**GENEROSITY - RESPECT - HONESTY - LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER**

### COMING EVENTS

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### Why should my family think about 21st century learning?

Today’s student will graduate into a world where the demands of our professional, personal and public lives grow more complicated every year.

- **An innovation and creativity-driven economy:** They will enter a job market that rewards creativity, flexible thinking, on-the-job learning and comfort with technology.
- **A more globally-connected world:** Their classmates and co-workers may live in the same post code or across the globe.
- **Information overflow:** We get dizzying amounts of information every day. It can be hard to figure out what is reliable and how to use it.
- **An expanded civic life:** Citizens are active in physical communities, online and through social media, getting involved in local politics as well as global initiatives.

Instead of slowing down, these trends are gaining momentum. As a result, our students need to be more globally aware, better able to navigate the digital world and more engaged as 21st century citizens.

Parents, families and schools play a key role by supporting the development of 21st century skills and 21st century citizenship. Providing your child with a 21st century education will give them opportunities to develop the skills, knowledge and mindsets they need to be successful in college, career and life.

### What are the building blocks for 21st century learning and citizenship?

21st century skills are a set of academic building blocks - abilities and ways of thinking - that can help kids thrive as 21st century citizens. The partnership for 21st century learning identifies these skills (or the 4Cs as they are often called) as:

- **critical thinking and problem solving**
- **communication**
- **collaboration** and
- **creativity and innovation**

As today’s students face higher expectations in both school and the workforce, 21st century skills help to prepare students for what they will need to know and be able to do in school and college, at work and throughout all aspects of personal and civic life. Students can build these skills by applying them as they learn regular school subjects. And we know that pointing out these skills will actually increase students’ grasp of what they’re learning, as well their overall engagement in their own education.

### What does a 21st century education look like?

A 21st century classroom looks, sounds and feels different than what you might remember from your own education.

**Students often work in teams,** tackling projects that deal with real local and global problems in health, the environment, business and more.

**Teachers help students to ask tough questions** and work through problems - but might not provide all of the answers.

**Students get to apply their knowledge,** and prove what they know by presenting to their classmates, school or even their community.

Sandy Davey, Kirsty Trahar, Sharon Day, Michele Waters

**SENIOR STAFF**
This Friday, 18th March, students are invited to wear a white top to acknowledge the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. This day also coincides closely with Harmony Day, so to celebrate our cultural diversity, the canteen will be selling orange food on Monday, 21st March (please note we will not be wearing orange).

Last week, McDonald Park School received recognition as being a White Ribbon School. Our Principal, Sandy Davey and School Counsellor, Michele Waters represented our school in the White Ribbon Breaking The Silence Schools Program.

Last Friday we had ‘Funky Hair Day’ to help raise money to support Jesse Wilke’s family and the Leukaemia Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who donated and participated, we raised $534.35

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Resource Centre

Last week, we were delighted to host author, Phil Cummings, at our school students and staff alike believe that it was an overwhelming success. Phil tailored his presentations to suit his audience and entertained classes with humour, real life stories and what it entails to be an author. Resilience, persistence and determination were themes which resounded throughout the two days Phil was in our school.

Phil was humbled by the friendliness and genuine interest our students displayed from the time he entered our school until the time he left. During library connection lessons prior to Phil Cummings visit, students were given background information and were exposed to many of his books which built an awareness of him as a person, as well as an author.

Phil was a junior primary teacher in the northern suburbs of Adelaide for 20 years before becoming a full time author. He submitted seven books over seven years to publishers before having his first book published in 1989. Phil showed scrapbooks he has used over the years to write down ideas and even showed an airsick bag he once scribbled the ideas of a story down on in an aeroplane when no other paper was at hand!

Drafts of his writing were shown to students where an editor had written comments and made changes to his writing. It was important for our students to recognise that authors also have their work edited, just as teachers edit student work in the classroom. Phil’s honesty showed students that creativity can come from anywhere and believing in yourself and your dreams is a key to success.

We thank the Mount Gambier Public Library for initiating Phil Cumming’s visit to Mount Gambier and feel appreciative that our school benefitted from his expertise. Our resource centre has many Phil Cummings books available for borrowing and these can be added to students’ Premier’s Reading Challenge forms.

