In 2016 we will embrace the ‘Technology’ in STEM, in particular autonomous technology, with the National Science Week school theme *Drones, Droids and Robots*.

The theme will centre on the real-world application of autonomous technologies in areas including agriculture, mining, manufacturing, medicine and space and deep ocean exploration. Of course, we will also look at how this technology has transformed our day-to-day lives – from robot vacuum cleaners and lawn mowers to automated pool cleaners. Teacher will be completing various different science activities with their class during the week.

**REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important? Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life.

**Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day** -

- They learn better
- They make friends
- They are happier
- They have a brighter future

If so, a set routine can help -

- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have a set time to get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively
- Be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won't go to school?

You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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Canteen News

THIS WEEK’S SOUP SPECIAL
Pumpkin $3.00 with bread roll $4.00
Slice Drive order forms and money are due back by -
Delivery will be Week 5 and 6.
Spare copies available from the School Front Office.
Your support is appreciated.

Tracy Bald / Canteen Manager

NEXT WEEK (WEEK 5) ! BOOKWEEK SPECIALS !
Tuesday - Recess special ... Anzac Biscuits 80c each
Wednesday - Recess special ... Lamingtons 80c each
Thursday - Lunch special ... Sausage in bread $2.50
Sausage in roll with coleslaw $4.00
With or without sauce or onion
Hamburger in bread $3.00
Hamburger in bread with coleslaw $4.00
FRIDAY - Recess special ... Frog in a pond $1.50
PLEASE USE THE ORDER FORM ON PAGE 3.
NOTE : THERE WILL BE NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY NEXT WEEK.

Community Notices

COME AND TRY CPR - Do you know what to do in an emergency? Discover life-saving tips from your local volunteer ambulance officers by attending a free 30-minute session. Venue: Port MacDonnell Football Club
Date: Tuesday, 23rd August, 2016. Time: 6.30pm. Contact: Sonia Milstead on 0439 382 451.

GEORGE THE FARMER - Comes to the Mount Gambier Library! Monday, 22nd August from 10am to 11am. Please contact the Mount Gambier Library for more information. Telephone: 08 87212540.

HIGH TEA AT THE CUSTOMS HOUSE - Sunday, 28th August. Two sittings - 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm. Limited seats. $30 per person. Includes wine on arrival and a fine selection of house made finger sandwiches, sweet and savoury pastries, slices, scones, coffee and tea. Tickets available from the School Front Office. For details, contact Elba on - 0408 413 704.

FOR SALE - 1 secondary uniform dress, size 8 in good, clean condition. $20.00. Phone Barb 0419 623 507.

SCARECROW COMPETITION - The team at Banner Mitre 10 Mount Gambier would like to invite your school/kindy to participate in our 2016 Scarecrow Competition. Entries to be dropped off to the store on Thursday, 22nd September. Gift vouchers awarded to first, second, third prize. Further information is available from the School Front Office if you are interested in this competition.

White Ribbon

Last year Warringah Council unveiled new anti-domestic violence messages on - garbage trucks, just in time for White Ribbon Day. What a great way to get the message out into the community.

Twelve garbage trucks carry the slogan ‘Warringah Council Says No To Domestic Violence’.

In September, Warringah Council unanimously backed a call from Cr Roslyn Harrison to run the campaign.

“Consent is like asking someone if they would like a cup of tea…. If someone says yes to tea, started drinking it and then passed out before they’d finished it, don’t keep pouring it down their throat. Unconscious people don’t want tea.”

A NAPLAN Online Information sheet has been included with today’s Newsletter.
Always striving

**Playgroup News**

Last Friday, we held a mini olympics at play group. The kids participated in an obstacle course, a sprint race, a paper plane throwing competition and decorated their own medal.

Briodie Wilson

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**This week’s Shooting For The Stars!**

**Rec/Year 1 - Mrs Grubb / Ms Beatty** - JAYDE LAMB - For always having a go and participating.

**Year 1/2 - Mrs Neu** - IVY WILSON - Working quietly and for always trying to do her best work.

**Year 2/3 - Ms Schutz** - NAITE FOX - For being our class hero.

**Year 4/5 - Miss Merrett** - JOSH TAYLOR - For making a great start to a new school.

**Year 5/6 - Mrs Biggins** - TAMZYN AILEY - For doing an amazing job at reading chinese characters.

**Year 6/7 - Mrs Murdoch** - TOBY RILEY - For always being a kind, helpful, consistent student.

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**THURSDAY, 25TH AUGUST ... BOOKWEEK LUNCH SPECIALS**

- Sausage in bread $2.50
- Sausage in roll with coleslaw $4.00
- with or without sauce or onion
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**This is Zoe Mackenzie.**

Our new Pastoral Support Worker.

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Friday 19th August
9.00am - 2.30pm
TAFESA Mount Gambier

The Rotary groups of Mount Gambier have been providing the Limestone Coast with the opportunity to discover career options for 50 years! Don’t miss out on your chance to see what is on offer this year.

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**SHOOTING FOR THE STARS Morning Tea with Ms Smith**

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School fees for 2016 are now overdue. Please make arrangements to complete your payments as soon as possible. School fees do not have to be paid in a lump sum but they do need to be paid. If you are struggling to pay your fees please do not hesitate in contacting myself or Kylie Smith to arrange a manageable plan before your debt becomes unmanageable and out of control.

We have several payment options which include:
- By cash, cheque, credit or debit card at the front office or over the phone, please quote your expiry date and your 3 digit verification code, online by Direct Credit into the school bank account, please contact the front office for details, or by Direct Debit by Instalments, where you give the school the authority to debit your bank account or credit card for an agreed amount of money each week, fortnight or month. Many families have found this option to be an easy, hassle free way to reduce their debt.
- If you are interested in this form of payment please contact me for the relevant forms.
- School Card needs to be applied for each year. If you believe that you will qualify for school card, forms are available from the Front Office. If a school card form is not received, then we presume that you will be paying full fees.

Materials and Service Charges are legally recoverable, all overdue fees for 2015 will be taken to Governing Council to commence debt recovery. Statements will be sent home this week. If you have any queries, please phone me on 87387218.

Hope Bliss
Finance Officer

An Enterprising Community