Forthcoming Events

Grade 6 students continue to visit local kindergartens
August
August 1st Book Club due
August 4th Sheepvention
August 8th Swimming finishes
August 27th Father’s Day stall
Coming in September—student led interviews

Tips for staying active this winter!

Exercise Induced Asthma (EIA) is a common trigger for asthma. However, it does not need to be a barrier to students participating in sports and physical activities. Here are some tips to help prevent EIA in students:

Before Exercise: Take reliever medication 5-20 minutes before warming up.
Warm Up: Before exercise as normal.
During Exercise: Match for asthma symptoms and administer reliever medication if they should occur. Only return to exercise if symptoms are relieved. If symptoms appear again, administer medication again, until they are relieved. It is not recommended that the Student should return to the sporting activity after a second occurrence of asthma symptoms.
After Exercise: Cool down as usual. Note that asthma symptoms can present up to a half an hour after exercise has stopped. Ensure reliever medication is still easily accessible should it be required.

What time was it? It was “Hooptime” for our mixed basketball team who represented us at the recent tournament. A really competitive outfit, “Keen” to impress the coach and team manager, we came away with 2 narrow losses (2 points each time) and a very nice win. Most importantly we played in the right spirit, gave it our best and held our heads high. Well done team—fine effort.

The Bank of Melbourne continue to conduct school banking every second Wednesday. For those students currently partaking, please note next banking day is Wednesday 13th August. Any students wishing to start school banking, kindly see the representative on that date to sign up and begin saving.

Interested in playing cricket??
Southern Pumas Cricket Club is looking for new players to join the under 14 team for the upcoming 2014/15 season. Any enquiries to Andrew O’Connor on 0403 484 287.

WANTED (for Art room)
Empty match boxes for this term please.
Could each student please supply an empty match box for use in Art.

Please note: There will be no school buses running on Sheepvention Day Monday 4th August.
Please make alternative arrangements for those students affected.

Could all students please bring a box of tissues to school this term.

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From the Principal's Desk

Firstly, I’d like to thank all those parents who took the time to complete our Parent Opinion Survey. These have been forwarded on to the Department for analysis before they’re sent back. These surveys are a wonderful opportunity for you, the parent, to have a voice in our school. Once these surveys are returned, we will hold a meeting and look at our strengths and what we are doing well in and also our weaknesses where we seek ways to improve.

Thank you also to parents that have heeded our concerns about dropping children off on our lawn area out front. Just another reminder, to those continuing to drop off and pick up in this zone, to please use the school’s rear car park for this and not the grassed area out front as it is dangerous for our children.

As our small school continues to grow, I’d like to remind parents that if they are aware of any potential students for 2015, then please ask them to make contact with the School ASAP, as I will be submitting my numbers shortly to the Department for next year and we already have enrolments for prep.

Our swimming program is well underway with reports that our students are performing extremely well. Thank you to everyone who has supported this program. It is however, disappointing when a small number of families don’t support the School’s programs, as this impacts heavily on the school’s budget. If for any reason you find you need extra support from the school, then please make contact with the office.

Our camp planning is well underway and this will see the whole school join together for one major camp. The different levels however will be provided with a variety of activities that suits them. I’m contemplating trying those surfing lessons with the senior grades, but not sure I want to get my hair wet.

Finally, I’d like to thank our School Council for the professional job they do each term. Over the last couple of terms they’ve been given a large number of policies for ratification as we attempt to update our records. They have done this with enthusiasm and dedication to our school. So thank you ladies. Our updated policies are in the office for everyone to view and will be going up onto our website next week.

Tina Walkeden
Principal

What’s happening at GSPS.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK—WEEK 2

Well done D.J. your woven crocodile looks fantastic. D.J. worked quietly and independently on his art work today. Students cut out their crocodiles, wave strips through the slits, glued it onto a piece of blue cardboard then added glitter. D.J. was demonstrating how to safely use scissors and cut out a shape on the lines. Great work.

With our new student lead presentations fast approaching, both Brenda (year 6) and Blake (year 5) are busy preparing by practising to staff. Students take full ownership and responsibility of their learning in this new initiative.

Tapper named for Glasgow

What an achievement. Ex-student Melissa Tapper, has become the first EAD (elite athletes with a disability) to make an able-bodied team. Congratulations from everyone at GSPS we wish you well.

Term Dates 2014
Term 3: 14 July—19 September
Term 4: 6 October—19 December

Happy Birthday

Xavier Geebung-Couzens—5th August
Darnell Marsh—11th August
Kayla Garton—15th August

Ninety-nine percent of failure come from people who have the habit of making excuses.
George Washington Carver