A very warm welcome back to our existing families and all our new students and parents here at George Street. Primary School.
From the Principal’s Desk

I would like to welcome back our existing families and extend that welcome to all our new students and parents who started at George Street Primary this week. A great start to the week with some fabulous weather. Please however be aware that this warm weather has brought out a lot of snakes with a couple of reports from local streets finding a snake in their area.

The start to the school year has been smooth with parents reporting that their children have been ready to return for a couple of weeks. This is always a good sign and shows the level of enthusiasm our children have for their learning.

This year sees our school start a number of initiatives to improve and extend our students’ learning. We will be holding an after school tutoring session for students whose parents are wishing to tap into and either extend their child’s program or partake in extra support for their child. This is free to any student that attends our school. Please pop in and chat to either myself or Glenda and put your name down for sessions. We will also be providing lunchtime activities for students interested in extended their skills in Art, computers or sport. A list will go out to students mid-term.

Just a reminder to all parents on the Government’s new laws regarding attendance. Schools are required to follow up on attendance rates to meet the new Education & Training legislation and notify the Department of any high absenteeism by a particular student. As many of you may be aware, infringement notices can be issued by the courts for non-attendance.

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don’t fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification, have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

Please be aware that the next 3 weeks will be testing time for students. Teachers will be assessing their students to get an indication on their learning levels and abilities to ensure they meet individual levels.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM FOR SALE: Please see the office if you’re interested in any uniform or you have uniform to wish to sell.

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Tina Walkeden
Principal
George Street Primary School
Our First Day Back

I’m looking forward to getting to know some of the new prep students that we have in the school. I’m also looking forward to having a lot of work up on our walls.

Cooper Stone (School Captain)

I’m really looking forward to sports and concerts at our school. I’m also looking forward to meeting all our new students. As School Captain my role will be to lead the school assemblies, which I’m looking forward to.

Ebony Donhardt (School Captain)

I am glad to be back at school. I learnt yesterday that words have synonyms. In class we started a word wall. We had to choose a word and find synonyms and the meaning of the word that we didn’t know. I really enjoyed this.

Tara Bradley (Grade 4)

On our first day back we learnt the meaning of a lot of different words. I liked this.

Amelia McKenzie (Grade 5)

I missed school and I’m glad to be back. We set up our classroom yesterday. We looked at MindMaps and how they help our brain to learn. I really liked doing this. We also started a word study and I learnt to understand what synonyms are.

Nick Powell (Grade 6)

I like school. I did some maths and writing. We wrote about our holidays. I did a whole page full of writing. When we did maths we used lots of blocks. I learnt to count using the blocks to 200. We had to add up different numbers using our blocks.

Xavier Gee-Bung Cousens (Grade 3)
Tennis Coaching now available
@ Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club

Tennis Australia’s Hot Shots program from 4 years and up, plus a full range of coaching including adult classes. Interested ? 55626539

Birthdays
Happy birthday to these lucky people:

December 31st - Jindarra Geebung-Couzens
January 1st - Oscar Hall & Nicole Saunders
    January 6th - Jasmine Powell
    January 11th - George Marsh
    January 24th - Makayla Stewart
    January 30th - Brenda Dennis