

## 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.
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 by the **end of this term**.



More highlights from the skills clinic held at Melville Oval. Special thanks to the AFL and the Carlton Blues.



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### Forthcoming Events

#### **June**

8th—Roscoe Ave Team Teaching 11-2

9th—Meals on Wheels

13th—Queens Birthday Holiday

15th—School Council

23rd - Meals on Wheels

#### **July**

21st—Hooptime Years 3 & 4

25th—Hooptime Years 5 & 6



The only person happier than these students was AI, when the mighty Blues conducted a football skills clinic at Melville Oval. In the presence of players Bryce Gibbs, Sam Docherty, Zac Tuohy, Pat Cripps, Ciarin Byrne, Blaine Boekhorst, rising star Jacob Weitering and the promising David Cunningham, these very lucky students were able to show off their skills much to the approval of these champs. "We are the Navy Blues, we are the old dark Navy Blues..."



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The Keys to Success

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## From the Principal's Desk



Firstly, I'd like to welcome the Hamilton children to our school. Adam and Hannah joined us recently from Branxholme Community School.

As the term draws to a close I'd like to thank our students for their enthusiasm and sheer dedication towards their learning. It has been an incredibly busy term, particularly with NAPLAN and assessment practices, ready for teachers to write their reports.

Last week Mrs Stephens and I visited Caroline Springs P-9 College. A huge school of over 1,000 students. I was provided with a tour of the school, while Mrs Stephens went in and observed prep classes for new and innovative ideas. This practice of observation occurs regularly across schools as teachers love to share best practice, ideas and feedback as we continuously strive to improve. I'd like to thank Caroline Springs College and in particular Mrs Houston for organising this visit.

We also were fortunate to be able to attend the Positive Education seminars held over two days last week. Both Mrs Stephens and I came away feeling extraordinarily proud of our achievements here at George Street, believing that we were well on our way with many of the practises discussed.

1. We are on our journey to health & fitness and meet every morning to powerwalk.
2. We have a school dog who visits the students regularly
3. Our students have a strong voice in their learning and feel comfortable letting us know what they'd like to learn.
4. We are embracing 21st century learning.
5. Supporting our students every step of the way.

We will be strengthening and extending student voice further through surveys, discussions and allowing them to participate fully in policy making.

PLEASE refrain from using the school grounds for pick-up and drop off. **THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE** for all our students. Complaints that the area is becoming congested are beginning to come in. It would be disappointing if we have to spend fundraising on having gates installed. What message do we send to our children when parents continue to ignore school requests?

Can I remind parents that it is a public holiday on Monday, therefore no students are required at school. Please, if you are going away, stay safe and enjoy the long weekend.

Tina Walkeden

### Term dates 2016

Term 1 : 28th January — 24th March

Term 2 : 11th April — 24th June

Term 3 : 11th July — 16th September

Term 4 : 3rd October — 20th December



## What's happening at GSPS.



Since Mr. McLachlan has commenced at GSPS, his youthful enthusiasm and fresh ideas has been welcomed by our students. He actively participates in his PE classes and sets challenges the children love to accomplish. Good luck and enjoy your time at GSPS.

### 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.

### COOKING—GREEN HOUSE STYLE



TEAM TEACHING WITH ROSCOE AVE PRE SCHOOL.



### 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.



June 5th—Jarvis Niewand