**Forthcoming Events**

*Grade 6 students continue to visit local kindergartens*
*August 27th Father’s Day stall*

**Coming in September—student led interviews**

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**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.

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**WANTED (for Art room)**

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

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

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**Father’s Day is September 7th.** We will be holding a stall on Wednesday 27th August. Excellent choice of gifts ranging from 50c—$5. So start saving now.

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**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.

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**The Bank of Melbourne continue to conduct school banking every second Wednesday.** For those students currently partaking, please note next banking day is Wednesday 27th August. Any students wishing to start school banking, kindly see the representative on that date to sign up and begin saving.

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**Wow, more talent unearthed.** Friends of the Hamilton Botanic Gardens, recently held a student photographic competition and once again our students stepped up and took out first prize in the primary school section. Here both Kayla and Ben display their award winning photos. The judges were so impressed with their submissions, they were unable to split them. Congratulations to you both on your success and doing GSPS proud.

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From the Principal's Desk

Wow, what an exciting moment for our school. Receiving first place in the photographic competition at Sheep Vention. Well done to Kayla and Ben for a fantastic effort. When I first saw their pictures I said to staff, ‘We have winners there’ and how right I was. How smart did they look in our new blazers?

This week our school received an Occupational Health and Safety audit. Although we welcome any advice on how to improve our practice, it is still an anxious time for staff. I'd like to report that the auditor was extremely impressed with our small school and informed me prior to his departure that we certainly stood up there with the larger schools. He was impressed with our high level of documentation and organisation. I'd like to thank my staff who willingly took on another responsibility to ensure we had all the correct processes in place to pass this audit successfully.

Just another quick reminder that all our policies are online and in a folder in the front office for viewing at any time. School Council have recently updated and ratified a number of policies, so please take the time to view them.

This term our students accept full responsibility for their learning and will discuss their work at our Student Led Interviews towards the end of term. Therefore please note the date in your diary as it is important that they have a representative there to support them. Staff will contact any family that hasn't made an appointment.

Can I please remind parents again that school uniform MUST be clean and presentable as we are seeing some children attending school in ripped and dirty uniform, which sends a message to the children that uniform or cleanliness isn't a priority. For a child's self-esteem it is critical that we role model our expectations.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Warren Hall for his dedication to keeping our vast grounds neat and tidy. Warren will often pop in over the weekend (weather permitting) to either mow or weed our vast lawns. So thank you.

Tina Walkeden
Principal

What's happening at GSPS.

This week our students have been learning about portraits. We have focused on drawing shoulders, necks, heads, faces and hair. We have looked in detail at the shapes of faces (oval, rectangle, circle, square, heart and triangle) and the difference eyes and our mouth can make to emotions. We use oil pastels, dry pastels and water colour paints.

Well done Kaden, our Artist of the Week. Kaden worked independently on his self-portrait and did a fantastic job. Great work Kaden.

The Age of the Dinosaur has surfaced in Mrs Lee’s classroom. These prehistoric creatures have been the focus of their learning this term.

Junior students have been learning about dinosaur eggs. This week we made a dinosaur egg. Next week we are going on an adventure to find dinosaur bones. I wonder if we will find any?

Excellent work Zoe.

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Two weeks of swimming lessons came to a conclusion last Friday. From beginners to competent swimmers, everybody had a great time. Will be keeping an eye on Olympic selection in years to come such was the quality. Would loved to have joined in myself but seem to have misplaced my swimming shorts. Maybe next year.

Nice work DJ.

Lovely work Hayley.

If you keep doing what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always gotten.

John Maxwell