



Mount Gambier North Primary School

Newsletter - Term 4 - Week 9 - 14/12/2022

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Principal's Report

2022 has been another challenging year. Lives around the world continue to be impacted by COVID19 and it has been one of the biggest challenges yet. It is hard to believe we started school this year with the majority of students learning from home! Then came the COVID waves, masks and the ever changing rules about isolation, testing and other restrictions.

As a school, the amount of time lost has fortunately been minimal. However, the challenges have been real. With that in mind it has been an incredible effort for our school community to have arrived at this point. I cannot thank the staff enough for their flexibility and resilience throughout 2022. Despite these challenges the calmness and professionalism of our staff has managed to maintain normality for our kids.

Thank you also to the parents and students for their flexibility with ever changing restrictions. The way that people have followed guidelines since the lockdown has been amazing, and this has certainly made our lives easier. Here's to a much less disruptive 2023!

Welcome and Farewells

As we come to the end of the school year, we have a few staff who are moving on, taking on a new challenge or just packing up and heading around Australia! It is with much gratitude I thank Lance Pedlow, Cristy Crouch, Cindy Johnson and Jasmin Howe for their contribution in their time at the school. We wish them all the best in their new endeavours. Mandeep Kaur is also taking 12 months away from MGNPS to work in Melbourne, we wish her all the best with her new venture. I would also like to thank Jasmine Hurst for her work in Room 4. She is taking a term off to be with the family and business, but I am sure we will see her back in a role some stage in the future.

We welcome Mia McKechnie, who will be teaching Yr 3-6 Science in Ms Kaur's absence. Mia has been teaching at Oak Valley School and we look forward to having her bring lots of her experiences to our school.

Jason Dunn will be returning to the wellbeing team in 2023. We look forward to having him return, and thank Kyle for the amazing job he did in Jason's absence.

Yr 6 Graduation

It was a privilege to attend the Year 6 graduation. It was great that so many parents and family members could attend and see our young people talk about this chapter of their lives. Well done to all award winners. To be recognised by the teachers for an award is a great achievement. The major award winners and captains are up on the board in the temporary office for students and parents to view. Today we farewell our year 6's, but their life as Northies doesn't stop here. We follow them throughout their journey and there is nothing prouder than seeing them come back as adults having reached their goals. I wish them all the best and will be watching their progress over the years.

I would like to especially congratulate the following award winners:

Lions Student of the Year - Law Ler Htoo and Alexis Wantstall

Academic Achievement - Kasthar Bae

Continuous Improvement Award - Caleb McDonald and Ryder Henke

Principal's Award - Daytona Ladner

Reconciliation Award - Greg Crute and Bailyn Hancock

Science Award - Kasthar Bae and Caitlyn Gunn

PE Award - Dylan Stockwell, Jasmine Sims and Law Ler Htoo

Music Award - Seth Devlin and Holly Lawrence

Have a safe and happy holidays. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Paul Harmer

Principal

Happy Holidays

Financial Matters

The proposed Materials and Services Levy for 2023 was approved at the last Governing Council meeting. The M&S Levy for 2023 will be \$269.00. Invoices will be sent home early next year.

If you have not paid your 2022 School Fees please pop in and see Olu in the Front Office or give him a call on 8725 2824.

Governing Council Xmas raffle

The winners of this years raffle drawn at assembly this afternoon are -

1st Prize - Chuck Brennan

2nd Prize - Zac Oppebar

3rd Prize - David Wilkinson

We would like to thank the following businesses for their generosity towards this years Xmas raffle -

The Western Tavern

The Globe

Jens Town Hall Hotel

The RSL

The Commercial Hotel

Kaboom

She's Apples

Bakers Delight

Balnaves of Coonawarra



Public Education Student Forum

On the 25th November, Daytona and Alexis attended the Public Education Student Forum. The forum was held with the intention of starting a state-wide conversation about education. Students were given the opportunity to discuss values and ideas for the future. The information gathered will be used for discussion at the next Public Education Forum.

