



# Gravesend Public School

## Newsletter

**'ALWAYS OUR BEST'**

**1901 – 2010**

**109 Years of Public Education**

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### **Term 4 Week 7**

#### **From the Principal's Desk**

This term is quickly drawing to a close so we are very busy writing student reports, the Annual Financial Report, the Annual School Report and evaluations for all the other areas from which we receive funding.

#### **Small School SEG Meeting**

Last Friday I attended a meeting in Moree which was facilitated by John Charles and an opportunity to meet with and support other teaching Principals from Small Schools. Some mandatory training was covered and some Principals entertained us with anecdotes about working in a Small School. It was an opportunity for collegial networking and training.

#### **Community Nurse**

Christine Connor, the local community nurse, visited our school last Monday to conduct a workshop for all the students on caring for our teeth and stranger danger. The senior students also participated in a workshop on personal development and puberty. The students were very interested and displayed excellent manners. Thank you, Mrs Connor.

#### **Bingara Library**

Gail Philpott from the Bingara Library visited to read a variety of fantastic books to the junior students. She also gave the students a pack of Christmas activities to use. The kids really enjoyed this literary experience. Thank you, Mrs Philpott.

#### **Police Visit**

Today Constable Crystal Jones conducted a short session for the students K-6 and one for the Transition students about stranger danger. The students learned the importance of not talking to strangers and really enjoyed the visit. Thanks Constable Jones.

#### **Silver Certificates**

Congratulations to all the students who have already been awarded a silver certificate for this year. These awards recognise the students' efforts to make positive choices, use good manners and be kind and thoughtful towards others. They have demonstrated that using the

You Can Do It Keys make a difference to their success and happiness. Well done.

#### **Practice Teacher**

Jessica Rampling completed her 2<sup>nd</sup> year practice teaching session this week. We enjoyed Jessica being part of our school where she worked with Mrs Bess and the Years 3 to 6. We all wish her all the best and are confident that she will become a very effective teacher.

Have a great week everyone

Cheers,

Kris Pagett

#### **ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

##### **K/2**

**Achievement – Mason Daley**

**Application – Sam Kirkby**

**Social Skills – Maddy Armstrong**

**Student of the Week – Isaac Armstrong**

##### **3/4**

**Achievement – Larris Cleal**

**Application – Nicola Robinson**

**Social Skills – Ben Stahl**

**Student of the Week – Alliarna Brazel**

##### **5/6**

**Achievement – Rachael Mills**

**Application – Deanne Gilbert**

**Social Skills – Brayden Robinson**

**Student of the Week – Shaun Bennett**

#### **Silver Certificates**

**The following students were awarded their silver certificates:**

**Travis South, Ben Stahl, Jake Trotter,**

**Brayden Robinson, Adam Carpenter, Rachael**

**Mills, Deanne Gilbert, Justin Mills, Reanna**

**Marquart.**



## **Swimming**

The intensive swimming program begins next week each day from 1pm to 2pm. The students will travel to and from the pool in Warialda by bus. For those 2 weeks lunch will be at 12.00pm, departure at 12.30pm and return to school by 2.45pm.

Students have to bring:

- swimmers
- towel
- rashie / shirt
- sun screen (the school does supply sun screen but if you want your child to use a specific brand you will have to supply it)
- \$2 pool entry per day

Please send something for the students to eat for afternoon tea when we return to school.

## **Silver Certificate Reward**

As a reward for achieving a silver certificate throughout 2010 the school is taking the students to **Green Valley Farm** for the day. Lunch will be provided for the students.

Departure – 8.30am

Return - 3.30pm

Dress - casual clothes /hat/ appropriate footwear

Students have to bring:

- swimmers
- towel
- rashie / shirt
- sun screen (the school does supply sun screen but if you want your child to use a specific brand you will have to supply it)

Parents and other family members are invited but they will have to provide their own transport, pay their entry fee and \$2 per sausage sandwich.

Please let us know how many will be attending so we can have the correct numbers for catering.

## **SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Presentation Night – Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Green Valley Farm – Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Santa Visit – Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Last Day of School – Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Staff return to school – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**Students return – Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> February**

## **TRANSITION NEWS**

We have had a very quiet time in our room this week as our older children have been in Mrs Motley's class preparing for Kindergarten next year.

The children are busy getting ready for Presentation Night which will be held at the school on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

Next week the school will commence their swim school therefore transition will be from 9.00am – 12.00pm. The transition children are welcome to come swimming with the school **provided they are supervised & transported by a parent/carer.**

Santa Claus will make a visit to our school on the last transition day 10<sup>th</sup> December. He will arrive about 10.30am. Could you please let us know if you would like to join us so we can let Santa know how many children will be at transition that day.

Vickie



**Making Dinosaurs!!**

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