The Bank of Melbourne continue to conduct school banking every second Wednesday. For those students currently partaking, please note next banking day is Wednesday 22nd October. Any students wishing to start school banking, kindly see the representative on that date to sign up and begin saving.

The staff, students, parents and carers at George Street Primary School would like to extend to Linda and family our deepest condolences on the passing of John, better known to us as “Hoppy”. Always smiling and ready for a chat, his lunch order visits will be sadly missed. His Friday sports talk with Al became legendary. R.I.P. Hoppy.

Welcome to the world. The staff, students, parents and carers at George Street Primary School would like to congratulate Ardy and Babbi on the safe arrival of their baby son. Hey Ardy welcome to the world of broken sleep, changing nappies, teething etc. etc. But we all know you will both cherish every moment. If you ever need a babysitter just ring 040?????????

WARNING TO ALL PARENTS & CARERS

Please be aware and vigilant of the Foxtel music channels. Some of the content, both lyrically and visionally, is quite graphic.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK—WEEK 1

This week all classes have been looking at symmetry and making patterns from paper. We folded kinder squares into either quarters or eights before cutting a pattern into the paper. It was wonderful to see the expression on students faces and the excitement in their voices when they unfolded their paper to reveal the pattern that they had made. Students were engaged and genuinely loved this activity. Well done Jindarra, our Artist of the Week!

We told you so. Back in newsletter # 14 you were advised that Miss Azzopardi’s class had planted vegetables. Well take a look at these beauties. Great weather and a lot of student dedication, sees this patch flourish. If the occasional lettuce leaf goes missing, don’t go looking for a “wascally wabbit”, go looking for the editor.
I’d like to welcome all our families and staff back to what will no doubt be an extremely busy Term 4 as we have school camp coming up, our ‘So you Think You Can Dance’ school concert, along with a variety of assessments that will be conducted prior to teachers completing reports.

I love this term because students start comparing their results from the beginning of the school year and are able to look at their academic growth, along with all their achievements. They’re able to revisit their goals that they set and prioritise new goals for the following year.

I’d like to thank our parent group for their assistance in the school yard over the holidays. A big thank you also to Max & Tracy Keen, Warren Hall and Al for their gardening skills. We are extremely fortunate to have extensive grounds, but these grounds require considerable and ongoing maintenance and without their support our yards wouldn’t receive the care they do.

The Parent Opinion Survey reports arrived today. This survey is a valuable source of feedback to staff. It details what we are doing well and areas we need to improve, so thank you to those parents who completed it. I must say the results were disappointing for staff to read as the results were down from last year. It is upsetting when I know how hard staff are working towards providing a solid education for our students.

I’d like to remind parents that we have a fortnightly newsletter that shows the detailed learning occurring in classrooms along with upcoming events during the term. It is critical that parents read this newsletter and take note of any school events at the top of the front page. Each newsletter lists what is coming up and times / dates etc.

As the warm weather approaches, I’d like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students that snakes are now becoming active. Please maintain your vigilance and remind your child / children to take care when walking near parks / gardens.

Tina Walkeden
Principal

Term Dates 2014

Term 4: 6 October—19 December

From the Principal’s Desk

What’s happening at GSPS.

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL AWARENESS WEEK

Secret Men’s Business

Exploring Aboriginal culture at Tyrendarra

A procrastinator puts off until tomorrow, the things they have already put off until today.

John Maxwell

BE ON TIME EVERY TIME

George Street Primary School Welcomes Parents