Dear Parents/Caregivers

What a busy few weeks it has been! We have been very fortunate with the weather for the majority of swimming – just a little cool on a couple of days!

We would like to thank all parents/family members who have assisted at the pool during the two week block as these certainly helped children to be either ready on time for lessons or for catching the bus back to school. There were a few tired little people by the end of the days!

We do have quite a few articles of clothing and some goggles that were left behind at the pool. If your child is missing some items, please make the time to look through the box in the front office.

After such a busy start hopefully all classes will enjoy the opportunity to settle back into routine, with all eyes firmly on the learning.

Last Wednesday James Egan and I attended the second workshop as part of the process for becoming a White Ribbon School.

We presented our journey so far, including the whole school celebrations that took place last year –
- all staff and students dressing in white
- our walk to the John Powell Reserve to form the shape of the white ribbon and planting white ribbon messages against violence
- White Ribbon Ambassadors addressing students on the day
- All students and staff taking a pledge to stamp out violence
- Releasing 50 white ribbon balloons
- Whole school banner ‘Breaking the Silence’ with all students and staff stamping their own white ribbon on it
- Year 6/7 boys taking part in the ‘Loudest Shout’ at the Cave gardens – and winning for the second year in a row!
- 500 white ribbon cupcakes shared with the students and school community

After completing the workshop we are now an official White Ribbon School.

We will continue to work with students to address violence towards others to create a safe learning environment for all.

Janine Milsop
Principal

Mardi McClintock
Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

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Please note that Governing Council has approved an early dismissal (2:15 pm) on the Thursday before Good Friday and a Pupil Free day on the Tuesday, March 29th, after Easter Monday.

MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGE

A reminder that the Materials & Services Charge (school fees) is now due.

If you have not applied for School Card and believe you may be eligible, please collect a School Card form from the Front Office. School Card must be applied for every year.

Thank you to those families who have made arrangements with the school to pay the fees by instalment.

If you wish to pay by instalment please speak to Sue Shaw (Finance Officer) ASAP. Please do not hesitate to contact Sue if you have any issues in regard to the payment of school fees.

EARLY DISMISSAL

REMINDER EARLY DISMISSAL
THURSDAY 24TH MARCH 2.15PM FOR
EASTER BREAK, BUSES WILL RUN 1
HOUR EARLIER
NEW BANK DETAILS

PLEASE NOTE THAT AS OF MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2015 THE SCHOOL’S NEW BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS WILL BE:

Account Name: Mulga Street Primary School Council Inc
Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia
BSB: 065-504
Account Number: 10362131

WELCOME – PAM YOUNG PASTORAL CARE WORKER

My name is Pam Young, recently I was appointed as Pastoral Care Worker at Mulga Street Primary School.
I am available at school for you as a parent to come and have a chat, or available for your child to assist them in settling into their class. You will find me at school on Monday and Tuesdays 8:15am to 3:30pm during school term.
I am available to assist with areas of social, emotional and spiritual support in line with the DECD wellbeing framework.
You will find me in Learning Hub 3, my office is located just outside Miss Proud’s Reception Classroom.
If you would like to make an appointment please phone the Office and they will make appointment for you.
Ph 87259955
Email: pam.young104@schools.sa.edu.au

SEA SHEPHERD VISIT

In week 6, February 26th Mulga Street Primary School students were fortunate to have a presentation from Keith Gibson who represented the Sea Shepherd, an environmental action group committed to saving our marine environment and its inhabitants.
Sea Shepherd Australia is a non-profit conservation organisation whose mission is to end the destruction of habitat and slaughter of wildlife in the world’s oceans in order to conserve and protect ecosystems and species.

Sea Shepherd Australia uses innovative direct-action tactics to investigate, document and take action when necessary to expose and confront illegal activities on the high seas. By safeguarding the biodiversity of our delicately balanced oceanic ecosystems, Sea Shepherd Australia works to ensure their survival for future generations.

