Important Dates
Thursday 15/3 SAPSASA Athletics
Friday 16/3 Splash Carnival
Friday 23/3 BPS Sports Day
Wednesday 28/3 Assembly
Friday 30/3 Mid Murray Sports Day

Principal’s Report
Welcome to week 7, I hope you all had a relaxing long weekend.

Over the coming weeks we have lots of sporting activities for the students to participate in. This week we have the SAPSASA Athletics carnival on Thursday (please return permission notes by Wednesday morning otherwise students will not be able to attend), this starts at 9am at Glossop High School. Friday is the Splash Carnival (please return Splash Carnival permission notes Wednesday morning), this starts at 9.45am and is at the Waikerie swimming centre. We also have the school sports day and Mid Murray sports day coming up in week 8 and 9. The students have been training hard and it has been great to see them work well in their teams and improve their skills in some of the challenging events that they compete in.

Currently we are going through the process of electing our student leaders. As many of would be aware students in the primary have had the opportunity to write an application for these very important.

Indonesian has been running successfully in the primary class now for a couple of weeks. It is good to hear that the students have remembered lots of what they learnt last year and are picking up their new learning quickly.

As we approach the end of term Parent/Teacher interviews will take place. This is an important time where we can discuss student learning and what students need to be successful in terms 2, 3, and 4. More information about times will be in the next newsletter.

Organisational reminders for kids.

ELIZA wants it now.
7yr old Eliza had a history of shouting and throwing tantrums to get her way. Eliza’s parents explained to her that shouting and demanding will always be ignored. They discussed and listed the ways she might get there attention in a positive way. One Saturday afternoon she screamed that her father drive her immediately to the shop to replace her Textas.

Her father engaged eye contact. He used a calm, low voice and said,” Eliza we have a plan to help you stop bullying to get her way. You need to make a better choice now. Think about what you need to do.” Her father walked away and did not engage any further. Walking away reinforced to Eliza that her father will no longer participate when her behaviour is undesirable. Walking away deprived Eliza of the attention she was seeking. Over time, Eliza began to shout less and make better choices as her father consistently applied the same rules.

Mid Murray Sports Day Helpers
We are still seeking volunteers to help run events at the Mid Murray Sports Day. We need to provide 2 starters for Soccer Dribble, 2 starters for Production Line and 1 lane judge for the morning sprints. If you are able to assist, please let us know ASAP.

Thankyou
Easter Raffle

Thank you to those families who have bought in their Easter goodies for the raffle and have sold their raffle tickets. Keep up the good work folks!

Eggs for Sale

A reminder that we still sell eggs from the school chooks. All money raised goes back into the school, so by buying the eggs, you are supporting the school! Cartons of eggs are available for $3 a dozen.

Blanchetown, Cadell and Morgan Splash Carnival

On Friday 16th March we are holding the combined small schools splash carnival at Waikerie again this year. The day will commence at 9.45am and will conclude around 2.40pm. Students need to bring with them their bathers, a hat, sunscreen, towel and shirt/rashie. A reminder that the onus is on the students and the families to arrange transport to and from the Waikerie town pool. If you are unable to transport your child and have exhausted alternative arrangements (asked another family to take them), please let the school know. We want all students in attendance on that day and don’t want anyone to miss out on the fun and camaraderie of the day. The canteen may be open for ice creams if children would like to bring spending money.

Rosie’s Corner

Dear Parents & Friends,

Perhaps it is just how I feel but time is moving so fast, I have difficulty believing that term 1 is now into week 7. Is this the same for you too?

Today, I would love to share this story from the internet called VALUE.

A well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a $20 note. In the room of 200, he asked “Who would like this $20 note”?

He said, “I am going to give this $20 note to one of you but first, let me do this”. He proceeded to crumple the note up.

He then asked, “Who still wants it”? Still hands went up in the air.

“Well”, he replied, “What if I do this”? and he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe.

He picked it up, now all grimy and crumpled. “Now who still wants it”? Still hands went up into the air.

“My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth $20”.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But, no matter what happens or what will happen, you will never lose your value.

You are special, don’t ever forget it!

My dear friends, this is something we all need to read over and over again. I wish that I had the opportunity to learn this when I was younger because we all remember times when we have hurt others, intentionally or unintentionally, and like-wise others hurt us. We all make poor judgements at times and so do other people. These experiences have a profound effect on how we value our individuality. Learning to value yourself again after those times can be a true mental battle between positive and negative thoughts.

I sincerely hope that you all find a way to know how valuable you are.

Rosie

Community Notices

Thunderbirds - Please find attached notice for ThunderGames in Gawler on Sunday 18th March 2012. Details to confirm, are as follows:

Sunday 18th March 2012

10am – 12noon: 7-11 year olds
12noon – 12.30pm: FULL Squad Meet & greet – both age groups welcome with mums and dads
1pm – 3pm: 12 – 16 year olds

Gawler Netball Courts
Hallam Drive, Gawler

$95.00 / child

Waikerie Public Library – will be holding it’s bi-annual book sale on Saturday the 31st March in the Waikerie Council foyer from 9.30am to 3.00pm. All stock is ex-library books and consists of fiction and non-fiction for adults and children. Prices starting at 50c. For more information phone the library on 85410720 during opening hours.