In maths this week for the Green House we have been focusing on measuring using centimetres and metres. We spent two of our math lessons outside on a ‘measurement scavenger hunt’ and also measuring how far we could jump.

For literacy this week we have been focusing on The Olympics and each student has chosen a different country to do an information report on to present to the class.

We have been following the Olympic results and have a tally for each of the students to write up their countries medals.

The students have also painted a flag of their country as well as the Olympic torch.

In science we are focusing on force. The students have created their own posters to show what they have learnt about push and pull forces.

Once again it was “Hooptime” for our mixed basketball team who represented us at the tournament. They all played in the right spirit, gave it their best and held their heads high. Well done team—fine effort.
What's happening at GSPS.

New Student

We would officially like to welcome Max and his family, who joined our school last Friday in prep.

Winning Again

What a fantastic time our school had for the Woolly-West fest during Hamilton’s 2016 Sheepvention. Two of our students won first prizes for the open schools writing competition. They wrote about magic powers changing or helping someone in the town. Kara Dickson and Jasmine Powell both took first prize for their year level. Congratulations to both girls. Also, our Farmer George, who was created by Tyler Watt, Jonathan Dennis and Jasmine Powell won, which was a massive feat, as this competition was open to anyone. Well done again. We certainly excel when we enter competitions.

Child Safe Standards

Many of you will be aware of the new child safety standards that are being implemented across organisations and schools. These measures are currently in place across schools; however these new standards allow us to organise policies consistently, to ensure they are up to date and meet the standards. It is critical for families to recognise that it isn't just teachers who can report abuse. If something doesn’t feel right, or you suspect a child is in danger or is being abused, either physically, sexually or emotionally, then notify the police or Child protection. Remember it isn’t up to you to investigate, but it is up to all of us to protect children. We have currently updated our policies for Mandatory Reporting and volunteering /visitors to ensure they meet the strict Child Safe standards. We will be regularly providing information in our newsletters and further information can be found on our website.

Swimming Program

I'd like to remind everyone that our swimming program is coming up and starts on 29th August. This program is part of our curriculum and therefore we ask that you support us by paying on time. This is such a valuable program that is aimed at saving lives, particularly if children find themselves in danger.

Student Led Interviews

Student Led Interviews are nearly upon us and students are busy preparing work for their folios to share with their parents. Remember these interviews and presentations take hours of preparation and the students really look forward to them, so please ensure you have a family member available if you are unable to make them. The DATE IS: 14th September from 1pm onwards. A note will be coming home shortly.

Tina Walkeden

Term dates 2016

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

From the Principal’s Desk

Red House

Over the last few weeks, Red House have been learning about descriptive writing. We have been writing stories and silly sentences, using as many descriptive words as we can, to make the story more interesting for the reader. Red House created some wanted posters last week. They chose someone from our class or school and had to think of ways they could describe that person. Red House worked very hard and produced some wonderful posters!

BLUE HOUSE

Recently in reading and writing, the Grade 4’s have been learning about presenting debates and we have just started looking at newspapers and their features.

In maths meanwhile, we have been working on telling the time and gaining confidence in telling the time to the minute. We have also converted between units of time and solved word problems with relation to time.

In PE, Olympic fever has set in. This sees us finish our unit on tennis and start learning and completing activities and games with relation to the Olympics. The Olympics are also being interweaved through other subject areas, something the students are really enjoying.

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.