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Forthcoming Events

December

14th—Red house & Roscoe Ave picnic at the lake
16th -Curriculum Day
20th—School finishes 1pm.
25th—Xmas day



Here are all the winners from our athletics day which was held in perfect conditions. Everybody who participated deserves a big pat on the back for making these winners run, hurdle, jump and throw to earn their ribbons and certificates. Big thanks to Mr. Mac for organising the day and to our teachers, parents and helpers who once again made this day a success.



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From the Principal's Desk



As the term draws to an end, it is always with great sadness that this time of the year we say a final farewell to our Grade 6 students, as they prepare for the next stage of their education. We hope they take away fond memories of their time at George Street. They have organised a wonderful graduation day-out to Geelong's Adventure Park with their teacher Miss Cooper. Their graduation dinner is now Thursday.

Bomb Hoax

I'd like to start this newsletter by thanking staff, students and parents for the way last Thursday's hoax was handled. It is disappointing that whoever is responsible for such an act, finds the humour in such a situation, but by us standing united and supporting one another we reduce the power they have. It was fantastic to know our parents understood that our main priority at the time was keeping the children calm.

Book-Packs 2017

Please note the book packs for 2017 have arrived at the office and will be ready for collection next week. Prep book packs arrived earlier and are ready for collection now. Please note packs are priced individually depending on the class requirements.

Step-Up Day

Step Up day was held during the state-wide Transition Day, whereby our grade 6 students moved across to their chosen secondary setting and our new preps took up residence in their new classroom. This is a new initiative for the school, but a fantastic day for some students to meet new teachers for next year.

School Captains

Next week our students will be voting to nominate our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2017. This process takes time, however it is important that students have a voice on who they wish to see nominated for a variety of leadership positions.

School Accounts

We are currently finalising our accounts for 2016 and would appreciate any outstanding payments be completed prior to the end of term. There are outstanding camp payments, swimming payments and some parents still owing for uniform. Please note: We will no longer be offering credit for uniform or camp, unless a payment plan is in place. Please contact the office if you wish to set up a payment plan or make alternative arrangements. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

School Bus

As our buses have proven extremely popular, we are requesting parents put in writing their expression of interest if they wish their child /children to use this service in 2017. We will then issue parents accepted with the new policy and a payment plan.

Curriculum Day

Next week we have Activities Week where students will rotate through a variety of activities for the week. Please REMEMBER we have our final CURRICULUM DAY on Friday 16th December. This day is for staff to plan for 2017. This is a student free day. Students are expected back on Monday and Tuesday, however we finish early on the Tuesday at 1:00pm.

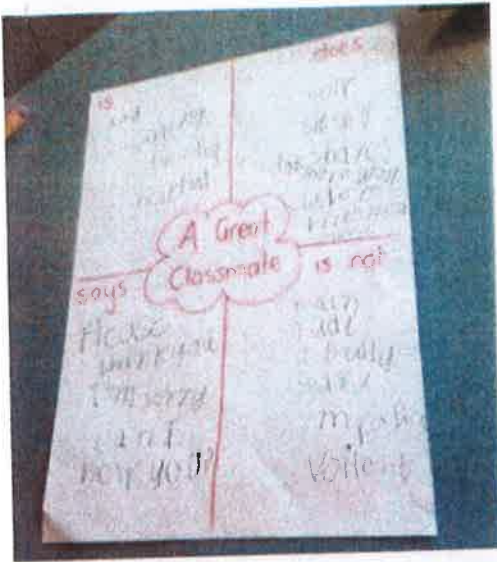
Tina Walkeden

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| <p><u>Term four 2016</u> Term 4 : 3rd October — 20th December</p> <p><u>Term one 2017</u> Term 1 : 31st January—31st March</p> |
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What's happening at GSPS.

As part of our transition/step up day, our junior class are writing about what a great classmate is.



Our Walk to School winners, Jasmine and Tajhaun, proudly show off their prizes for participating in this event. Congratulations.



Time to put all that choir practice into action. After months of learning our Xmas carols, under the ever watchful ear (ye's ear) of Mrs Stephens, it was time to sing our little lungs out at the St Mary's Xmas concert. Once again, and as per usual, they did this mighty school proud. Well done to all concerned.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DAY AT ADVENTURE PARK



So off we go, excited smiling faces and just a 3 hour drive ahead of us. Amazing weather was the order of the day and just as well when you plan a day at a water park. Their behaviour was first class and they did GSPS proud. Well done (l-r) Blake, Adam, Briodee, Joe, Taj and Tara-Lee.



What fun times we had. Giant slide, ferris wheel, giant swings, donuts on the lazy river, crazy coaster, paddle boats. How much can you squeeze into one day.



What's happening at GSPS.



Green House visited Tar-rington on our school buses. They drove around to see the hay bale art. They had so much fun. These bales were two of our favourites. Big shout out to the families for the time and effort in creating this spectacle.



FUN IN THE SUN. These 3 basketball fanatics make the most of a rare sunny day. But the weather does not stop them from always competing to see who shoots the most baskets.



Red House are learning about directions and the language we need to use when following/giving instructions.



Here are our students using their coding knowledge to scan their book. As we can see, they become totally immersed in the story using ipads. Even the lunch bell could not stop them from their learning.



As part of their design and technology unit, Blue House have been designing cars.

SCHOOL BUS

IF YOU ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS, OTHER THAN THE USUAL PICK-UP / DROP-OFF, COULD YOU PLEASE ADVISE, EITHER IN WRITING OR VIA PHONE, OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO THE DAY OF TRAVEL.



A group of students recently visited Eventide Nursing Home to start decorating an angel. They were helped by the residents for this W DHS Community Christmas Art Project. The angel will be on display, along with others, in the Handbury Courtyard at the Hamilton Base Hospital from Monday, 5th December.



December 2nd—Brodie Geebung-Couzens
 December 10th—Jaden Turner
 December 15th—Zeek Quartermaine
 December 16th—Briodee Burnie
 December 19th—Ethan Schutz-Waugh
 December 31st—Jindarra Geebung-Couzens