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22nd May 2018

2018 Dates to Remember

May

- 23 National Simultaneous Story time
- 23 School Association meeting 7.00pm
- 24 **School Photos**
- 25 Assembly: Announcers 2/3M
Work to show: 2/3SM and K Lewis
- 31 3/4Coe and Smit excursion

June

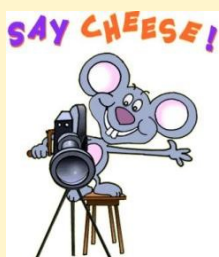
- 8 Assembly: Announcers 3/4S
Work to show: 3/4C and P/IT
- 12 Div A Cross Country Carnival
- 22 Assembly: Announcers 3/4C
Work to show: 2/3M and 3/4S
- 26 All State Cross Country (Symmons Plains)
- 27 Whole school performance "Buddies"

July

- 2-6 Growing Up Program
- 6 Assembly: Announcers 5/6T
Work to show: P1/S and 5/6B

School Photos – Thursday 24th May

The annual School Photos will be taken on Thursday. Thank you to families who have already returned order forms. A reminder for students to wear full school uniform. Layers of clothing beneath the uniform should be in plain colours – dark blue, white and black, with red also suitable under the winter tunic.



Dear Families,

Assessment for Learning

Last week students in Year 3 & 5 took part in the annual National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy. Teachers supervising NAPLAN sessions noticed, and were impressed with, the focus and effort GSPS students gave to each assessment. Family members played an important role and we thank you for reassuring and encouraging students to do their best on the day. Data from NAPLAN helps staff to identify learning trends and areas to focus our teaching with past results leading to our current school priorities of *Writing* and the *Maths Proficiencies*.

We also recognise the value of assessing as students learn. Everyday tasks, questioning techniques, conversations and observations can also be used to gather evidence of learning. Such information is used by staff to shape future teaching and learning opportunities. A clear learning goal and steps/criteria to achieve success are important strategies in helping students build skills and understandings. We often talk about 'bumping up' our work and use success criteria or a quality example to demonstrate what is possible. This also reinforces the notion that our early efforts are not always indicative of our potential and that we get better with reflection, feedback and practice.

Student Contributions to our School Community—There are many occasions when Goulburn Street students assist others and contribute to our positive school culture. Examples include acts of kindness such as stopping to help someone who has fallen over, picking up sports equipment or someone's jumper that has been left outside. Students across our school use friendly greetings, include others in games and cooperate to share and build on ideas as they learn and play together. They comment that when you help others or do a service for the school it also helps you to feel good – a boomerang effect!

There are also more structured examples of students supporting our school, such as the roster of our Year 5 group who assist in the canteen during lunchtimes with over the counter sales, providing a service to the school and gaining skills along the way. Year 6 students are significant contributors through the Daily PE program. Working in teams the leaders share responsibility for planning and organising active games for Prep-Year 5 students; setting up equipment, instructing and encouraging younger students as they participate. The daily sessions form an important part of the required physical activity time for all students and help to develop leadership skills and teamwork for the Year 6s.

Communication—A number of community members and parents have noticed and appreciate the changes to our school website. The updated site includes relevant forms and documents, a calendar and a section with 'latest news', which we do endeavour to keep updated! This week we have also introduced an SMS Broadcast service, to provide text messages to families as another form of communication for special events/times.

Yesterday families should have received a text about the *Magic 123 parent sessions* as an initial message to test the system and to remind all parents that this course is available to our community. The SMS service will be useful for times such as alerting parents/carers to postponements of carnivals/excursions due to weather or as reminders of events. If you did not receive the SMS yesterday please contact the office so that we can check our records are accurate.

Warm regards,
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Where Where Wedgie Project – 3/4 CJ and 3/4S

To extend our learning outside the classroom, we have planned an excursion to Knocklofty Reserve to participate in some hands on activities about Wedge Tailed Eagles and their life-styles.

This excursion (weather permitting) will be on Thursday 31st of May. We will be leaving school to walk to the Reserve just after 10.00 and will be returning by 2.00. The students will have their recess and lunch up at Knocklofty. Students will need to bring a coat in case of cold weather and also wear shoes suitable for walking. Parent or grandparent help would be very much appreciated. Please contact us at school if you are able to assist.



LOST! Grade 6 Leaver's Hoodie.

If found please return to school office.

A Big Congratulations to Jack and Henry Larkin who have been chosen in the U/12 state hockey team.

The competition is in Newcastle in August 12-18.

