



Gravesend Public School

Newsletter

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109 Years of Public Education

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Term 4 Week 3

From the Principal's Desk

I would like to thank the students for working so hard this week and for achieving positive learning outcomes. I would like to recognise that this has been made possible through the dedication and commitment of our teachers, tutors and aides. Thank you.

Brain Training

Brain training was commenced this week as the professional development session in our weekly staff meeting. All members of the staff were really interested and can't wait for next week.

Transition to High School

Our Year 6 and preschool students had another successful day at the Wialda High School and Gravesend Kindergarten. All students are very positive towards the next step in their learning journey. I would like to congratulate them all on their friendly manner, exemplary behaviour and positive attitude.

Autism Workshop

Last Wednesday we hosted a workshop titled "Autism and Aspergers", delivered by Jenny, a visiting Occupational Therapist from Sydney and organised by Gabby Murray from Northcott disability services. 40 people from Inverell, Bingara, Moree, Tingha, Wialda and Gravesend attended. All participants were very enthusiastic about the course stating that it was the best one that they had attended. Thank you to Northcott for giving us a chance to showcase our school.

Assessment Week

Next week (week 4) is assessment week for all students. Please ensure that all students attend school as this enables teachers to ascertain what the students can do and the areas where they need extra help. This is a very important part of the planning process for the rest of this year and for 2011.

Have a great weekend everyone. Only 1 week to go until excursion.

Cheers,

Kris Pagett

ASSEMBLY ITEM

This week our assembly item was presented by Years K/2. Cindy & Beth have been working with the children to prepare them for their presentation.

Students, staff, parents & grandparents were entertained with a rendition of "Summer Holiday".

The spotlight for next week's assembly is the Transition Class.



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

K/2

Application – Damon Barwick-Taylor

Social Skills – Maddy Armstrong

Student of the Week – Sam Kirkby

3/4

Achievement – Larris Cleal

Application – Kaylah Keating

Social Skills – Jake Trotter

Student of the Week – Alliarna Brazel

5/6

Achievement – Matthew Marquart

Application – Adam Carpenter

Social Skills – Reanna Marquart

Student of the Week – Deanne Gilbert



SILVER CERTIFICATES

This week we had 4 Silver Certificate recipients. Justin Mills, Reanna Marquart, Kaylah Keating, Dannielle Keating. These students have been working hard in all areas of their studies.



HOME READING

25 Nights: Reanna Marquart

150 Nights: Tessie Towers, Damon Barwick-Taylor

250 Nights: Travis South

COLES VOUCHERS

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. This promotion ends on Sunday, 31st October so any vouchers received in the next couple of days may be sent to the school on Monday. To date we have collected 5,419 vouchers. A great effort from such a small community!!!

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

Transition Family Day – Tuesday, 16th November

Presentation Night – Wednesday, 8th December

Santa Visit – Friday, 10th December

WORLD TEACHER DAY

Today we celebrated World Teacher Day. Often we forget all the work & extra hours that the teacher's put in before school, after school, weekends & holidays, that keep the school going.

At Gravesend we are really lucky to have three wonderful teachers – Mrs Pagett, Mrs Motley & Mrs Bess who dedicate their time to all the children's needs & wellbeing.

BANDANNA DAY

Today the students raised money in support of cancer by buying a bandanna. All funds raised go to CanTeen. We had a parade after assembly where we were shown the innovative ways that you can wear or use your bandanna. Rachael Mills turned hers into a “green” shopping bag to cut down on plastic bags. Larris Cleal used her bandanna to create a new fashion style. Flynn Kirkby & Damikah Barwick-Taylor looked cute in their chosen styles. Isaac Armstrong brought back memories of early Australian tradies & labourers and Shaun Bennett modelled a fashionable eye patch.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Mrs Rolfe attended a professional development course on new changes to procedures to be followed when students do not attend school. This is a state government priority and we must follow procedures set down by our department so please take the time to read about these changes attached to this newsletter.

MELBOURNE CUP FUN DAY

Next Tuesday, 2nd November the SRC will be holding a Melbourne Cup Fun Day.

Students are invited to dress up for the day. Everyone is asked to bring a “healthy plate” of food to share for lunch.

There will be a gold coin donation if you dress up.

The theme is “BLACK & WHITE”

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