GEORGE STREET P.S.
SUMMER BALL

“The Ritz”

Venue: Hamilton Golf Club
Rippon Rd, Hamilton

Time: 7pm
Date: 18th February 2017
Cost: $50– per person
Live Band
Drinks at bar prices (strictly no BYO)
Finger food provided

For tickets contact 0477 536 283
Tickets on sale now.

The Grampians Retreat in Dunkeld was the venue for the middle and senior year students this year. The weather was kind to us and lots of fun was had by all. Some of the activities included: flying fox, giant swing, ropes course, bush walks, team building activities, camp fire and most importantly good food.
From the Principal’s Desk

School Bus

Goodness me! Who would have thought that this time last year we would be in possession of our own buses? Not just one, but two? We are in the unique position of being able to afford our very own buses and this allows staff to take classes out on excursions frequently, particularly the senior grades as they work with local businesses. Plus this also allows us to offer a pick-up and drop off service each day.

Bus Payments

As you would appreciate all vehicles are costly to run and insure. Our buses are no different. It has come to our attention, as we gradually go through our finances, that a number of parents have not kept their bus payments up to date. We would appreciate all payments be finalised promptly. Our bus pick up service has become extremely popular and other parents are on the waiting list for this service.

MDI Survey

Our Grade 5 students have been elected to participate in a health & wellbeing survey as part of our Positive Education approach. We believe at George Street Primary that the emotional needs of our children are a top priority, because if children are happy they learn, not vice versa. This survey allows us a confidential insight into how our students are feeling emotionally. This data is tracked nationally (again totally confidential and no names used) for educational purposes. We believe we need to know how our children are coping at school and if changes are required and this data allows us to track their emotional wellbeing.

Staff Opinion Survey

Once again our school makes it into the upper 25th percent of schools with our staff Opinion Survey. This clearly indicates staff feel a sense of satisfaction with the changes and progress of the school. This data is outstanding, with a number of areas reaching 100%. All three data sets (Student Attitudes to School, Parent Opinion, Staff Opinion) has come in well above regional and state levels clearly indicating satisfaction with the school. It’s these moments that keep us fighting on.

Our year 2s through to year 5s attended the Grampians Retreat this week, which was organised by Mrs Field and Mrs Calvert. A big thank you to these teachers who spent hours putting together a retreat filled with activities, fun, team bonding and problem solving skills. Prep-Is held their first sleep over at the school last night with Mrs Stephens. This is the first time we have held a sleepover, so it was exciting times.

Community Links Program

Miss Cooper and Mr McLachlan’s grade held their presentations for local businesses around their inquiry on Sustainability last night. What an impressive evening it was. These students have worked tirelessly over two terms to collect research and data to compare against our school. We had a number of VIP guests who thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Thank you to those parents who attended. Students worked hard to get to this final moment where they presented in front of business and community members and it is critical that they have a family member support their learning.

Junior Choir

Our junior choir, led by Mrs Stephens, attended Eventide Nursing Home yesterday and sang a number of Christmas carols. Very impressive indeed. Well done Mrs Stephens.

Tina Walkeden

More Camp Highlights

ITTLEM HITCHCOCK
November 5th—Harlemm Hitchcock
November 15th—Tajhaun Wainohu
November 29th—Ben Garton

What’s happening at GSPS

Our Junior School choir, under the guidance of Mrs Stephens, entertain the residents of Eventide Nursing Home with a selection of Christmas carols.

Our senior school students present to local businesses, their inquiry reports they developed in reference to their sustainability. The effort of these students, to research, monitor and collate their data, which they then compared against our school, was extremely impressive. Well done to everybody who participated and the feedback from the night was full of congratulations. Great work.

Term four 2016
Term 4: 3rd October — 20th December

Term one 2017
Term 1: 31st January—31st March

SCHOOL BUS

IF YOU ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS, OTHER THAN THE USUAL PICK-UP / DROP-OFF, COULD YOU PLEASE ADVISE, EITHER IN WRITING OR VIA PHONE, OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO THE DAY OF TRAVEL.