



20th March 2018

2018 Dates to Remember

March

- 19-23 Harmony Week
- 21 EC Carnival (Kinder-Year 2)
- 23 Book Club Due
- 23 Leadership Camp
- 26 School Association AGM

April

- 4 Bring a plant to school
- 5 Champions Athletic Carnival
- 7 School Fair
- 16 Assembly: Announcers 5/6Brelis
Work to show: 3/4C and P1/S

2018 TERM DATES

- Term 1** 7th Feb—12th April
- Easter—** 30 March —3rd April
- Term 2** 30th April—6th July
- Term 3** 23rd July-28th September
- Term 4** 15th October-20th December

Student Free Days

- 13th April
- 23rd July
- 26th October

Contact Lady Gowrie if care is needed on any of these student free days

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 of Book Club is due to be returned no latter than Friday 23rd March.



Dear Families,

Literacy Focus - Writing

To support our school wide literacy priority of

Writing we have structured regular professional learning opportunities for teaching staff in our after school meetings. We are using the '6 + 1 Traits' model to provide a common language when describing the qualities of writing for explicit instruction and feedback to students. The traits are *Ideas, Organisation, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, Conventions* and *Presentation*.

The first trait students are investigating and practising is '*Ideas*'. Ideas form the key message of our writing, which may be supported by pictures, especially in the early years. We can gather ideas from a range of places and experiences including memories, newspaper articles, photos, holidays or conversations with friends. Effective writers have strong and clear ideas that are then elaborated on to add interest, originality and insight.

Ideas have a strong connection to '*Organisation*', which will be the next trait to focus on for teaching and learning. Organisation involves connecting details in a logical and purposeful way with a balance between beginning, middle and end. Different text types such as letters, poems, narratives, factual reports, recounts or procedures require different structures. Effective writers are able to identify and use an appropriate structure to fit the purpose and to showcase their ideas.

As teachers collaboratively explore the '6 + 1 Traits' model we are building a shared view of what 'good' writing looks like that is consistent across the school. The model helps us to be clear about what is expected when teaching strategies of writing and it helps us to analyse student samples and give specific ways for individuals to build their skills. It is an exciting focus and we are already noticing the benefits!

Change in Break Times

This week we have introduced changes to the length of recess and lunch times. We have noticed that the morning break did not always offer students enough time to eat their snack and to then play, whilst the much longer lunch break at times over-stretched energy and engagement levels. By reducing the length of play time over the lunch break we are able to extend recess, creating two breaks of more even length.

**Recess 10:30 – 11:00am Lunch eating 12:45 – 12:55pm
Lunch play 12:55 – 1:30pm**

We anticipate the new schedule will support games and interactions during both break times to be positive, creative and successful. Please note that at this stage we will maintain the starting time of a normal assembly at 11:45am.

We have 45 students from Years 3-6 at the Interschool Athletics Carnival today. Tomorrow is the Early Childhood Carnival – an event that brings joy for participants and onlookers!

Gay

A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be outside the Library on Thursday morning from 8.30am to talk to interested families on Student Banking and setting up of accounts..

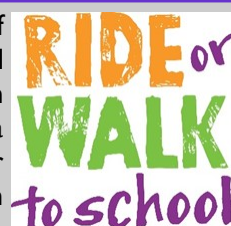


Harmony Day Celebrations—This week we will be celebrating Harmony Day/week across with the message that “everyone belongs” On Thursday 22nd of March, we will be having a special lunch eating time on the oval. Students are invited to dress in cultural dress **or wear orange (the colour of Harmony Day)** if they wish. Parents are very welcome to attend, 12.45 onwards. Please bring your lunch. Please note: as per last year, if the weather is not suitable we will move this event indoors, fingers crossed for a sunny fine day. Individual classes will also be doing different activities during the week. Parents wishing to be part of these experiences are encouraged to talk to their child’s teacher. We are looking forward to this special week at Goulburn Street Primary.

Kinder-Y 2 - Athletic Carnival—On Wednesday afternoon 21st of March, it will be the younger students in our school who will have fun at their own Athletic Carnival. The carnival will start at 1:30pm. Children in Kinder, Prep and Years 1 & 2 will be involved. They are invited to wear house coloured clothing that is suitable for running. Oak – green and Phoenix – yellow. Kinder students are not in house teams yet. All students need to bring a soft toy for the Teddy Bears’ race. A hat will be of course required and a water bottle is recommended. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend this fun afternoon. BYO deck chairs for your own comfort.



