

Gravesend Public School Newsletter

Term 3, Week 10



23rd September 2011

Year 4-6 Snow Excursion



On Sunday 11th September, we left the School at 6 a.m. to be at Canberra by 5p.m. Our first stop was Coonabarabran to have morning tea. We then travelled on to Wellington for lunch. After a long trip we arrived at Eaglehawk Village Holiday Park at Canberra where we stayed the night.

In the morning we were on the road by 8 a.m. Russell gave us a tour of all of the Embassies; There was about 18. Next stop was Regatta Park where we saw "The Big Globe," which showed Captain Cook's 3 voyages to Australia. We also visited the War Memorials where we watched the light show. Then it was on to Jindabyne where we prepared for fun and excitement!

To get to the snow we had to travel by bus to Bullocks Flat where we caught the ski tube to Perisher.

Here we had to change trains to Blue Cow.

At the station all of the pupils went to the sport and rec room to collect their snow gear and have lessons.

We went on the magic carpet and then Pleasant Valley where we tried to put what we had learnt into action.

We also went on the Rope Run, T-bar, Brumby Run Rollercoaster and Early Starter Slope.

Everyone felt that this excursion was fantastic and we had many awesome and fun experiences. The chef was excellent and the food was superb.

GPS pupils, staff and parents all voted it was the best excursion ever and can't wait to return some time in the future!

Please see back page for photos and a disc will be sent home soon with photos from the trip.

From The Principals Desk....

What a finish for Term 3. The teachers, parents, grandparents and students had a magical week at the snow camp at the Jindabyne Sport and Rec Centre. It was an awesome excursion. It certainly was an experience of a lifetime that everyone will talk about for the rest of their lives. It was very exciting to witness the growth in confidence, self esteem, risk taking and motivation of each and every student. Congratulations!

The staff and students would like to thank the parents and grandparent who came on the excursion to help supervise the students and support the staff. Thanks to Dina Campbell, Leah Robinson, Sharron Holloway, Krista Armstrong, Andrew Armstrong and Rob Matthews.

Personal Learning Plans (PLP)

These plans need to be evaluated and revised every year. We still have to revisit the PLPs for quite a few students so please make an appointment with the teachers for a meeting early next term if your children have not reflected and evaluated their PLP. If a PLP has not been negotiated for your child could you please contact the school to make a time so that this can be organised.

School Self Evaluation for 2011

20% of the parents have returned the 6 Hat evaluations. This was not meant to be a difficult task. The suggestions on the left hand side of the page were only topics that you might want to comment upon. All we want to know is:

- what you like about the school (yellow hat),
- what you think needs to be improved at the school (black hat),
- how can we make these improvements (green hat), and
- how you feel about the school (red hat).

We haven't received any of the surveys about the Management of the School. It was a silly time to distribute them because it was just before the excursion. I will resend a copy of this next term so you can inform us of your feelings and ideas for the school in the future.

If you need any help please contact the school because we do value your opinions and input towards planning the programs and activities that the school will run in 2012.

Guitar lessons

Mr McIntosh has been teaching the 3 to 6 students guitar as part of his working with the students in his Chaplain capacity. The school has purchased 2 guitars with the money donated by Justin Carpenter, Adam's Dad. Thanks Justin. Next term we would like to extend this opportunity to the K/Y1 students. However, the funding for the Chaplaincy Program finishes in week 3 and doesn't commence again until next year. Mr Mac has agreed to continue to visit Gravesend School each Friday to teach guitar. To be able to pay him for the day we would have to charge each student for their small group lesson. This would be approximately \$10 per student. Interested parents need to contact the school if they want their child to be included.

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Fund Raising

The Gravesend Hotel holds raffles every 3rd weekend to raise money for the school. We have been struggling to get volunteers to run the raffles so Keith has been running them for us. He cannot continue to do this because he is too busy, so Vickie and Claude McClymont have volunteered to do the raffles each month. Bev Curtis has also volunteered to fill in any time Vickie and Claude cannot do it. On behalf of the school I would like to extend a huge thank you to Keith, Vickie, Claude and Bev.

Uniforms for Term 4

Navy school hat, navy shorts, maroon polo shirt, navy socks and enclosed shoes is the official uniform for Term 4.

I hope that everyone has a restful, happy and safe holiday. School commences for staff and students on Monday 10th October, 2011.

Kris Pagett.

Transition News....

I hope everyone has a happy and relaxing holiday.....

Starting the First Tuesday back at school, Transition students starting kindergarten next year will be going to Mrs Motley's class for the whole day.

The children were all sad to see Kym leave-Farewell Kym. She enjoyed her time here with us immensely.

Codie will start her duties again first week back-Welcome back Codie.

Awards



Student of the Week: Mykalah Stahl and Maddy Armstrong (pictured)

Bronze Awards: Sam, Isaac, Caleb, Mykalah & Tilly

Reading:
100 books-Flo
150 books-Caleb & Sam
175 books-Jade



Swimming Club News...

2011/2012 swimming season will be starting soon. Starts 17th October at 4pm-6pm for all advance and intermediate swimmers.

Monday 4pm-6pm

Tuesday 4pm-6pm

Thursday 4pm-6pm

Friday 4pm-6pm

Nippers start on the 21st October at 4pm-4.45pm. First club night is the 19th October this will be a fun night, All welcome to come along and have a look. You can contact Paul Hall for more information on 0429 189 520.



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