The boys have also been chosen as the goalkeepers for the June Long Weekend Intrastate competition. Well done Jack and Henry.



5/6Tymms and P/IStrohfeld Excursion—As part of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens 200th celebration, 5/6T and buddy class P/IS are planning a trip to visit on Friday the 18th of May. Students will travel to the gardens by bus leaving Goulburn Street at 9.30am and returning to school by lunch time.

POSTPONED

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Fox, Monique Schnitzer, Alan Morley and Lockie Fox who competed in Launceston last Friday at the State Athletics carnival. A fantastic achievement : Alan's team came 2nd in the Circular Relay,

Lockie came 6th in the 1500m

Kaitlyn came 2nd in the 800m

Monique came 2nd in the 400m, her team came 2nd in the 4x100m relay and she made the finals of the 100m

What a great day!



Aussie of the Month



The Aussie of the Month for April was awarded to Veri Peach.

Congratulations Veri.

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Australian Maths Competition

Students in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to participate in the Australian Maths Competition again this year. Students are asked to solve thirty problems in 60 minutes. The problems get progressively more difficult with students of all standards finding a point of challenge.

The competition date is *Thursday 9th August* when participating students will attempt the same tasks, on the same day in about 40 countries. Goulburn Street students will sit the paper in a room together.

The aims of the Competition are three-fold:

1. To highlight the importance of mathematics as a curriculum subject
2. To give students an opportunity to discover talent in mathematics
3. To provide resources for the classroom and general discussion

The cost is \$6.50 per student to register.

If you are in Year 3-6 and are interested, please fill out the form below and return to the office by May 25th.

Mrs J Sullivan
Program Manager

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I give permission for to participate in the Australian Maths Competition.

Enclosed is \$6.50

Signed: Date. / / 2018.

I 2 3 Magic – Parent Workshops

The School Association is investigating the possibility of co-sponsoring the popular **I 2 3 Magic** workshops for parents. The sessions are interactive and enlightening with two experienced facilitators providing valuable information and key strategies which support adults to recognise and manage different behaviours. This year the sessions will be held over two consecutive weeks, **Wednesday 30th May and Wednesday 6th June, from 6:00-9:00pm.**

Those who have participated in previous years have found the sessions to be extremely valuable as well as a chance to connect with others. We realise this is a big commitment by parents and it is also a significant cost to the school and School Association so we ask that those keen to participate complete and return the expression of interest form below by Friday 11th May.

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I 2 3 Magic – Parent Workshops – Expression of Interest

I hereby register my interest in attending the **I 2 3 Magic Parent Workshops** on Wednesday 30th May and 6th June, from 6:00-9:00pm.

In registering my interest I agree to pay \$10.00 for my personal copy of the course booklet, which will be distributed at the first session.

Signed:..... Date...../...../2018.

'123 Magic & Emotion® Coaching'

a practical course for parents and carers of 2-12 year olds

Over two evenings this six hour Parenting**Plus** course will help you develop some very important understandings and useful skills that can be implemented immediately:

- how to sort behaviour
- how to manage challenging and testing behaviours
- how to strengthen your relationship with your child
- how empathy can be used to develop your child's emotional intelligence
- choosing your strategy, the three choices.

Course dates: Wednesdays 30 May and 6 June
6pm - 9pm

Venue: Goulburn Street PS Staff Room

Cost: \$10 for 1 2 3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Workbook

To enrol: Register and pay for workbook at the school office or phone 62341884

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Gai Bath and Maxine Lowry have presented this course to over a thousand parents. Both are trained teachers and counsellors, with considerable experience and expertise as course facilitators!

Gai currently works as a counsellor at a local primary school. Maxine is a registered celebrant with experience as a master trainer for 'Parentshop', training other practitioners in the delivery of parenting courses in Queensland, NSW, Victoria and Tasmania.

Both are passionate about helping parents with this most important role, and guarantee that you **WILL** leave the training with important new insights into your children's behaviour and respectful management strategies.

What Parents Have Said About The Course

'very worthwhile'.....'not long enough'..... 'excellent and knowledgeable presenters'..... 'every parent should do this course'..... 'so much great information'.....
'You gave us the framework and the skills to be parents more confidently, and it's made a huge difference to the way we approach conflict. Our family life is much calmer now...mostly!!' 'You delivered the course with genuine insight and empathy, and with humour',..... 'I plead you never stop delivering the training, the next generation need to have these skills to succeed' 'It changed our lives!'

Sponsored by Goulburn Street School Association and the school

www.parentingplus.net.au