Wednesday 10 June 2015

Week 8 Term 2

Dear Families,

A big week for our Starstruck girls who have 2 rehearsals and 4 performances. We wish them all the best and to have a memorable experience. Special thanks go to Mrs Traynor and Mrs Woodbridge for their time and effort with the dancers both in school, Friday night, Saturday matinee, Saturday night and with organising costumes and transport. I look forward to seeing them perform on Friday night.

Reading at home forms an important part of our homework for students. Research shows that parental involvement in their child’s literacy activities, overwhelmingly helps lead to higher academic achievements, greater cognitive competence, greater problem-solving skills, greater school enjoyment, better school attendance and fewer behavioural problems. Similar impacts have also been identified with home literacy practices, including:

♦ Parental involvement in their child’s reading has been found to be the most important determinant of language and emergent literacy. Parents who introduce their babies to books give them a head start in school.

♦ Involvement with reading activities at home has significant positive influence not only on reading achievement, language comprehension and expressive language skills, but also on pupils interest in reading, attitudes towards reading and attentiveness in the classroom.

♦ Research show that the earlier parents become involved in their children’s literacy practices, the more profound and the longer lasting the effects.

The benefits of parental involvement extend beyond the realm of literacy and educational achievement. Studies show that children whose parents are involved show greater social and emotional development, including more resilience, greater self-direction, self-control and more positive peer relationships. It is therefore important that parents and carers provide a stimulating environment around language, reading and writing as well as supporting our home-reading program.

Congratulations to all the students who have achieved their 50 nights or 100 nights reading goals. It is never too late to start reading at home!

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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<td>School Athletics Carnival at Neegulbah Park, Lawson Rd, Macquarie Hills.</td>
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<td>Cardiff High “Opportunity and Enrichment Afternoon” 12pm to 2.30pm</td>
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**Return Term 3**
Our athletics carnival is next week (Thursday 18th June). All parents are invited to join us on the day. The canteen and a sausage sizzle will be available to purchase food and drinks. We look forward to a great day. A draft agenda will be out soon.

Stay warm.

Jo Swadling
Principal

P.S. If you have a MacBook computer at home that you are not using, you may like to donate it to the school to help sync our iPads. Please contact the office.

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Reminder—the office does not have change. Please send correct money when making payments.

Last Thursday Y6 students attended Planet Savers at the Wetlands in celebration of World Environment Day.

Students rotated through 5 hands-on activities presented by environmental experts.

Y6 Students with Mrs Gardiner
GOALS GALORE FOR GARDEN SUBURB

Last Friday’s visit to Upper Reserve to play Elermore Vale Public School was a very successful adventure for our soccer stars.

Our Junior boys were on a roll from the start with two early goals from Ben Harding setting the pace. Some excellent scrambling defence kept Elermore Vale out, including a goal line header from Reegan Clark, making sure Elermore Vale would remain goalless.

More second half goals guaranteed GSPS a 4-0 victory over very strong opposition. Jack Hellicar was excellent in attack and defence, earning this week’s best and fairest for the Junior team.

Jye Halligan made his debut for the season in style with a darting run through the Elermore Vale defence to open the scoring for GSPS in the first few minutes. Jacob Turnbull headed home an opportunity soon after to make the gap two goals. Some marvellous goal keeping by Mabor Kariom in the first half kept out Elermore Vale’s best efforts, until a gap was found in the defence allowing Elermore Vale to get one back.

The game ended 2-1 with GSPS on top. Mabor Kariom’s amazing keeping and great attacking in the second half earned him this week’s best and fairest for the seniors.

GSPS NET THEIR FIRST WIN

The netball games for round four started with a bang! The juniors put in 110% as they battled it out against Elermore Vale Public School. It was an extremely close game for the first quarter. The fans sure were on the edge of their seats as they watched the girls jump and dodge. The junior girls showed great sportsmanship throughout the nail-biting finale but unfortunately walked off the courts without a win. The result was 8-2. Our best and fairest was Safiya Rah who showed great defending skills. Amazing effort girls.

As the ball quickly made its way up to the senior girl’s goal end, the score rapidly escalated. Every one of the girls managed to pick themselves up from their loss against Glendore the previous week and showed Elermore Vale what they were made of, whilst showing outstanding sportsmanship of course. With their swift movements, strong passes and exceptional defensive skills, the senior girls won 27-2. The best and fairest was Amy Burns who played a big part in the girls win because of her amazing shooting talents. Nice job, senior girls.

There are no games this Friday as it is the StarStruck round. We will recommence on June 19th against Cardiff South at home. Well done to all our amazing players.

Mr Mathews and Lola Haylock (guest reporter)
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