STEM EDUCATION STAFF TRAINING DAY

STEM Education is a term used to refer collectively to the teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. STEM touches every aspect of our lives, from smartphones, to the technologies that enable us to explore the world around us and outer space. In the future, it is predicted that there will be a high demand for STEM related jobs. By establishing an interest amongst students in these areas, it is hoped that they will gain a greater understanding of these subjects, show improved interest and be more likely to continue studying STEM areas as they get older.

Staff across the Limestone Coast, were offered a smorgasbord of STEM related Professional Development on Friday 27th May 2016. The day provided teachers the opportunity to listen to guest speakers and participate in STEM related workshops to build their understanding and awareness to teach these areas in the curriculum. Local community events were also organised and were well attended.

One of the highlights of the day included a Key Note Address by Ruben Meerman - Surfer, Scientist, Television Presenter, Children’s Author and Entertainer. I encourage you to take the time to have a look at his biography www.abc.net.au

ABC - Australian Broadcasting Corporation
www.abc.net.au
The ABC is Australia’s public broadcaster. Includes national and local television and radio schedules.

Hope you have a wonderful week, stay tuned for more STEM news in the future.

Kylie Smith
Principal

AGRICULTURE AREA IMPROVEMENTS

We now have a new feed shed and have welcomed our Led Steers that will be shown at the Mount Gambier and Adelaide Shows.

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT AT 5.30PM

IMPORTANT DATES

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2016 TERM DATES

TERM 2 - 2nd May - 8th July
TERM 3 - 25th July - 30th September
TERM 4 - 17th October - 16th December

An Enterprising Community
SOUP OF THE WEEK
Chicken Noodle

Don’t Forget!
We have Milo available for $1.50
Egg & Bacon Sandwiches $4.00
Please be advised that fruit is not available during Term 2 & 3.

Tracy Bald / Canteen Manager

Community Notices

FREE SHORT COURSE TABLET TRAINING - At the Port MacDonnell Community Complex on Sunday, 19th June, 2016 from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Bring your iPad or Android and get the most out of your tech devices! Whether you are a beginner or intermediate user, this course is for you. Learn how to - set up your device, perform common tasks, download apps, share content with friends or family. For further information and to register your interest, please contact - Rene Poulish on 87351510.

ONCE UPON A WISH - Presents 'Make A Wish Charity Concert' on Saturday, 4th June, 2016 at 7pm at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. Adults $20 / Concession $15 / Under 17 $12/ Tickets available from the box office. Guest appearances by : Mount Gambier Concert Band and Gordon Education Centre Dance Troupe. Proudly sponsored by : Metro Bakery and Café, Flanagans, R.T. Images. All proceeds to ‘Make A Wish’ - Wishes are granted to children with life threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB - Sounds like fun! Learn all about sound including what causes sound, how it moves through the air to your ears, and how different sounds can be made. Make your very own musical instruments and noise makers and see how in tune you are. When : Thursday, 2nd June at 6.45pm. Where : Tenison Woods College Science Lab. Age : 5+ Cost : $2 each child and $5 for a family. Parents are encouraged to stay and assist their children (and have fun to). To book your place email : courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au

White Ribbon is Breaking the Silence - Leading the way in respectful relationships education

White Ribbon Australia (White Ribbon) understands that engaging with children and young people is key to creating social change and ending men’s violence against women. The statistics are shocking, with one in four women affected by intimate partner violence in their lifetime and 1 in 4 children exposed to domestic violence, a recognized form of child abuse.

Today, White Ribbon is proud to announce that an additional 116 schools across Australia have completed White Ribbon’s award-winning Breaking the Silence Schools Program. In April 2016, schools across New South Wales (71), Victoria (11), Tasmania (5), South Australia (26 including AEAS), and Western Australia (3) completed White Ribbon’s award-winning program.

