would need to have a compatible classroom. We worked on developing the good habits and routines we will need to work together throughout the year, and used games to further develop our teamwork skills. We began introducing the “Daily 5” as the foundation for our literacy program. A highlight of the second week was our “friendship faces”. We combined our art work to create an analogy for “putting our heads together”. These are on display in the classroom.

**6/7 CLASS**

In the first two weeks the 6/7 class focussed on: Thinking – what it is and why it is important in our learning.

Site Improvement – Looked at our school site improvement plan and created a class improvement plan then individual goals for improved learning outcomes.

Daily 5 – Introduced and created stamina in read to self, work on writing and listen to reading.

**TRAFFIC MONITORS**

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Does your child love to sing? Are they aged 8–12?

Come and try Junior Mayfair where they can learn choral singing techniques and performance skills in a fun and professionally run session

Junior Mayfair has been established in Mt Gambier for 15 years and meet Mondays 4:30pm-5:30pm

**Phone Cassie on 0418 815 101**

**MENTOR TRAINING**

The Community Mentoring Program is looking for potential mentors. This valuable program offers students from years 5 – 9 the opportunity of developing a relationship with a community person to encourage and assist the student to reach their potential. The program is available in local primary schools and the high school. If you are interested in becoming a mentor please contact Heather Cormie on 0427484904 or heather.cormie@millicenhs.sa.edu.au for an information pack. The next trainings are scheduled for February 14th at 12.30pm and February 15th at 6.00pm. Both trainings will take place at the High School.
EXPERIENCE IS A GIFT – YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A YOUNG PERSON’S LIFE!

Blast Off

For kids living with parental Separation
Over 6 weeks children will:
Have a chance to share their stories, feelings and worries
Adjust to and understand more about separation
Realise other kids have shared their experiences
Develop coping strategies and ways to manage their emotions
And most importantly HAVE FUN
Blast Off is a 6 session program
Held from 3:45-5:45 once a week
For children aged 5-12
Contact 8721 3500 or 1800 880 913 to refer or for more information.

Prior to the program a group facilitator will meet with the parent/s and discuss the program in more detail and gather information regarding their children’s needs. Consent is not required from both parents for the children to participate in the program but this is preferred.

Only $30 per family.

Blast Off is based on Anglicare SA’s Banana Splitz program
www.accare.org.au
Anglican Community Care Inc.

BEACHPORT SEAFOOD COMPANY TRIATHLON

Location: – Beachport Foreshore
When: - Saturday 3rd March 2012
New Challenge Course – Even tougher bike leg split times & 5yr age groupings.

SWIM-CYCLE-RUN

Juniors - 50m Swim -2.4km Ride-500m Run
Short Course- 200m Swim -13.6km Ride -3km Run
Challenge – 700m Swim – 20.4km Ride – 6km Run
Enter as Individuals or in Teams
Entry Forms and Course Maps are available from Wattle Range Council offices (Beachport, Millicent & Penola) or on the Wattle Range Council website www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au

Enquiries:
Gabby 0447 682 831
or

Helen 8734 8351

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

NOMINATION FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL

NOMINATION FORM
MOUNT BURR PRIMARY SCHOOL 2012 GOVERNING COUNCIL

I wish to nominate/or be nominated
___________________________________________
as a member of Mount Burr Primary School Governing Council.

Signed____________________________________

ICAS APPLICATION

☐ Computing Skills $5.00
☐ English $5.00
☐ Spelling $5.00
☐ Mathematics $5.00
☐ Science $5.00
☐ Writing $10.00

Name_____________________________________

Parent’s signature_____________________________________