**Forthcoming Events**

- Grade 6 students continue to visit local kindergartens
- June 27th: End of term two, 2:30 finish
- July 14th: Term 3 commences
- July 28th: Swimming commences

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**Term Dates 2014**

- Term 2: 22 April—27 June
- Term 3: 14 July—19 September
- Term 4: 6 October—19 December

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**WANTED** (for Art room)

Empty match boxes for next term please. Could each student please supply an empty match box for use in Art.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL BUSES RUNNING ON SHEEPVENTION DAY MONDAY 4TH AUGUST. PLEASE MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THOSE STUDENTS EFFECTED.

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**Education Maintenance Allowance**

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is changing?

In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

The Bank of Melbourne continue to conduct school banking every second Wednesday. For those students currently partaking, please note next banking day is Wednesday 16th July. Any students wishing to start school banking, kindly see the representative on that date to sign up and begin saving.

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**ATTENTION**

Swimming money is now due. Cost of $60 per child. Swimming commences July 28th to August 8th. There is no swimming on 4th August due to sheepvention.

**ALSO**

Camp deposits were due in May. Please send your deposit ASAP.

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Melissa Tapper, who represented Australia at the 2012 Summer Paralympics in table tennis and ex-student of GSPS, inspires our students during her recent visit. Let’s hope she did well in her efforts to gain selection for the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.
As the term draws to a close, I'd like to thank every staff member and our School Council for the wonderful job they do. My staff work tirelessly alongside me to rebuild the reputation, tone and culture of the school. We have come a long way in such a short time, so thank you. What a wonderful and dedicated team of people I have.

I'd also like to wish Glenn Membrey our best as he leaves us to return to Melbourne this week; however we also welcome Catherine Azzopardi to the team. Catherine has been with us these last couple of days meeting the children and planning for next term, as she prepares to take over from Glenn. I know the children are excited.

We had a very special visitor to our school on Monday. Melissa Tapper, an ex George Street Primary student, visited with our students and answered questions. We wish Melissa well for the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Our school has many exciting opportunities next term. Our swimming program returns as part of the curriculum and offered to ALL our students as a SAFETY program. Although $60.00 appears expensive, this program runs for 2 weeks and as a parent, I believe this small outlay is little, if it saves a child’s life. Please ensure payment is prompt. Also, camp deposit notices were sent out early in Term 2, and these deposits are due, so if you are still to pay the deposit for camp, please do so immediately.

Please note: We will NOT be taking students who have not paid for these events well in advance, neither can we offer a school program, as these events are whole school activities that are part of our curriculum, therefore no staff will be at school to supervise children. If there are concerns with payments, please notify the school immediately so alternative arrangements can be made.

On an exciting note, we have finalised plans for our end of year concert, which will take place in the last week of Term 3. ‘So You Think You Can Dance’ will be directed by the students, with adult assistance. More information will be forwarded early in Term 3, along with tickets, but keep the last Thursday of Term 3 free and notify all your friends and family. Tickets will be available closer to the event.

Finally, I’d like to wish everyone a safe and happy break. Hopefully many of you are finding the time to get away for a few days. We have friends visiting for the holidays, so day trips for us, and then a few days in Melbourne to visit family.

Tina Walkeden
Principal

**From the Principal’s Desk**

**What’s happening at GSPS.**

**Miss Gallo’s Italian Class**

Students form a circle and roll a ball to each other. Once they have the ball, they then introduce themselves to the class in Italian.

Numeri (numbers) 1–10 are placed on the floor. Students are given a numeri to find. Here Kordous and Hayley hit the correct answer together.

In this exercise, numeri 1-10, in both word and number form, are placed on the floor. Students have to match them. Tyler studies them carefully before choosing correctly. Good work Tyler.

**Marc Van—Mrs Beavis**

This week in the library, students were making a model of their own creation related to their non-fiction research topic.

Kaden, Merrilyn and Jaycob apply the finishing touch to their van. Keep up the good work Merrilyn and next term we will let you loose on the coloured pencils.

Zeek and Casey are busy making their models but Tanisha and Lily look like models as they only have eyes and smiles for the camera.

Jasmine proudly shows off the masterpiece she created by weaving coloured shoe laces through a board marker. Awesome job Jas.

This week in Art, junior school students were learning how to weave. We have also been talking about the circus. Each student made a clown using oil pastels. They then wove strips into their clown’s tummy. Lily worked well and completed some very neat colouring.

**ARTIST OF THE WEEK—WEEK 9**

Joe Cahill—5th July
Tanisha Kerr—12th July

**COULD ALL STUDENTS PLEASE BRING A BOX OF TISSUES TO SCHOOL NEXT TERM.**

Nothing is as hard as it looks; everything is more rewarding than you expect; and if anything can go right it will and at the best possible moment.

*Maxwell’s Law*