Looking excited and proud to be wearing our school uniform are from l-r: Allira, Kara, Meihana, Zayne, Hayley, Jaden, Brodie, Tamika, Connor, Harlem, Alexis, Chloe and Matilda. Under the leadership of Mrs. Stephens, they can look forward to a fun filled year as their education journey begins. Good luck everyone and have a fantastic year.

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to what is already shaping up to be a fantastic year. I am still smiling as I walk through the hallway at such a smooth and peaceful transition into the new school year. Our new prep class has settled into the school routine beautifully and they have demonstrated their excitement and keenness for learning.

Our two new teachers, Mrs Stephens (Red House Coordinator) who takes the prep /1s and Ms Sharlene Cooper who is the Blue House Coordinator have both settled into the school extremely well and reports from our students are: 'She's really nice and we do great work in there,' to 'I really like our new teacher, she is so much fun.'

As we settle into the term, I'd like parents to work with us in promoting health and fitness amongst our students and whole school community. Over the following weeks we will be sending home flyers promoting a healthy, but full-filling lunchbox option that we would LOVE to see EVERY student come to school with on Wednesdays (EVERY STUDENT HAVING THE SAME). This lunch box has been costed cheaply and put together by staff with 3 options. By everyone trialling this and promoting this healthy living day, children will hopefully gradually increase their days of eating the same across the school. Please catch up with me and let me know your thoughts on this. I am often alarmed at the amount of sugar and processed foods that are in their lunch boxes. We can make a difference by working together, it'll just take time to re-educate our children.

It is with sadness that the school year didn't start as smoothly as I would have liked as I was called up to the school early Sunday morning after police reported a break-in. Although my door was damaged leading to my office, the intruders didn't steal or damage anything else. They left shortly after entering the school, so we were extremely fortunate. We have since had more locks installed on our external doors and are investigating the use of CCTV cameras to be installed.

Tina Walkeden
Principal

BOOK PACKS ARE NOW READY FOR COLLECTION

Term dates 2016
Term 1: 28th January – 24th March
Term 2: 11th April – 24th June
Term 3: 11th July – 16th September
Term 4: 3rd October – 20th December

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What's happening at GSPS.

In maths this term, we have been looking at numbers in the thousands and millions. In class on Wednesday, we explored addition in the thousands through activities such as: sudoku, cards, worksheets and "how to" videos. All students were fully engaged in these activities and enjoyed exploring the hands on element.

MY KITCHEN WOES

Oh dear—Just when we thought it was safe to go back into the kitchen, our very own Masterchef, Kaylene, had one of those "now where did I go wrong" moments. Judging by the smile on her face, she seems rather proud of her creation. Thanks for the invite, but I really have to get home before it gets dark.

Mrs. Field has the undivided attention of George, Korshous and Lachlan.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 1st—Oscar Hall
January 6th—Jasmine Powell
January 11th—George Marsh
January 24th—Makayla Stewart
January 25th—Tamika O'Brien
January 27th—Connor McGennisken
February 6th—Zayne Annett
February 12th—Matilda Lacey
February 15th—Kaden Cunnington
GEORGE STREET FETE
SAVE THIS DATE

[Saturday, May 14th 9:00am until 4:00pm]

OFFERING
Market Stalls
Show Us Your Toys Boys
BBQs / high tea
Jumping Castle
More events revealed each month
WATCH THIS SPACE

George Street Primary
Netball Victoria/Melbourne junior & senior netball clinic on Saturday February 27th. Vixen players in attendance. Register online @ www.trybooking.com/BookingEventsSummary.aspx?eid=179745&embed=179745 $30- per person. Places limited to 40 juniors and 30 seniors.