

George Street Primary School HAMILTON

N e w s l e t t e r

Forthcoming Events

November	
Thurs 28th	Graduation meeting Year 6 parents/carers 4:00
Fri 29th	Book Club due.
December	
Mon 2nd	Puberty education session Year 5/6
Wed 4th	School Council Dinner 6:30 @ Izzy's
Thurs 5th	RE Break up here at school 10:00
Fri 6th	Zoo excursion Melbourne
Fri 13th	Presentation Night/Disco
Tue 17th	Graduation Dinner
Wed 18th	Reports go home
Thurs 19th	Farewell lunch all students & families
Fri 20th	End of Term

28th November, 2013



Party with the Ponies



CONFIDENCE



PERSISTENCE



ORGANISATION



GETTING ALONG



RESILIENCE

The Keys to Success

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From the Principal's Desk

The hot weather has certainly swept through the state these past couple of days. It is important that our children remain hydrated, so can you please remember to supply a large drink bottle filled with water. We do have water taps and children will be encouraged to refill throughout the day.

We attended Partying with the Ponies on Monday and what a fantastic day it was. Our children had face painting, an animal farm where they connected with the animals along with sports activities. Comments back from staff and students were all positive. I'd like to thank Hamilton Race Course for funding this event.

Our school is fortunate to have families that continuously provide time to rebuilding the school. These efforts have not gone unnoticed in the wider community, with enrolments increasing and positive feedback on what we are achieving happening on a daily basis. It is through our families talking positively about us and what we are achieving that makes a difference, so thank you to everyone involved. A special thank you must go to Max Keen, who willingly donated his time this week to assist Allen with the school grounds.

Next year we will be introducing a number of new initiatives to reinforce the learning that is happening here. Any support you can provide would be gladly accepted. The school will be providing lunchtime structured activities, such as computer skills, sporting drills and art classes. We are also introducing a session after school for students requiring extra literacy and numeracy support /coaching. This will be available free of charge to any students attending George Street Primary. To assist families further, we are also investigating the need to introduce a bus or pick-up service to families that are not within walking distance. A survey will be sent out mid-term 1 for feedback.

Term 4 is always a busy term as staff finalise work requirements for reports. We are also planning for 2014 and the learning program we wish to implement to further enhance our programs. As stated in the last newsletter, we know we are on the right track, because we are one of the few schools that had NAPLAN results well above the state's schools. We will focus on continuing to build on those results and maintain our high achievements. To enhance learning further we are suggesting our end of year parent/teacher day is devoted to student led interviews at Grade 4, 5 and 6. Feedback on this event is always appreciated and recognised when staff have discussions.

Thursday, will see our students attend the Christmas carols at St Mary's Church in Hamilton. Many of our children are singing a number of songs and they'd love your support. with Please attend if you can at 1pm. I've been watching them rehearse and what a wonderful job they're doing.

Over the next few weeks the school will be selling some of our older computers. Prices will range from \$10.00 to \$50.00. These computers are old, but will be good for students to complete homework on or play educational games. Please contact the school to register your interest.

Tina Walkeden

Principal George Street Primary School

Our young ladies dressed as miners wives to make the Eureka flag in a re-enactment of the stockade.



Term Dates 2013

Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

Terms Dates 2014

Term 1: 28 January to 4 April

Term 2: 22 April to 27 June

Term 3: 14 July to 19 September

Term 4: 6 October to 19 December



Artist of the Week 21/11/13

This week P-2 completed a weaving activity using thin strips of cardboard and masking tape.

Students were encouraged to work co-operatively, sharing supplies.

Well done, Ebony, Our Artist of The Week!



Artist of the Week 28/11/13

This week in Art P/1 created tigers. They followed a step-by-step "How to draw."

Students used black textas, oil pastels and tissue paper to create their tiger in The Jungle

Well done, to Zoe-Leigh, Our Artist of The Week!



Rebecca helps Blade with aboriginal art .

Anyone interested in guitar lessons, contact the school for more details.



Friday Fruit sponsored by Aldi.



Planned Activity Group visited our 5/6 students.



Lost - Black Dry & Cozy coat with Makayla Stewarts name on tag, please check your child's coat.

2014 School Camp at Port Fairy

Survey

Dear Parents,

Planning for 2014 has already commenced at George St Primary School. Staff would like you to consider the following proposal for our school camp.

A booking has been made at Southcombe Lodge in Port Fairy, for the 2014 School Camp. For the first time, it is anticipated that ALL students will be invited to participate in this Camp towards the end of the year. A variety of activities have been investigated and planned that will cater for specific age groups and some that are suitable across the whole school. Students who have been to the Port Fairy Camp before will experience new and different activities. We highly recommend this camp experience as a means of developing independence, social and physical skills in students whilst having fun and enjoying the great outdoors.

What are your thoughts about the Prep to Grade 2 students attending camp?

The camp is in December so by then, students will be very familiar with each other, their teacher and school routine. A family fun night is planned for Day 2, so any students feeling too tired or homesick could travel home a day earlier with their parents if need be. Many students will have siblings at camp, so will not be without family contact.

If you would like to discuss this camp with either Tina Walkeden or Jillian Lee, please contact the school at your convenience.

It would be helpful for planning if you would indicate below if you would be happy for your son / daughter to attend the Port Fairy Camp in December 2014. Please return the form by Friday 14th December or earlier.

Thank you,

Jillian Lee & Tina Walkeden.

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Camp Survey

- I would allow my son / daughter in Grade to attend the Port Fairy Camp in 2014.
- I do not support Prep to Grade 2 students participating in a school camp in 2014.

Parent Name:.....

Thank you for returning this survey as soon as possible.