

# George Street Primary School

## News from our Principal

September 6th 2017

### Change of School Finishing Time

Last year I asked the community for feedback on changing our school end time to 3:15 instead of 3:30. This was also flagged at school council in 2016. The reason for the requested change of time is to ensure students who have bus commitments are able to meet the time-frame. The end of the school day has become disjointed due to some having to leave early to catch a bus from the school interchange. I am again seeking feedback from the community regarding the proposed time change from 3:30pm to 3:15pm for all students, for the 2018 year. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school. Please provide feedback on these proposed changes by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.



### Enrolments 2018

As we are committed to remaining a small school and numbers are growing at GSPS far quicker than we expected this year, (we have almost doubled in size over 12 months) it is important that if you know of anyone interested in enrolling with us then they do so quickly. Our class sizes are small and we like to operate this way, as this allows teachers the extra time required with individual students.

### Student Led Interviews

As you are aware, here at GSPS we strongly believe that students must own and lead their own learning, therefore each year they present their learning in Term 3 to their family. These presentations start at 1pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure you book a time to watch your child /children speak about their goals and targets, along with challenges they are setting for themselves. Children work long and hard to put together a folio of work to present, so please endeavour to support them. If you are unable to come on the day, perhaps a grandparent might like to support your child.

### Attendance

A Department focus is the absenteeism rates in schools across the state. We pride ourselves on the low numbers of student absenteeism, but this can improve with students attending every day. Remember every day your child has off from school is a day where they miss learning and have to catch up. Every time your child is late they miss out on their learning. We aim to provide every child with every opportunity possible to succeed in life through education.

### Camp Payments

Camps in Term 4 are nearly upon us, so please check in with Jane at the office to make sure you are up to date. Children are looking forward to these events. Remember if you receive the CSEF, then \$100.00 of this goes toward camp costs.

### Child Safe Schools

A quick reminder that all schools are mandated to Child Safe. I urge all our families to read up on the online literature, plus our policy on our website.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Grandparent's Day

Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>  
Student Led Interviews  
All students to be collected at 12pm

Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Footy day—casual day  
Footy lunch (details to follow)  
Last day of term  
2.30pm dismissal

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Special event—save the date

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Mrs Barb Hall

## *News from our Principal* cont..

### **School Uniform**

We are particularly proud of our appearance in the school community and continuously receive phone calls from the community on our uniform, however it has come to my attention that a couple of students are out of uniform on an ongoing basis. Please ensure your child is in correct uniform, including black school shoes.

### **OHS Audit**

I received an email last week from the audit team. We received 84% for our OHS audit, which is above the state average of 72%. Well done to staff and students for making this happen. We work hard to ensure compliance across a number of factors, but our students' learning is always a priority for us.

*Ms Walkeden*

## *News from Prep school*

The Preps have been working hard on their reading and writing. They have been learning about procedural writing and shared all the ways they have used procedures before and wrote a procedure about making fairy bread. First they had to brainstorm the different objects they would need in order to make fairy bread, and then they had to carefully think about the steps it would take to get their final result. The students then went and made the fairy bread, talking to their partner about the steps and thinking of some verbs they could use in their own procedure, which included spread, sprinkle and eat. Finally, the Preps wrote their procedure on how to make fairy bread, and recalled the steps they took to be sure they didn't miss anything important!

In reading, the students have continued to work on their reading goals from the CAFÉ program. They were introduced to a new strategy 'Monitor and Fix Up' which requires them to think about what they are reading, and when they get to an unfamiliar word ask themselves 'does it make sense?' We brainstormed all the different CAFÉ strategies they could use to help them monitor their reading and fix up any mistakes they may have made.

*Ms Stephens*



## News from Junior school

Junior class are learning to problem solve in maths, using their reading skills to work out which one of the operations (addition or subtraction) is required to work out the maths story. We have been looking at the vocabulary used in maths, for example, addition, plus, add-on, count-on, equals, sum.

We continue to work on our individual CAFE strategies in reading. This week we talked about 'checking the pictures match the words' and 'predicting what will happen next'. Both of these strategies help us to read new words and understanding the story, respectively. We have seen an improvement with nightly reading at home and look forward to a class party when all students read every night for a week. We recently enjoyed the lovely Spring weather, and went outside for our afternoon individual reading session!

*Mrs Field and Mrs Calvert*



## News from Middle school

Students are continuing to work on their individual CAFÉ strategies. The past few weeks students have thoroughly enjoyed reading their way through some book series' including the Diary of a Wimpy Kid and The Bad Guys books. We have been working on comprehension strategies including 'checking for understanding' and 'comparing and contrasting' books with our lives, both strategies that help improve our understanding of our reading. Students need to ensure they are reading every night and writing it in their homework booklet to bring in on Fridays.

In Writing we have begun writing procedures and are this week working towards writing a recipe in our 'Big Write'. In Maths this week we have begun learning about time focusing on telling the time to the minute and making sure we place the hour hand on the clock correctly, next week we will look at solving some time problems and converting between different units of time.

*Mr Mac*



## *News from the Senior School*

This week the grade 5 and 6 students have begun to work on writing an information report on an occupation. For the past month students have been working on the structure and language features of information reports. Students are currently creating interview questions and interviewing people within the local community to find out about their occupations. Once this information has been collected, students will write their own information reports about their selected occupation, using the correct structure, language features and further research.

Miss Cooper



***SAVE THE DATE***  
**Special event**  
**Thursday 23rd November**  
Further details to follow

# Book Week





**SATURDAY 21 OCT 2017**

3 Peaks Festival is an outdoor market in Dunkeld showcasing local crafts, food, wine, beer, music & great kids activities including Giant Inflatable Slide, Jumping Castle, Beastly Bug Sandpit, Face Painting, Glitter Tattoos, Kids Craft Marquee, Laser Tag, Wiked Wildlife, AGL Construction Tent & featuring performances by **THE MIK MAK**



[www.facebook.com/3peaksfestival](http://www.facebook.com/3peaksfestival)



This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths. From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker

Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths. At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn).