Last week the led steer team consisting of Lily Higgs, Natika Fensom, Tia Taylor, Yakirah Agnew, Caitlin Snelling and Lewis Riley competed at the Royal Adelaide Show. They completed with a Hereford Steer and a Simmental Steer. The competition was very strong this year with 199 steers exhibited from across 41 schools and 20 studs. Overall we were very successful returning with a ribbon and a trophy.

Fonzi our Simmental Steer received a third place in the heavy export class for steers 555 to 575kg on the hoof. He was also awarded ‘Best Presented Steer’ by the South Australian Young Beef Breeders whilst exhibited by Yakirah in the handler’s class on Wednesday.

Felix our Hereford Steer was unlucky to not receive a ribbon but was selected in the top 6 of his breed in the Thomas Food International Group which is huge achievement. Tia Taylor was also selected for the Urrbrae Handlers Competition where she was recognized for her ability to present the animal and also a strong relationship between steer and handler.

The animals have now been judged on the hook also and the results are as follows. Fonzi received 76.99 points placing him 36th out of 64 in the Heavy Domestic Class and Felix receiving 71.64 points placing him 33rd out of 43 in the Heavy Export Class. A huge thank you to the following people:

* Bray Milstead of Bra Ma Herefords and Tom Baker of Woonallee Simmentals for donating the animals.
* Brad Lucas for clipping our steers ready for the show.
* Grantley Muller for transporting our steers to Adelaide.
* Melvin Chesser for accompanying us to the show.

Danielle Tulak
Agriculture Teacher
## Canteen News

Slices - Thank you to everyone for their orders.
The response has been overwhelming!
I should finish making the last few orders this week.
I will ring you for collection when ready.

Thank you to everyone that ordered a Lunch wallet.
We have a few spares available if you missed out.
They are $10.50 each.

Tracy Bald / Canteen Manager

## Community Notices

**DIVE RIGHT IN** - Mount Gambier Swimming Club are currently offering a free four week trial for anyone who would like to come along and train with the club, whether you like to swim for fun, fitness or to improve stroke techniques.
New membership for new members: Annual membership is now available for 7 year olds for free and 8 year olds for half price. Introductory membership is also available for swimmers under the age of 12 at the great value of $50 for the season. ‘It’s great to swim with a mate’ come and try sessions (pool entry $5.50) on Thursday 15th and Thursday 22nd September, 6-7 at Swimskool. To register or for more information, contact Kate 0400 170 948.

**HELPING PARENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILD’S LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT** - Friday, 16th September, 12.15pm - 3.30pm. Dress Circle - Main Corner, 1 Bay Road, Mount Gambier. This half day event will be delivered by Andrew Fuller and will provide educators and parents with - Strategies to strengthen relationships to make connections and have a voice to advocate for children and support tools to best empower children to learn at every age and stage. Limited spaces are available. To register, please contact Caroline Hill - 87 245337 or 0457 841 818. RSVP - 14th September, 2016. An information flyer is available from the School Front Office.

**THE PRINCESS & THE BEAN SCHOOL MUSICAL**

Don’t forget! Tickets now available for purchase at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre Box Office for $15 for the evening performance. Please book to avoid disappointment.
Further information available from the School Front Office.

## Shooting For The Stars

**Shooting for the Stars Morning Tea with Ms Smith**

In the Year 2/3 class we have been reading books by Roald Dahl.

We recently read ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’ then made houses from the book.
The year 6/7 science class toured the Blue Lake Pumping Station two weeks ago. We learnt about the history of the station and what it means for the water supply of Mount Gambier. We took an old lift down the old well shaft to the surface of the lake. We learnt why the lake turns blue and about the aquifer.

We then went to the Valley Lake conservation park to collect invertebrates. We found some rare ones. We caught some bugs that only tolerate high quality water. We then toured around the park and found a wallaby. We had a great time!

Grant Cuthbert
Science Teacher

An OSHC Vacation Care Program for October has been included with today’s Newsletter. Please return these as soon as possible, and contact Judith Whitehead on 0409 012 668 with any queries. Thank you.

ASHTON’S BOOK CLUB Issue 5 - Closes Friday, 16th September, 2016.

MONEY FOR HONEY!
Over 25 families and community members supported this fundraiser!
We made in excess of $366.00 profit!
Thank you everyone for your orders.
You will be contacted when they are ready for collection.

An important flyer is included with today’s Newsletter for Year 7 to Year 12 regarding a Free Parent Workshop that is being held in Mount Gambier on next Wednesday, 21st September. From 9.30am to 2.30pm. Light lunch provided. This 3 in 1 workshop covers Career Development and Transition Planning, Education and Training Pathways and Employment Pathways. To find out more or to register, please phone 08 8302 5444 or 0458 579 004. Venue will be confirmed on registration.

This week’s Shooting For The Stars!
Rec/Year 1 - Mrs Grubb / Ms Beatty - TAJ MANNING - Challenging himself with position work in Maths.
Year 1/2 - Mrs Neu - BROCK BOWMAN - For working quietly and staying on task.
Year 2/3 - Ms Schutz - MATILDA COE - For working hard in Numeracy.
Year 4/5 - Miss Merrett - KURTIS LASLETT - For working hard to write his narrative.
Year 5/6 - Mrs Biggins - MERRICK MILLER - Always being willing to have a go at answering questions.
Year 6/7 - Mrs Murdoch - AMBER CHRISTY - For working diligently and with purpose in Maths.
Premier’s Reading Challenge

This week is the last opportunity for students to complete the challenge and get their form into their teacher. Data needs to be entered by a certain date and the school gets NO extensions for this.

Please support your child's reading journey by helping them to finish and if they have finished then congratulate them on their achievement.

The majority of students at our school finish this program. A whole school celebration day for those who completed the challenge will be held next term.

Regards,
Suzie Mitchell
Teaching and Learning Coordinator

Senior Secondary Course Counselling

South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) is awarded if the pattern of requirements in the diagram below has been satisfied thus signalling the end of secondary school education.

Credits

Each subject or learning area is awarded credits of points.
The school year is divided into semester 1 and 2.
One semester subject is worth 10 credits.
Each 10 credits indicates 70 hours of learning within that area.
A minimum of 200 credits is required to achieve the SACE.

Stage 1 and Stage 2

Stage 1 subjects are generally studies at Year 11.
Stage 2 subjects are generally studies at Year 12.
Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses can also be used as part of the SACE. Generally Certificate II count as Stage 1 credits and Certificate III count as Stage 2 credits.

Tertiary Entrance

University requires SACE completion and an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) which is calculated on 90 credits of Stage 2 study. 10 credits come from Research Project with the remaining 80 from 20-credit Tertiary Admissions Subjects, with a maximum of 20 credits from VET courses. The ranking is calculated by the SACE Board using mathematical formulas.

Course Counselling Process

In week nine for year ten students and week ten for year eleven students course counselling will occur with each student, their parents and the course counselling team to select their subjects.
This is a very important process as it gives students ownership of their subject to study and enables planning to begin for classes in 2017. Students have a course counselling booklet which details all the subjects offered.
Prior to the meeting read through and discuss subject preferences in detail.

Contact

If you have any questions prior to course counselling or would like additional support to discuss subjects on offer please contact one of the course counselling team, Grant Cuthbert, Suzie Mitchell or Marian Hodson, on 87387218.

‘Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever’
Mahatma Gandhi - Indian civil rights leader.