The Breaking the Silence Program complements existing school curricula, giving teachers and students the opportunity to embed respectful relationships education in a way that is meaningful and sustainable for that particular school. It integrates with numerous school frameworks such as the National Safe Schools Framework, to provide a whole of school approach to student wellbeing. The Program directly aligns with the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children (2010-2022) and the findings of the Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence. Both identify schools as a priority for violence prevention.

“We congratulate these schools on their leadership to bring about social change. What children and young people learn about respectful relationships today will set them up for the rest of their lives. That’s a real investment in Australia’s future,” Nicholas Cowdery, Chair of White Ribbon Australia said.

“By giving staff and students the language to navigate harmful messages, to understand gender stereotyping and to talk openly about respect, this award-winning initiative is breaking the silence about domestic violence.”

CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

▌ In Australia, one in four children are exposed to domestic violence. Exposure to domestic violence is recognised as a form of child abuse.
▌ Domestic and family violence is the principle cause of homelessness for women and their children.
▌ There is an increased risk of mental health, behavioural and learning difficulties from childhood exposure to intimate partner violence.
HEADLICE - IT’S YOUR JOB TO HELP BREAK THE CYCLE
If your child is constantly infested by headlice, please check their hair after
out-of-school activities and well as school days. Eg. Football, Netball, Dancing etc.
It is a parent’s responsibility to make sure your child is lice and egg free.
Report all cases to the front office immediately.
Your support is appreciated.

GENERAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION
TAFESA - A limited offer of courses in Project Management are available. Certificate IV in Project Management Practice (BSB41515) and Diploma of Project Management (BSB51415). Study mode: Interactive full day workshops, some self directed learning is required in between workshops.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS - 4 one hour sessions at The Junction.
Session 1 - Tuesday, 7th June at 10.30am. What is a mental health problem?
Session 2 - Tuesday, 14th June at 10.30am. What is depression? What is anxiety?
Session 3 - Tuesday, 28th June at 10.30am. What is Psychosis?
Session 4 - Tuesday, 5th July at 10.30am. Substance use and abuse.
Costs: $2.00 per session. Venue: 19 Ferrers Street, Mount Gambier. Tutor: Joan Oldfield

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID - Course being held on 29th & 30th June - 9am to 5pm at the City Hall, Mount Gambier. (enter by Cave Gardens). Cost $165, includes manual, morning and afternoon tea. For further information, contact: Joan Oldfield. Mobile - 0409 678 580 or email joan4training@hotmail.com

We have flyers available at the School Front Office with further information for the above notices.

Primary Assembly for R-7 will be held in the Performing Arts Room on -
Friday, 3rd June / week 5 at 1.40pm. Parents welcome!

‘Remember, teamwork begins by building trust. And the only way to do that is to
overcome our need for invulnerability’. — Patrick Lencioni

Movie - ‘Finding Dory” School Fundraiser
Sunday, 19th June - 12.15pm at the Oatmill Cinema.
Limited tickets at $15.00 each.
Tickets available from - Birdie Blue, Port Mac Community Complex, Allendale School and Periwinkles. Raffle tickets at the door.

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Shooting For The Stars
Morning Tea with Ms Smith

Rec/Year 1 - Mrs Grubb - BLAKE LASLETT - For co-operating well with others.
Year 1/2 - Mrs Neu - KOBY MILLARD - Excellent work in Maths on time.
Year 2/3 - Miss Ridley - HARRY KAIN - For trying really hard in Maths lessons.
Year 4/5 - Miss Merrett - GRACE JACOB - For always being a kind, happy and helpful class member.
Year 5/6 - Mrs Biggins - NICOLE IMPERIAL - For effort and neatness in all her work.
Year 6/7 - Mrs Murdoch - GAVIN MILLARD - Excellent spelling and on-task work at all times.
Last Wednesday, our school participated in National Simultaneous Story time.

The students had a great time listening to the story ‘I Got This Hat’.

More Disco photos!