COMING EVENTS

Week 11

Tues 12th, Wed 13th, Thurs 14" April
Yr 6/7 Camp Rms: N3, N4, N5 & N6
FRIDAY 15th April
LAST DAY OF TERM 1 –
EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15 pm

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS 2011

Dates for these competitions for this year are:

- **COMPUTER SKILLS**
  - Tuesday 24 May

- **SCIENCE**
  - Wednesday 8 June

- **SPELLING**
  - Tuesday 21 June

- **WRITING**
  - Tuesday 21 June

- **ENGLISH**
  - Tuesday 2 August

- **MATHEMATICS**
  - Tuesday 16 August

If your children are interested in participating in any of these competitions please fill in the tear off slip on the back of this newsletter.

LOST ITEMS

On Monday 21st March an umbrella was lost from the Room 1 lockers, it is a Large Black and Red Golf Umbrella with Wilson Brand written on it. It belongs to Mrs Little. The speedy return of this would be greatly appreciated, please return to the front office if you come across it. Thank you.

Also a grey rashy vest and black board shorts missing from room 12 swimming. Please return to the front office if you find them.

BULLYING

Recently there has been a significant amount of media coverage regarding violence and bullying at school. The most recent story focused on a bullying incident involving a 15 year old boy. Allegedly the boy had been taunted over a period of time and, when harassed and hit by another student, retaliated and spearheaded the bully into the ground. The incident has been replayed thousands of times on YouTube and the victim who retaliated has been labelled a hero.

This incident raises a number of concerns. Firstly the level of retaliation could have resulted in the bully being severely hurt, possibly paralysis or even death. Secondly, calling the victim a ‘hero’, gives the message that this behaviour is okay and could encourage others to respond inappropriately. Would viewers have felt differently if a weapon had been used or the end result had been fatal?

Bullying is a complex issue and at McDonald Park we take it very seriously. It is not acceptable for one person or a group to use power over another to cause harm. We use a number of strategies to address bullying and the data we collect through our bully surveys indicates that we are winning the battle against bullies. We do this in nonviolent ways that help to restore relationships and repair harm.

This is how we reduce bullying at McDonald Park:

- We define what bullying is and is not, with students. It is a word that is sometimes misused to describe a one of incident, which it is not. Bullying is repeated negative behaviour by one or more people against someone less powerful.
- We teach students about the negative impact bystanders can have and provide positive bystander behaviours and choices.
- We have our H2H (Happy to Help) team in the yard so that children can speak to someone about minor issues. The H2H team also organise activities at recess and lunch to help engage students in positive play.
- We have up to twelve teachers on yard duty each break to monitor yard behaviour.
- Each lunch time teachers provide a number of structured yard activities to engage students and teach positive social behaviours.
- Students are encouraged to talk to the class teacher, the Deputy Principal, Principal, School Counsellor or CPSW if they are having problems.
- We conduct ‘Bully Surveys’ each year to identify issues and hotspots around the school and monitor the occurrence of bullying.
- We implement behaviour plans, conferencing and support systems for students bullying others.
- We are a pilot school for the Alannah Madeline e-Smart Program, targeting cybersafety and cyberbullying. The e-Smart Committee reviews and initiates changes to our anti-bullying policy, reporting processes, and learning programs.
- Our Setting up For Success Program helps to establish positive relationships and trust networks. Other social learning programs we use to directly target bullying include: the Child Protection Curriculum, Friendly School and Families, Bounce Back, Real Smart about Bullying DVD series, the Rugrats Program and more recently the ABC series ‘Being Me’.
- The H2H team are teaching the Rugrats program to reception classes next term.
- We have increased opportunities for student voice across the school through class meetings, student leadership team, sports captains, little leaders, SRC and H2H.
- Parents are encouraged to contact the school if their child is experiencing problems.
- We follow our school behaviour code to address acts of bullying – students receive a consequence (logical or natural where possible) and we try to repair the harm caused with the relationship between the victim and the bully through a restorative conference, if both parties feel able to participate.
SCHOOL SOCCER

Term 2 is the start of our soccer competition. Children in years 3, 4 and 5 are eligible to play. If you are interested in your child/ren playing school soccer, please fill out the reply slip below and return it along with $10 subs, to the Cash Office by Friday 1st April. Medical forms can be filled out when you come in. Games should commence on the first Saturday on Term 2 and conclude on Saturday of week 9. Last year games were played at Tenison Woods oval on White Avenue from 8:15 am – 12:20 pm. Games go for 45 minutes each. It is school policy that competitions will not go ahead without parental help. Please indicate on the reply slip the way in which you are able to help.

Thank you
Mark Pearce

SCHOOL SOCCER TERM 2, 2011

I give permission for my child/ren to play school soccer in Term 2 2011.