CANTEEN SILVER COIN FUNDRAISER

The canteen is starting a silver coin money line fundraiser from Monday Week 8, each class is encouraged to bring their silver coins from home to make the longest line in the hall on the last Friday of the term. The winning class will each receive a rainbow paddle pop.

COUNSELLOR’S CORNER

Friday 18th March is National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. We will be having a pancake breakfast from 8.15am near the art room to celebrate this day.
As a White Ribbon School students and staff have taken a pledge to stamp out violence and as such we are working towards a safer school environment for all.
**DROP OFF ZONE SAFETY**

The safety and wellbeing of our students is paramount and we all have a collective responsibility in this matter.

Not only is it unsafe but also illegal to be double parking to allow children to alight from cars, it also puts their safety highly at risk as does driving through the crossing while it is being used by children and adults to cross the road. It is also illegal and unsafe to park on the roundabout on Willow Avenue.

There have been times when parents and children were using the school crossing to safely cross the road and drivers have failed to stop, putting the safety of these people at risk.

The school crossing on Mulga Street is there for a purpose – to keep children safe as they cross the road. Our job as adults is to not only train them to use the crossing correctly but also to ensure that as drivers, we also adhere to the road rules.

We, as a school community, need to work together to ensure we keep our children safe at all times. Please remember the old adage ‘Children see, children do”, and respect the road rules and drive accordingly.

**EARTH HOUR**

At 8.30pm this Saturday thousands of Australians will switch off their lights to raise awareness of global warming. Students and staff Mulga Street Primary School are going to assist by making a big effort to turn off all unnecessary lights for the whole of Friday.

Families are encouraged to register at earthhour.org.au and take part in one of the many events that we hope will help shape a more positive future. Please direct any questions to Fiona Punton, Geography Teacher, Learning Centre.

**COMPUTER NEWS**

**MakerSpace @ the Mount Gambier Library**

**An Hour of Coding**

**Sat 19 March & Sun 20th March 12noon-1pm**

Using online eResources learn some basic coding skills. Laptops & software provided although you will be required to bring a set of headphones to participate. FREE - Limited Spaces – Bookings Essential – Recommended 8 years old +

**Wacom Tablet**

**Tuesdays 3.30pm-5.00pm**

Unleash your creativity! Create your own digital comics, manga or animation. Whether you are a beginner or accomplished artist, you will enjoy using the Wacom Tablet. FREE – Drop in session – All ages

**Mission: Deconstruct**

**Saturday 23 April 10.00am – 1.30pm**

Take it apart – maybe put it back together! Embracing children’s curiosity – old PC equipment and tools provided. Please note this session is unsupervised. FREE – Drop in session – All ages

Palace Girls Soccer Club is looking for more girls to join their team. Girls can be aged 9 years right up to 14-15 years. Training is Monday nights with the season starting in April. If you would like more information, please phone Terry Ray (coach) 0417816612 or Billie-Jo Hutchins (team manager) 0401261250

**COME AND TRY HOCKEY!**

About Tigers Hockey Club

Tigers Hockey Club have been Roarin’ Since 1963 and have won a total of 80 Premierships across all teams during this time. 17 of those premierships have been won in the last 5 years.

**Training**

Training will be held every Monday night at the Lower South East Hockey Association, Blue Lake Sports Park at the following times:

U/13 Girls & Boys - 4:30pm to 5:30pm
U/15 Girls & Boys - 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Senior Women and Men - 6:30pm onwards.

**Games**

Games will be held on Friday night, Saturday or Sunday. Juniors will be play in the morning and Seniors in the afternoon. We are registered with the Office Of Sport and Recreation for the Primary School Voucher System.

If you are interested in playing/training or even just giving hockey a go, please contact one of our friendly coaches below;

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**REMINDER – PUPIL FREE DAY TUESDAY 29th MARCH 2016**
This term we have been teaching Junior Primary Fitness working with the students to develop their gross motor skills using basketball balls, hoops, scoops and skipping ropes. We have developed their team work skills through games like Rabbits, Hares and foxes and Golden Child. We have developed their co-ordination with teaching of dances and using the equipment. We all enjoy teaching fitness.