From The Principal

SAVING FAREWELL

This weekend the funeral of Victor, Nadi and Twiste will be held. A number of staff will attend on behalf of our school community.

If you would like to send good wishes to the family you may bring a bunch of flowers or just 1 flower from your garden to school tomorrow. Staff and students will bundle them up and take them to the graveside along with your best wishes.

Recently I was reading an article about 'Citizenship,' family citizenship!

A rather strange idea perhaps, but it actually made sense. It talks about how we need to help children understand their role in the family, by encouraging them while they are young and to contribute in small ways.

Being part of a family, like being part of society carries responsibilities. It might mean helping to clear the table, feed the cat or water the plants. Children need to know as a 'citizen' of the family that everyone needs to give by doing their special 'job' in order for the load to be spread and the work to be done.

Next time you ask the children to wipe up the dishes, don't feel guilty, be confident you are training them for future success as 'citizens' in the real world. They can help out by looking after themselves too. Cleaning their teeth, flushing the toilet, washing their hands are all things they do because it is the right thing to do. Just like good citizens!

Rosie Hunt - CPW

Diary Dates

Children arrive from 8.40am

- Mondays and Wednesdays 8.15am-8.45am
- 2.30pm-3.15pm
- Adelaide Cup - Public Holiday
- AGM - Governing Council
- Swimming
- School Photos
- Good Friday - Easter Monday

Term 2

- Wed 1st April
- Fri 3rd - Mon 6th
- Friday 10th

Term 1 ends at 2.15pm
Monday 27th April
Parents of Year 7's

You are invited to a Twilight Tour on either Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} or Monday 23\textsuperscript{rd} March at Mt Gambier High School. Commences at 6.00pm in the Garry Costello Centre for Creative Arts

**Format of the evening:**
6pm -6.30pm Presentation  
6.30pm Tours of the school  
7.15pm-7.30pm Question and answer session

**School Photos**
School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} April. Forms will be sent home shortly. Prices start from $30.00.

**T-Ball**

Just a reminder parents are expected stay with their children and encourage them during the game. Please advise the school with plenty of notice if you are unable to take your child out on a Friday night. It is really important that the children learn about commitment and being part of a team.

**Swimming**

Students in Years 3 - 7 will be swimming during Weeks 8 and 9. Swimming costs have been kept to a minimum and need to be paid to our Finance Office by Friday the 6\textsuperscript{th} of March.

**Absences**

Please remember that you must tell the school when your child is absent. You can ring the Front Office; send a note or text 0400327509.

If you use facebook keep up to date with our school and Hub page. Inquiries and messages can be in boxed using these pages.

MTGNPS Respect - Doing your Best - Fair go - Generosity
Attendance Record!

For the first time in 4 ½ years, just last week, we have decreased our unexplained absences to the lowest they have ever been. Great effort!

Thank you to every family who rings, texts, writes a note or inboxes.

A reminder that if your child is away please choose from the following:

- Ring the school on the day on 87252824
- Text on the day, 0400327509
- Inbox our face book page Mt Gambier North R-7 School
- Provide a written note to the class teacher on your child’s return

The North Gambier School Community Hub is open for drop ins and informal catch ups on Monday and Wednesday mornings and afternoons.

Jodi Feast is available to provide 1:1 support during the day. You can book an appointment via Simone Badenoch or the front office, pop in and see Jodi yourself on Monday or Wednesday or ring ac care direct on 87213500.

Rosalie Hunt our CPW is opening up the Hub Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

We need help making play dough, kinetic sand and coloured rice for the JP play area. Please leave your name with Jodi, Simone or Rosalie if you are keen to help. We also have play furniture that needs painting. So if you have spare time and are keen to be involved in the school, your help will be greatly appreciated.

SRC 2015

SRC will be up and running within the next fortnight. Elected students will have their names in the next newsletter. This year the SRC is being run by Camille Loveridge.

A POSITIVE START TO 2015

Well done to all of our students who have settled into the 2015 school year. If you are concerned about your child’s behaviour or development, please make a time that suits their class teacher to have a chat. Do not try and talk to a teacher in front of the class - this is learning time for all children.

We are happy to offer suggestions and meet with you and your child to make a strong connection between school and home. Where necessary, we can link families and children into local support services.

YARD MENTORS

We have an amazing group of trained and dedicated yard mentors. This role is a privilege and students must show evidence of being positive role models. These students give up their time willingly to work with younger children and help to be an extra set of eyes and ears in the yard. Thank you for your work.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Junior Primary parents who are waiting outside until the bell goes. This means the children can keep working with their support workers without interruptions, and classes are not distracted by personal conversations. Best of all your children are learning to be independent - a skill they will need for the rest of their lives.
Cloud Dough Recipe

Add one cup of baby oil to 8 cups of flour. Stir well. I used a pastry cutter to mix mine, but a spoon or whisk would be fine.

Transfer your dough to a bin or basin (I purchased this kitty litter box at the cheap shop and it’s perfect for sensory activities), and that’s it. You’re done!

Set out some containers, scoops and moulds and let the little ones at it.

Cloud dough (also known as moon dough or moon sand) is silky and mould-able and takes just two ingredients to make. It’s amazing sensory dough!

PK Family Care Team

We understand that having a family member in prison can be challenging and impacts the whole family.
The PK Family Care Team offers our support to kids of prisoners and their families.
Our role is to work with children and young people, provide support through transitions and explore with them their challenges and goals.
In country areas, we offer phone support and referral to outside supports for your family.
The team offers support while your relative is away as well as post release support.
To find out more contact Mel, Team Leader: 0422 624 338

Parent Survey

We would like as many parents as possible to be involved in our school survey. http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/mQaW73WX/LogIn
This will be online until Monday March 9th. Jane Turner and Lisa Tapp would like as many parents participating in this survey as a guide to future direction.
Please encourage other parents to be involved

Reminder - No Smoking

Just a reminder that there is a No Smoking Policy in any school car park this includes inside your car. - Thank you

Is your Child In Years 3-7?

Would you like to hook into an easy way to help your child read at home?

Then read on:

Children need good reading skills to do well at school. Our School has been invited to join in the Student2Student reading program. The program is run by the Smith Family organisation whose goal is to help children read. The student2student programme is run in Terms 2 and 3. During this time, a trained High School ‘buddy’ will ring your child two to three times a week and listen to them read for at least 20 minutes. The books are provided by the Smith Family as is the cost of the telephone calls.
If you would like your child to be considered for the program please ask your child’s teacher for some forms for you, or pop into the Front Office. Forms can also be emailed out to you on request.
Leanne Clark – Literacy Coordinator