Congratulations goes to our students for their exceptional behaviour and attitude during this experience.
KITCHEN GARDEN

If you are interested in making compost and have also been looking for an excuse to have a good look around our kitchen garden, you may like to come to the composting workshop to be held in the garden this Saturday, 19th March from 12.00pm to 1.30pm. You will see our flash new compost bays in action and have the basics of making your own compost explained, followed by a tour around the garden.

One of the things you can check out is the progress being made in the far east nature play area. The construction crew of each garden class has been hard at work landscaping, including this keen crew from room N4 shown here digging a big tree stump into the ground to add an interesting feature.

Putting just as much effort into digging a stump out of the ground was the construction crew from room N4, who were so keen to finish removing this tree stump from behind the compost bins that they came back at lunch time to finish the job!

This time of year there are a lot of fruit and vegetables reaching or finishing peak harvest time. This can be a messy business in a large garden, especially a children’s garden, and some people have commented about the ‘waste’. Please be reassured that some damaged, diseased, overgrown, dropped or thrown fruit and vegetables is inevitable and harvesting our vegetables for yourself in order to prevent waste is unnecessary! Please do not pick produce from our garden.

Remember the market stall on Thursday is where we sell our excess every week. The children are very happy to sell you fresh vegetables for $1.00 a bag or bunch to raise money for the garden - last week’s veggie sellers were particular happy!

MEASLES

We have had a mild case of measles reported in our school. Measles is a viral infection and symptoms may include fever, tiredness, cough, sore throat, runny nose, sore eyes and sensitivity to light. Please be vigilant and see your doctor if you have any concerns.

YELP CONFERENCE

On Tuesday, 1st March, four members of our Green Team (Charlie B, Angus W, Chloe P and Riley P) attended the Youth Environment Leaders Program at the Naracoorte Caves. This program is run by the Natural Resources Management Board and gives students the opportunity to learn more about how to care for and protect the environment. Throughout the year the YELP team will be working towards creating and managing an environmental project within the school.

“When I went on the environmental excursion called YELP in Naracoorte, the best experience was when Natasha took us into a massive cave and showed us where palaeontologists had been working on some mega fauna bones.” Chloe

“Something that I really enjoyed about YELP is that we get to pick a project of our liking and ours was to revegetate the two hills.” Riley

“It was interesting about the cave and we went in, it was a great experience all together. YELP are awesome and they teach us good things.” Charlie

FAMILY FUN DAY

Rooms A1 and A2 are running a ‘Second Hand Toy Sale’ for the Family Fun Day on 1st April. We are asking for parents to donate any pre-loved second hand toys for the sale. No broken toys please.

Donations can be brought in to rooms A1 or A2, or the front office. Thank you for your support.
LIVING HISTORY EXCURSION

On Tuesday of week six, the downstairs classes went on an excursion to the Millicent Living History Museum to find out about the differences between their lives and the lives of their parents and grandparents.

“\(h\)I liked finding out about how old things were. I liked the fake dummy in the train station.“

Eric D

“At the museum we saw old machinery.”

Peniana C

“It was all interesting, especially the school stuff, cooking and clothes.”

Tyge S

“They used to have bikes to deliver in the past and now they have motorbikes.”

Zoe W

“My favourite part of the excursion was in the ship part. We got to ring the bell. I liked the old wooden ship and the big anchor.”

Joe B

“My favourite part of the excursion was looking at the old toys. There were lots of dolls.”

Maiah A

“We went to the light area and saw how they used lights in the past. They had a little glass circle, then there was a candle inside and they lit it up.”

Cooper M

“To get around to places they used horse carriages.”

Halle M

**CORRECTION**

SPORTS CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers to be captains / vice captains of their house team.

