Dear Families,

What a relief to finally see some warmer weather. Hopefully all our coughs, colds, bugs, chicken pox and whooping cough’s will all disappear with the sun. Our NAPLAN results for this year were pleasing, with some outstanding areas such as Year 3 writing, Year 3 numeracy, Year 5 spelling, grammar and punctuation and Year 5 maths, all going above state levels. The staff will take an indepth look at areas that we can target for improvement. Well done to all our students and staff.

Georgia, Liam, Lola and Lucas represented us proudly at the Hunter Spelling Bee finals yesterday. They all did well against some tough competition. Well done spellers.

Our Senior girls Netball had a wonderful finals day last Friday placing 4th overall in the competition. Great effort girls, Mrs Cusack and Miss Cootes.

The Year 5 & 6’s had an exciting few days at Bathurst and The Blue Mountains. The staff were very pleased with great behaviour, getting along, persistence and resilience. A huge thanks to Mr Mathews, Miss Stilgoe and Miss Davey for their commitment to our students.

We thank our fabulous interns Miss Shakespeare and Miss Mole for their amazing work with our staff and students. They have become a part of our school community and have gone above and beyond in all they have done. We wish them well for their graduation in the wonderful profession of teaching and I am sure we will see them returning for work. Mrs Traynor will be on the Ladybirds 5 days for Term 4 as Mrs McDermott takes leave.

Thankyou to Jacki, Fleur and their team of BBQers who gave their time to support the schools fundraising on Saturday. A big effort making $1600 to go to support our students. All monies raised go back into the school. This year we have bought 4 new projectors for rooms and the P & C have helped finance this. A big thankyou from our students and staff.

Don’t forget the FUN RUN this Friday (Out of Uniform). Any sponsorship money collected can be sent in now and will be finalised on the Friday of Week 2—6th October. After this date prizes can be ordered. There is a new box in the office for the collection of P & C things. This will be emptied daily and collected. No money is left on the premises. Have a great holiday, return safely.

Jo Swadling
Our Green Food Day held last Friday was a huge success with many students tasting some vegies for the first time. A big thank you to Mrs Burns for organising a generous donation of green foods from Cardiff Woolworths. Also thank you to the wonderful group of ladies who spent time preparing the vegies. Mrs Dorahy.

FINALS TEST FOR PSSA STARS

Friday in Week 8 and Week 9, saw our PSSA Soccer and Netball stars compete in the competitions Finals Series. This competition is only for the top four teams and saw GSPS face off against schools 3 times our size.

Our Senior Soccer players first played Elermore Vale PS, and despite winning against them several weeks earlier, the slippery conditions favoured Elermore Vale and they scored a late winner to take the match and a spot in the grand final with a 2-1 victory.

They then went on to face Edgeworth in the secondary final. Seeing as it was the Year Six players last game for the school, they all started the game and played the whole time. It was an entertaining match that ended 3-3 following an amazing headed goal by Jacob Turnbull.

Our Senior Netballers faced a difficult task in their first game against top placed Glendore PS. They battled hard but were overpowered by a well-oiled opposition.

In the next game, the girls played Barnsley PS for their first time this year. The first quarter saw a very close game, with Lola Haylock determined in her attack. Barnsley PS found form in the second half and took the win, with the girls finishing the year in fourth place. Well done girls.

On behalf of the school we would like to thank all the parent and students who supported and helped out this season. It was another great season of competitive sport and we are proud of our students amazing commitment and sportsmanship. Well done everyone, there will be a certificate assembly next term.
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