SAPSASA ATHLETICS DAY

Last week, students from our school participated in SAPSASA Athletics Day at Mount Gambier High School. All students enjoyed the day and performed extremely well. Stevie Collins broke the 800 metre record - 3.04.39 Lara Wilson broke the discus record - 17.3
Congratulations to all students!

Crazy Hair Day

Crazy Hair Day on Friday was a crazy success! Lots of students participated in this fun way to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation’s “Worlds Greatest Shave”. $132.50 was raised from gold coin donations and from the sale of cupcakes on the day by SRC.

*Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much* - Helen Keller
## Canteen News

### WEDNESDAY RECESS SPECIAL
Chocolate Caramel Brownies 80c each

Tracy Bald / Canteen Manager

## Community Notices

### NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK / 8-17 April 2016
There are lots of exciting events happening during National Youth Week 2016. Flyers will be sent home this week and further information is available from the School Front Office and Port MacDonnell Community Complex.

### Mother’s Day Candle Fundraiser
Please return orders and money to the school front office before the end of Term 1. Delivery will be in Term 2/ Week 1 in time for Mother’s Day.

### White Ribbon Day
White Ribbon Day was created by a handful of Canadian men in 1991 on the second anniversary of one man’s massacre of fourteen women in Montreal. They began the White Ribbon Campaign to urge men to speak out against violence against women. Active in over 60 countries, the movement seeks to promote healthy relationships, gender equity, and a compassionate vision of masculinity.

Activist Jackson Kattz knows that domestic violence and sexual abuse are intrinsically men’s issues – and that violence behaviours are tied to definitions of manhood.

"The argument that 'boys will be boys' actually carries the profoundly anti-male implication that we should expect bad behaviour from boys and men. The assumption is that they are somehow not capable of acting appropriately, or treating girls and women with respect.” Jackson Kattz

"It's really good to see the participation of our armed forces in White Ribbon Day ... because the presence of our armed forces, the presence of our police is a sign that tough, strong men protect others, they don't persecute them. That the toughest and the strongest men are peacemakers, not brutes," Tony Abbott (2014).

### White Ribbon School

Two of the most important, and challenging, aspects of being an active bystander are:
1. Identifying your responsibility to help and
2. Knowing what to do and how to do it safely.

### Naplan Testing 2016
This year’s Naplan testing will occur during Week 3 of Term 2.

Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer. Withdrawals are intended to address personal issues, including religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing.

Parents would need to book an appointment with the Principal for this to occur.

Withdrawals need to be finalised before Naplan week.

**Kylie Smith**

### SAPSASA FOOTBALL
Selection trials for talented 12 year old boys (born 2004), will occur in the first instance at Westminster School on Sunday 17th, Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th April (first week of the holidays).

Please register online for the selection trials at - www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport and find the link to SAPSASA Australian rules football, Interstate information.

### AUTHOR EVENT
Wendy Altschwager

Book Launch - “Talk of the Town”
Thursday, 7th April at 7.00pm at the Mount Gambier Library.

“Talk of the Town” is inspired by Wendy’s adventures and of working a huge property in WA, and her home town Tantanoola.

This is a free community event.

Bookings required for catering purposes.
2016 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Included with today’s Newsletter is an ICAS Registration Form for students in years 2-12 interested in this competition. Please return your entry form and payment to the School Front Office by: Wednesday, 13th April, 2016 / Week 11.

If you have any queries, please see Suzie Mitchell. Thank you.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL AND NETBALL TERM 2

If your child is interested in playing School Football or Netball next term, please contact Kongorong, Moorak or Yahl School to add your child’s name to their list. Thank you.

OSHC

OSHC April Vacation Care programs were sent home last week. Please return forms to the School Front Office asap if you wish to use this service so we can arrange staffing over the holidays.

Spare copies available on request.

Please phone Judith Whitehead if you have any queries.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE

This Saturday, 9th April from 9.00am to 3.00pm, there will be a Working Bee at School.

Please enter through the side gate on Sewarts Road and meet in the canteen area.

A sausage sizzle will be provided.

SPORTS SHIRTS

Please return your School Sports Shirt this week from SAPSASA or Interschool if you haven’t already done this. Deposits are ready for collection from Leonie Feast at the Front Office.

Tamzyn - Quicksmart is enjoyable and it’s making me faster with my revision in class.

George - It helps you to be quicker and I’m getting more confident with larger numbers.

Nathan - I like doing the speed sheets, they’re fun!

Mitchell - I’m improving in my maths. It’s fun and you learn your tables.

Hannah - Quicksmart is a fun and happy program that you can do all year and it helps you get better with your math skills.

Haylee - I like doing the flash cards on the computer because it makes me better at my addition.

Jet - I think Quicksmart is a fun way to do maths because you get to play maths games.

Demian - Quicksmart is a good way to learn mathematics and I enjoy playing math games.

Kurtis - Doing Quicksmart is helping me with my addition back in the classroom. Also it is a lot more fun to learn things with games.

Cooper - Quicksmart is brilliant and it is a fun way to do maths.

Lilly - I think Quicksmart is awesome because it helps you learn maths with games.
Miss Merrett’s year 4/5 class had the opportunity to come to the Technology room on Thursday to enjoy a new experience of designing, making and testing an object.

Students were given the task of creating a bridge to span a 300mm wide gap between two desks. The bridges had to be made to carry the heaviest load and still allow Mr. Whittaker’s LEGO tank to cross. Each team was given a small piece of plywood and 3 pieces of 10mm x 10mm wood to use in construction.

After a very noisy ten minutes of creative discussion of how to solve the problem, they then designed a bridge according to the K.I.S.S. principle or Keep It Simple Students. I enjoyed watching the negotiation the students employed as they attempted to use only their prior knowledge to come up with a design. Unfortunately there was not enough time to use the computer or library for research but each group came up with a plan. With the aid of rulers they measured and cut pieces to be attached to the plywood base. Hammering in nails proved to be a huge challenge initially, but with some perseverance they managed to get the pieces attached. All the groups were working noisily but productively to get the jobs completed within the tight time schedule.

Finally it came time to test the bridges to destruction by hanging a box under them and putting in some heavy weights. The boy team managed 40 kilograms before the bridge failed with a huge bang. The process was repeated four times till the bridge designed and built by Shania and Madison defied all attempts to break it.

It held an amazing 100 Kilograms of weight without showing signs of breaking. At this point Mr Whittaker chickened out and gave up trying to break the bridge. Congratulations to the whole class for their enthusiasm and good team working skills.

Mr Whittaker
Technology Teacher

Auskick 2016

A note will be going home Wednesday this week in relation to Auskick and the opportunity that children may have in conjunction with the Port MacDonnell Football Club, allowing them to participate in an Auskick match at half time of A grade home matches.

All relevant information will be included in the note when finalised.

Note: The Auskick program will still run at school next term, commencing on Monday, 9th May. Please register on-line at the Auskick website.