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<td>Angus W</td>
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<td>Cunningham</td>
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<td>Jay L</td>
<td>Gage P</td>
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<td>Amber M</td>
<td>Chloe L</td>
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<td>McDonald</td>
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<td>Mitchell S</td>
<td>Jemma P</td>
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<td>Tyrone R</td>
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CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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<td>Miss Schulz</td>
<td>a positive start to the year and bouncing back quickly.</td>
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<td>Lee M</td>
<td>Miss Schulz</td>
<td>always trying to put their best effort into work tasks.</td>
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<td>Aiden B</td>
<td>Mrs Dew</td>
<td>for being sensible.</td>
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<td>Zahla G</td>
<td>Miss</td>
<td>always being on task with work and for her willingness to help those around her.</td>
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<td>Hutchinson</td>
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<td>Joe B</td>
<td>Miss</td>
<td>showing kindness towards others and involving them in his friendship group.</td>
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<td>Daniel F</td>
<td>Miss Eldridge</td>
<td>being a conscientious and hard working student who always has a go and challenges himself.</td>
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<td>Drew B</td>
<td>Miss Eldridge</td>
<td>being a kind and considerate class member who generously gives up his time to help others.</td>
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<td>Lara M</td>
<td>Ms Kennewell &amp; Mrs Bronca</td>
<td>a self motivated start to the school year, being a responsible learner and putting in effort.</td>
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<td>Layne B</td>
<td>Ms Kennewell &amp; Mrs Bronca</td>
<td>a self motivated start to the school year, being a responsible learner and putting in effort.</td>
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<td>Toby M</td>
<td>Mrs Arthursun &amp; Mrs Bronca</td>
<td>making positive choices and successfully turning his behaviour around.</td>
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<td>Jackson R</td>
<td>Mrs Arthursun &amp; Mrs Bronca</td>
<td>participating well in class discussions and always striving to improve his work.</td>
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<td>Teesh W</td>
<td>Mr Bigg</td>
<td>outstanding results and working hard in mathematics lessons.</td>
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<td>Kyan M</td>
<td>Mr Bigg</td>
<td>working hard in all areas of his learning and being a great role model for his peers to follow.</td>
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<td>Ashriti S</td>
<td>Mrs Hopkins &amp; Mrs Bronca</td>
<td>the focussed manner in which she approaches all aspects of school work, producing work of a consistently high standard.</td>
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<td>Ashley W</td>
<td>Mrs Hopkins &amp; Mrs Bronca</td>
<td>his great start to 2016. Ashley is a focussed student who provides a positive role model for his room 10 class mates.</td>
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<td>Charlotte D</td>
<td>Ms Mitchell &amp; Mrs Bronca</td>
<td>her bright and positive attitude to her learning and for challenging herself by learning an instrument this year.</td>
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<td>Iowani C</td>
<td>Ms Mitchell &amp; Mrs Bronca</td>
<td>the quiet, calm and generous way he goes about his learning.</td>
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<td>Genevieve A</td>
<td>Ms Hulitena &amp; Mrs Fox</td>
<td>having an excellent growth mindset and always being organised at school.</td>
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<td>Blake S</td>
<td>Ms Hulitena &amp; Mrs Fox</td>
<td>always listening and participating in class discussions and his mature attitude towards learning.</td>
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<td>Harris M</td>
<td>Mrs Spencer &amp; Mrs Fox</td>
<td>concentrating on his organisational skill and learning to be an organised Ollie, particularly in the morning! Super effort Harris.</td>
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<td>Mrs Spencer &amp; Mrs Fox</td>
<td>facing challenges in school life, her growth mindset, persistence and resilience in becoming a successful learner at school.</td>
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<td>Lexi M</td>
<td>Mrs Wilson &amp; Mrs Strachan</td>
<td>consistently tries her hardest in everything she does at school. She is a gentle and kind friend to others.</td>
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<td>Ben H</td>
<td>Mrs Wilson &amp; Mrs Strachan</td>
<td>consistently showing tremendous effort and patience at school. He is a kind and tolerant friend.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tayla L</td>
<td>Mrs Pitkin &amp; Mrs McCracken</td>
<td>showing generosity and respect to the members of our class. We are so proud of you!</td>
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<td>Cruize M</td>
<td>Mrs Pitkin &amp; Mrs McCracken</td>
<td>always being an outstanding member of our class. He strives to make our class a happy and safe place!</td>
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SCHOOL FOOTBALL

School football for year 3, 4 and 5 students will be held in term 2, 2016 on Saturday mornings at various schools who have courts available in Mount Gambier. There will be two grades running if numbers allow. These will be group A year 5 and experienced year 4’s and group B for year 3 and inexperienced year 4’s. If there is not enough numbers the two groups will combine. If you have a child interested in playing school football, please fill in the reply slip below and return to the front office by Friday, 1 April 2016. We will need a coach, manager and umpire for each team, please note if we don’t get volunteers for these positions the teams will not go ahead. The cost will be $5.00.

REPLY SLIP
(to be returned to the front office by Friday, 1 April 2016.

My child / children is / are interested in playing school football during term 2, 2016.

