Wednesday 2 March 2016

Week 6 Term 1

Dear Families,

The 8 school leaders and myself travelled to Sydney on Monday to join 10,000 other students at the National Young Leaders Day. We had a great day listening to inspiring speakers such as NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione and Paralympian Ben Austin tell us all about their life journeys and experiences as leaders. Our Leaders travelled with other local schools and shared their experiences and made new friends.

Scripture has been sorted and the first class was today. We thank our volunteers for their time and commitment to religious education.

On Thursday Mr Mathews and our 3 superfish, Chelsea Scaron, Georgia McSeveney and Georgia Christian-Milne head off to Maitland pool for the Regional Swimming Carnival. We wish them the best of luck.

Unfortunately, after a tree inspection, our large gum tree near the COLA has to be removed. It has a rotten core half way up and has become dangerous. There are also several other trees and hanging branches that need to be removed. This will be done as soon as possible over a weekend. Thank you for your understanding!

On Friday, Mrs Dorahy has organised our CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY. Each class has an area to support. If all children could bring a pair of gloves that would be amazing! We do this in conjunction with our environmental studies in our curriculum.

Please note that lots of lunch boxes, drink bottles and cool bags are often left in the COLA and classrooms. Please label all your child’s belongings so we can return them or go to the lost property between the Emus and Wallabies rooms.

Also when entering from our new Myall Road gate please close it behind you as it is not self shutting. Jarvis is doing a great job monitoring this.

Congratulations to Lucas Fox who has made our Regional Team for tennis. He will be travelling to Tweed Heads in May to compete at State Level.

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Traffic Warning: As we have no footpath leaving from our driveway gate onto Progress Place behind the hall, children are unable to walk down the road after school. I understand parents use the grassed area to park on, but this forces students to walk down the street behind reversing cars. We have had many submissions to Lake Macquarie Council about this problem. Please add your support of our students by either ringing the council and complaining about student safety or contact our local member. Please wait to leave this area until all students are safely out of the street.

Have a cooler week.

Jo Swadling

**BUNNINGS BBQ**

Don’t forget our Bunning’s BBQ Day on Saturday 19th March, 2016. For those that are able to volunteer, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Theresa or Fleur through our Facebook page if you able to give us a hand or alternatively you can register on the volunteer site [http://vols.pt/rNiwt](http://vols.pt/rNiwt)

**Easter Raffle**

Every year GSPS holds an Easter Raffle. The success of this raffle depends on the generosity of the school community. We are now accepting donations of Easter eggs, chocolate rabbits and any other Easter goods. We will also accept donations of baskets. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon. This raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March during the Easter Fun Day.

**Medications at school**

Please be aware of the following:

- Parents of children who require prescribed medication (only medication prescribed by a Doctor, NOT over the counter medication) to be administered at school must complete a written request available from the school office.
- Medication must be in original packaging with prescription sticker.
- Students must not carry medications unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student’s parents. Asthma puffers may be carried by the student.
- Staff cannot administer Paracetamol to students.
DON’T FORGET THIS FRIDAY IS CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY!!

STUDENTS CAN BRING IN THEIR OWN GLOVES TO WEAR FOR THIS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY.

YOUNG LEADERS DAY 2016 IN SYDNEY

Binless Lunch Days Wednesday

‘Binless lunches’ have become a weekly event since the start of Term 2. It has been wonderful to see many of our students bringing NO throwaway rubbish on these days. This makes our school playground a much cleaner environment.
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