NAME : ___________________________ Rm:____ Yr:___
NAME : ___________________________ Rm:____ Yr:___
NAME : ___________________________ Rm:____ Yr:___

Parent/Guardian Name : __________________________
(Please Print)
Signed : _______________________________________

I am willing to (please circle)
COACH    UMPIRE    BE A HELPER

SCHOOL PINAFORE NOW AVAILABLE

At the Front Office we now have available for purchase girl’s pinafores. We have them in size 4 to 14 for $44.00. We have also got in stock the white cotton shirts for $16.50 The school back packs (as shown) are also available for $49.50

LITTLE LEADERS & SRC REPS FOR 2011

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CANTEEN HELPERS

Phone Michelle 87254221

Week Beginning Mon 4th April

Monday  Sharon
Tuesday  Lyn
Wednesday Sue
Thursday Deb
Friday  Deb, Sam T

Week Beginning Mon 11th April

Monday  Nicole, Sharon
Tuesday  Lyn
Wednesday  Lyn
Thursday  Deb
Friday  Deb
International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

PLEASE RETURN TO FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2011

CHILD’S NAME _________________________
ROOM NO:________YEAR LEVEL_____

My child would like to take part in the following subject areas of ICAS in 2011 (Please tick)

Science $7.70 (   )
Spelling $11.00 (   )
Writing $16.50 (   )
Maths $7.70 (   )
English $7.70 (   )
Computer skills $7.70 (   )

I forward $............... As payment in full for entry to the above nominated competition(s)

Signed…………………………………………………………

CORRIGULATIONS
S.A.P.S.A.S.A. ATHLETICS RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students from our school who participated in the S.A.P.S.A.S.A. Athletics District Day on Tuesday 22nd March.

13 Year Girls Long Jump
2nd – Amy Hopkins - 2.94m

12 Year Girls 100m
1st – Hannah Issaacson

12 Year Girls 200 m
3rd – Hannah Issaacson

12 Year Boys Discus
3rd – Mitch Smart - 17.36m

10 Year Girls 100m
3rd – Melody Battye-Whitwell

10 Year Girls 200m
3rd – Melody Battye-Whitwell

10 Year Girls Long Jump
2nd – Melody Battye-Whitwell – 2.93m

10 Year Girls Shot Put
2nd – Annie Rasmussen – 4.68m

9 Year Girls 100m
3rd – Isabella Morale

9 Year Girls Shot Put
1st – Isabella Morale – 4.97m

9 Year Girls Discus
2nd – Isabella Morale – 11.21m

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the following children who were our Student Representatives on the Student Leadership Panel for 2011 – Felicity Clayton and Brodie Clark.

WANTED

We are in need of any second hand black pants, shorts and green jumpers that we can keep here in the front office as spares in the event of wet weather/accidents etc. If you are able to donate any it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

COMMUNITY NEWS

BASKETBALL COACHING

Want personal one on one basketball coaching for your child? Try the new individual basketball training with Fernandez Lockett from your very own Mt Gambier Pioneers. These training sessions will consist of ball handling, shooting, footwork and agilities, Fernandez will do whatever it takes to help improve your child’s basketball skills while making sure your child is having fun as well. For more information please contact Fernandez on 0487796271

CAVALIERS HOCKEY CLUB

Would you like to pay Hockey?

If you are 8 years old or older, you can and so can your parents. Cavaliers Hockey Club trains on Tuesday nights at the Blue Lake Sport Park Hockey ground at the following times.

Girls & Boys – U/13’s & U/15’s from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Women’s Divisions 1, 2 and 3 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Men’s Divisions 1, 2 and 3 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Season starts 8th April 2011

For more details please call President: Jim Stevenson 0438980772 or Secretary: Anne Fowler 0409725732

RIDDOCH ART GALLERY AND MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY PRESENT

TAKE A FLIGHT INTO ART

Children participate in enjoyable and educational visual art sessions with local artist Susie Clarke. Susie has a Bachelor of Visual Art and specializes in painting.

When: First Thursday of every month.

Where: Multi-function room, Mount Gambier Library

Cost: Free

Time: 4:00pm - 5:30pm

This eleven month program includes experimental and still life paintings, self-portraits, printmaking, expressive drawing, glass painting, using air dry clay and much more. After concentrating on 2D artwork in previous classes children will now investigate 3 Dimensional artwork in coming months.

7 April: Print Making (suitable for older children, sharp instruments are used in this process)

5 May: Artwork on Glass Vases

Maximum of 20 children. Parent/carer supervision required for younger children and we ask that parents remain on site at the Library. Bookings can be taken one week prior to session date. Please advise if your child cannot attend so other children do not miss out on the waiting list.

Adelaide Airport Limited has generously made this program possible

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