YES ☐ NO ☐
Name of interested footballer: __________________________
DOB: ________ Yr level: _______ Experienced: YES / NO
☐ I am able to help coach ☐ I am able to help umpire
☐ I am able to help manage
Parent / Caregiver’s signature: __________________________
Contact number: __________________________

SCHOOL NETBALL

School netball for year 3, 4 and 5 students will be held in term 2, 2016 on Saturday mornings at various schools who have courts available in Mount Gambier. There will be two grades running if numbers allow. These will be group A year 5 and experienced year 4’s and group B for year 3 and inexperienced year 4’s. If there is not enough numbers the two groups will combine. If you have a child interested in playing school netball, please fill in the reply slip below and return to the front office by Friday, 1 April 2016. We will need a coach, manager and umpire for each team, please note if we don’t get volunteers for these positions the teams will not go ahead. The cost will be $5.00.

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(to be returned to the front office by Friday, 1 April 2016.

My child / children is / are interested in playing school netball during term 2, 2016.

YES ☐ NO ☐
Name of interested netballer: __________________________
DOB: ________ Yr level: _______ Experienced: YES / NO
☐ I am able to help coach ☐ I am able to help umpire
☐ I am able to help manage
Parent / Caregiver’s signature: __________________________
Contact number: __________________________

COMMUNITY NEWS

CAVALIERS HOCKEY CLUB
Come and try hockey session Tuesday, 22 March 2016 at 4.00pm
Blue Lake Spots Park Hockey Centre
Equipment supplied
More information phone Andrea 0448 872 327 or 8723 2718, Ross 0400 155 714 or 8725 8125

CANTEEN HELPERS
Phone Michelle 87254221
Week Beginning Mon 21st MARCH Mon 28th MARCH
Monday Jo, Rosalie Public Holiday
Tuesday Tamara Tamara
Wednesday Jo Krystal
Thursday Deb, Belinda Deb, Belinda
Friday Public Holiday Jo

CLOSE THE GAP
Free Community Event
Thursday 17th March 2016
10.00am till 3.00pm
At Pangula Mannamurra
Featuring: Health Expo, Football & Basketball clinics, Interactive games and much more
JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY AND HELP US

LUNCH PROVIDED
Transport is available within Mount Gambier,
Please call Reception on (08) 8724 7270
Composting for Beginners

Saturday 19th March, 12.00pm-1.30pm
McDonald Park School Garden

“Have you ever wanted to start your own compost bin but never known where to start?” Jyan Ken Baker for a workshop aimed at bringing the barren back to the backyard and worm farming. The session will be held at McDonald Park School Garden on Saturday 19th March, 12.00pm-1.30pm.

For more information please contact Carmel Ron
Telephone 08.8721.2528 | Email cron@mountgambier.sa.gov.au

Reidy Park Primary School Presents

Hang Ten!
A Musical Tribute to the Surfin’ 60’s

Surfing songs in the style of the famous Beach Boys, the Ventures and other beach music bands of the 60’s give this musical comedy endless energy and fun. An Italian immigrant’s Surfin’ Burger restaurant sits on one of California’s best beaches. But his dream of owning a restaurant in America is about to be shattered. Not only are the grandchildren becoming too independent, but an enterprising land developer tries to steal his property to build a huge hotel on it. There is a group of surfers, some bird watchers and a whole host of other zany characters. Anything can happen....

Performances

School Matinees:
Wednesday June 22nd - 1:00pm
Thursday June 23rd - 10:00am

Evening Performance
Thursday June 23rd - 7:30pm
Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

Tickets:
Adults $12 | Students $7
(Teacher accompanying school groups free)

Road 2 River 2016
The Go Set
Live Music
19. Nevin LC
The Settlement
Dog Gone South
DJ Soul Loco
Louise Adams
Louise and the Tornadoes
Since Tuesday
11am - 10:30pm
Art Exhibition
Historical Displays
Kids Activities
Whale Boats
Mini Market
Show ’N’ Shine

The Doctor Calling
Launch of “The Doctor Calling”
Tuesday 29th March at 7:30pm
Mount Gambier Library

From the bestselling author of “The Country Practice” comes a heart-warming and emotional story set in Southern Australia by registered nurse and midwife, Meredith Appleyard.

The Doctor Calling is an entertaining and touching story about family, friendship and community in small Australian communities. The text is interwoven with regional voices and how the author’s family encouraged her to preserve and keep them in unexpected places.

This is a free community event. Registration is required to catering purposes.