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Forthcoming Events

July

Mon 29th Swimming Starts (9 lessons)

August

Mon 5th Sheepvention Pupil Free Day

November

Wed 13th—15th Sovereign Hill Camp

18th July, 2013



***George Street welcomes our new
Principal Mrs Tina Walkeden.***



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The Keys to Success

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From the Principal's Desk

I'd like to start by extending a warm welcome back to staff, students and families after the holidays. I hope the break has left you feeling refreshed and ready to tackle new challenges.

My name is Tina Walkeden and I'm pleased to announce I've been appointed as your new principal for the next five years. I was previously an Assistant Principal, at Heywood & District Secondary College, and during that time acted in the role of principal twice. Prior to that, I was based in Melbourne where I held a variety of leadership positions across both primary and secondary settings. My passion is curriculum and knowing how students learn, therefore I am looking forward to this new challenge and welcome your feedback and ideas, as we once again strive to put George Street Primary School back onto the map of highly effective schools.

As many of you are aware, my first week was marred by an accident, therefore I've only been available for minimal times each day; however I will be fully operational by Monday and am looking forward to meeting with as many of you as possible. I believe in an open door policy, where we work together to improve our students' learning outcomes, so please take a few minutes to call in and say hello.

My goals for this semester are to get to know as many of you as possible and seek your feedback on the school. After my walkthroughs, it is clear that we are fortunate to have highly trained teachers who really care and understand students' learning / emotional needs; however this needs to be communicated out to the community. On the back of this newsletter I have included a *Strengths Weaknesses* and *So What Now...* chart. Please take a few minutes to complete what you see are our strengths, our weaknesses and provide some suggestions in the *So What Now* column for improvements and either hand in your response at the office or to me personally. I believe it is important for everyone in the community to have a voice and feel that they've been part of any discussions prior to decisions being made regarding the school.

On a more serious note we have our swimming program starting in week 3; therefore can I remind all parents that payment is now due. The cost of the program is \$45.00, however this is heavily subsidised by the school. The normal cost exceeds well over \$70.00, and we can't guarantee this will always be subsidised. As you are aware, these swimming programs are a valuable part of any school curriculum and it is critical that payment is made early to ensure your child maintains his/her place in the program.

I'd also like to remind parents of our uniform policy. It is important that students remain in full school uniform, which includes black shoes, as this sends a strong message to both learners, and the community that we take pride in our school, we belong as part of the team and we are ready to learn. If there are any concerns with your child's uniform, please see me or your child's classroom teacher.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be forwarding on to a number of parents the Department's parent survey. These surveys, based on our school, are critical for our improvement and growth, therefore your honesty and cooperation in this is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I'd like to say a huge thank you to staff and students who have made me feel so welcome during my visits here. I'd also like to extend a thank you to both Heather Atchison and Fiona McKenzie who stepped in to act as principal of the school this year.

Tina Walkeden

Principal

George Street Primary School



Events fundraiser

Attached to this newsletter is an order form for family pies from Kings Bakery.

Please sell as many pies as you can, as this money all goes back into your child's education here at George Street.

All orders and money to be at the office by Tuesday 13th August. Delivery will be Wednesday 21st August at the school.



Reminder:

This year's School camp to Sovereign Hill Ballarat is on the 13th to 15th November.

You can pay instalments or the full amount any time. This will help ease any financial burden.

NAB Auskick Hamilton, together with several local Auskick groups, are having an Auskick session for everyone. Come along on Saturday 27 July at 9am to Pedrina Park, Hamilton. Wear your footy gear and play a game - all ages and Auskick kids welcome. Sausages and drinks will be available to purchase for \$1. All proceeds go to the Auskick Centres. Any queries call Jane Barrie 0417 055 168.

Term Dates

Term 1: 29 January to 28 March

Term 2: 15 April to 28 June

Term 3: 15 July to 20 September

Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

EMA second instalment is due Mid August, if your circumstances have changed please contact the office. If you have applied for EMA first instalment there is no need to reapply.

Prep children receive \$200 and Year 1-6 children receive \$150.

School fees are set at \$235 so there is a shortfall that needs to be covered.

I have sent out a statement which sets out the fees and charges.

Blake and Nicole having fun at Art.





ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Students in 2/3/4 made rockets this week for our school "Book Week" display. Book Week is from the 17th-23rd August!

The theme is "Read Across The Universe".

Ace used a cylinder, card, tissue paper and cellophane to make his rocket, which looks great!

Well done Ace, Our Artist of the Week!



Kaden and Jai using their IT skills. Kaden has built a car and then put it into practice using the computer. Well done!



Jacob and Makayla proudly show their money boxes.