National Ride2School Day- This Friday 23rd March we will be joining with thousands of schools around Australia in the National Ride2School Day – a day that promotes walking and riding as a normal activity every day. The event is our MWEW Stride and Event for term one. We encourage students and their families to leave the car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk and wheel to school. For those families who do not live in walking distance we suggest parking further away from school and walking the remainder of the way.



We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:

- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
- Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

Parents can join in the fun by walking or wheeling with the students.

On Friday as part of the Ride2School Day we will be recording data on the various modes of transport students used on the day as part of the *HandsUp!* Program. The *HandsUp!* count provides each school with the opportunity to measure their progress in supporting more students to become physically active and is a great way to reward their success.

Year 6 students, we understand if you are unable to walk to school with your camp-over gear. You will certainly make up for this with the bush walk on kunanyi/Mt Wellington, survival activities, orienteering and walking back from Knocklofty afterwards!



Easter Raffle—The collection of donated items for the Easter raffle is steadily growing, creating numerous small prizes to share the luck around. The final day for raffle books is this Friday. Please return all sold and unsold tickets along with the money. Tickets will be drawn on Wednesday, April 12.





Jumble Jars are back!

*Bring your filled jars to the office to contribute to the famous
tombola jar game at the craft stall at the fair.*

*Fill a jar (with beauty products, small non-plastic toys, games,
sewing kits, trinkets, anything really, etc.)*

Drop to the office

*Buy a numbered ticket on the day & receive the matching
ticketed jar*

Everyone wins a prize!

School Fair April 7th 2018 -

Volunteers - We still need plenty of people power on the day of the fair so if you can donate a few hours of your time to help with setting up, serving on a stall or packing up then please drop organiser Rebecca Thomson a message queenripsnort@hotmail.com

Donations Drop Off - Keep dropping off your good quality bric a brac (eg. homewares, toys, games etc.), clothing and books. You can drop them off at the school anytime that the school hall is free and place them neatly on the stage area. To make it easier for sorting we ask you to place bric a brac against the back wall, clothes to the left and books to the right.

Sponsorship - if you belong to, or know a business who would like to donate a prize, voucher, resource or their time for the school fair then please let Rebecca know at queenripsnort@hotmail.com. At this stage we are particularly interested in food/drink donations or a business who would like to put in a cash donation to go towards paying for one of our fun attractions such as the Crazy Bikes, or Animal Petting Zoo.

Thank you, Bec

Plant Stall :

Hi everyone!

Just wondering if there is anyone (GSPS students included of course!) who would be happy to give a short 10 to 30 minute talk on a topic related to gardening and permaculture at the Plant Stall. We are hoping to run a couple of talks for people to attend by gold coin donation.

Examples of topics could include raising chickens, growing the best tomatoes or garlic, dry stonewalling, espalier techniques, pruning your fruit trees, building a pond, installing drip irrigation systems.....So far we possibly have beekeeping and worm farm or composting. Will keep you posted!!

BRING A PLANT TO SCHOOL DAY!!

Also, please mark WED April 4th in your calendars to bring your plant/plants, seeds, bulbs to school for the plant stall. Plants can be placed in the courtyard. If you need any trays/punnets or pots, feel free to let me know.

Thanks! Sarah— 0421301135



City of **HOBART**

The Hobart City Council have kindly donated 20 bean bags for use at our school fair. A covered ute or van is needed to pick up the bean bags from the

HCC on Friday before the fair and return them on Monday. If there is anyone out there with a van or covered ute and you are able to assist please let the office know. Thank you.

*time to get making,
it's*

CRAFT TIME!

The famous GSPS fair is fast approaching!

The craft stall would dearly love your handmade donations.

Please bring your

knitted, stitched, glued, carved, constructed, sculpted, folded, printed, re-purposed, or other amazing creative wares to the office.

Check the Goulburn Street Creatives Facebook group for inspiration:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1742962719281282/>

Contact: Bree 0477 677 789 with questions or ideas!