SCHOOL BUS

As the school bus runs to a tight time schedule, could you all please be aware of the following:

1. If your child/children is/are NOT catching the bus on a particular day, could you please advise the school (5571 1478) preferably before 8:00am, if possible, for the first bus run and by 8:15am for the second bus run. This will have a major impact on the way the bus runs are co-ordinated.

2. Weather permitting, could all children be ready at the kerbside as per any other normal bus pick up. It may only seem a matter of minutes, but this all adds up to time they are missing on valuable learning.

3. After school drop off. Could you please ensure that either yourself, or the person listed to be at home, is there so we know the child/children are safely indoors.

4. If you need to make any special arrangements, please advise either in writing or via phone call of these arrangements prior to the day of travel. Refer to attached form.

5. As the bus runs are now at capacity, any casual usage will only be available if there is room.

6. As the bus is not a free service, could you please ensure all payment arrangements are in place and up to date. If payments are not being made, then you will be asked to vacate your position on the bus.

URGENT - ATTENTION PARENTS

As part of SAFE SCHOOLS Victoria, every school is expected to be compliant with the Safe School Standards.

Part of this requires staff to sign an agreed Code of Conduct, whereby they agree to a list of requirements to ensure student safety at all times. This includes NOT having any online contact with parents or students unless necessary, for example online newsletters.

This is not personal, but a requirement. I understand we are a small rural school, therefore people become friends.

We thank you for your understanding in this.
From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust everyone had a restful and relaxing break. I know staff were looking forward to coming back as they miss the students, and hopefully they too were looking forward to returning. I’d like to welcome our 4th year pre-service teacher Teagan Wishart to the school. Teagan is in with Mrs Field’s class.

For those of you that listen to the local radio station, you would have heard us last week as we led the news for our Step Up challenge. We are well and truly into our campaign towards living a healthy and active lifestyle, with our healthy lunches now occurring on Thursday too, plus our powerwalking every morning and NOW we have our stepping up challenge starting next week. Students will wear their pedometer every day and clock their steps and log them every afternoon prior to leaving for the day. Our students are really excited and can’t wait. We have also challenged members of the community and some of our parents and family members have also adopted the challenge. If interested, please see me.

This term is a busy term, as students prepare for their Student Led Interviews that happen on the last Wednesday of the term. We are proud to say we have 100% attendance at these interviews and students really enjoy presenting their learning to their family.

We also have Hoop-time this week and don’t forget our curriculum day is now on Sheep Vention Day to align with P.E.

A huge thank you to parents who have completed our parent opinion survey. These surveys happen annually and parents are selected at random. If you’ve received a survey, please can you complete it and send back to the school with your child. I will be posting our responses next Monday.

Also, thank you to all of our parents that have heeded our requests to park outside the school grounds when picking up or dropping of children.

Tina Walkeden

Term dates 2016
Term 3 : 11th July — 16th September
Term 4 : 3rd October — 20th December

5 cent CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

This 5 cent challenge is a nice and easy fundraiser.

All the students need to do, is bring in those pesky, annoying 5 cent coins and place them in the money boxes located in their classroom. Challenge commences this Monday July 25th and will run until just before the end of the school year. The class with the highest total can choose the prize they would most like. (The Disneyland trip may not be on the list).

So, BLUE, GREEN and RED classes, let the challenge begin. GOOD LUCK.

What’s happening at GSPS.

Grade 4

This week the Grade 4’s have been learning about debates in English. Students have completed games and activities to develop their fluency when speaking, confidence when speaking to a group, whilst also learning about the structure of debates.

In maths we are starting to learn about time. Yesterday we had a pre-test to show Mr. MacLachlan what we know. Today in math e are going to learn more about time. We also started quickly to get us more confident with our times tables. Meanwhile, LEAP started on Wednesday. For LEAP we are broken into different groups and completed engaging hands on maths activities.

P.E.— we are starting to learn how to play tennis and how to keep our hand steady with the ball and to always have your eyes on the ball. We did this through relays and playing hand tennis against the wall. We also scrunched up some paper to help us with our hand-eye co-ordination.

Lily, Tanisha and Mr Mac

What is LEAP into maths?
Language & Explanation in maths
Engagement & Elaboration in maths
Activities & Exploration in maths.
Pondering & Evaluation in maths

ENROLMENTS 2017

We are currently accepting enrolments for 2017.

Therefore, if you know of parents/families interested in enrolling their child/children in 2017, please ask that they enrol ASAP. Parents are showing a great deal of interest, particularly for our prep class.

I am committed, as you know, to retaining small class sizes and keeping our school small.

Play Group

We are looking forward to another term of play group. We have been running playgroup every Thursday morning this year from 10-11. Our numbers have increased dramatically from the start of the year. Our room is buzzing every week with children and parents enjoying our sessions. Some of our activities have included making jellyfish, beach painting, caterpillars, cooking pizzas, Teddy Bears picnic, farm animals, games and other craft activities. We even had a baby lamb come to visit us. During each session we engage the children and parents with singing, dancing and playing instruments.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Forms relating to this fund have been sent home for eligible families to complete.

This fund will assist in covering the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities so that no student misses the opportunity to join their classmates.

If you have not already done so, could you please complete the form and return to the school as soon as possible or if you require the forms, please collect from the front office.

Happy Birthday

July 5th—Joe Cahill
July 7th—Chloe Sciascia
July 12th—Tanisha Kerr
July 17th—Adam Hamilton
July 27th—Korshous Tuhakaraina