Dear Families,

Our wonderful swimming girls, Chelsea, Georgia and Georgia were great ambassadors for our school! Despite the fact they all improved their times (Chelsea by 10 seconds) they are not progressing to state. As Mr Mathews said there are some very fast swimmers in our region. Well done girls we are very proud of you.

NAPLAN notes have gone out to our Year 3 & 5 students. If you have strong objections to your child sitting this or wish to apply for an exemption please see Mrs Fletcher, myself or the office for the form.

This semester our staff are in the beginning phases of implementing the new History Syllabus. Each stage are trialling the new units and working together to ensure we have the resources and strategies to make this an easy transition from H.S.I.E to History. Our students will develop knowledge and understanding about the nature of history and key changes and developments from the past and develop knowledge and understanding about key historical concepts and develop the skills to undertake the process of historical enquiry.

The values and attitudes encompass the students valuing and appreciating history as:-

- a study of human experience.
- The opportunity to develop a life long interest and enthusiasm for history.
- The nature of history as reflecting differing perspectives and viewpoints.
- The opportunity to contribute to a democratic and socially just society through informed citizenship.
- The contribution of past and present peoples to our shared heritage.

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The content is divided into:-

Early Stage 1 — Personal and Family Histories

Stage 1 Present and Fast Family Life
The Past in the Present

Stage 2 Community and Remembrance
First Contacts

Stage 3 The Australian Colonies
Australia as a Nation

We are looking forward to this new educational journey together. Then Geography in second semester.

At the 1st P & C we discussed the Senior toilets, (top playground) and the issue of hand washing. I have spoken to a plumber about installing a sink in these toilets and are awaiting a quote. On Monday night we discussed Hot Cross Bun orders which will come out this week. Orders are to be placed in the P & C box in the foyer. Our Easter raffle is going well. If you need more tickets to sell please see the office. Donations of eggs are building up for some great prizes.

The Entertainment Book offer is coming again. This is a great fundraiser for the school.

Have a great 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 we need help from 12 to 1.00 and 1 to 2 pm, 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/rNiwtn

**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.

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

**SCHOLASTIC Book Club orders are due:**

21 March 2016

![Creer Property](image)
Unfortunately we have no sports shirts for size 6, 8, 10 & 12. The manufacturer is discontinuing this stock. P & C will look at what is available. Students are able to wear the school polo shirts for sport. Thank you for your understanding.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The link to book your parent teacher interviews can be found on our school website calendar.

Emus—Tuesday 15th March
Wallabies and Echidnas— Tuesday 29th March
Kookaburras, Bilbies and Seals—Wednesday 30th March
Koalas, Possums and Turtles—Thursday 31st March

Click on the link on the calendar to book an appointment.
Note coming out shortly with details and instructions.

SPORTS NEWS

Yesterday some of our students attended trials for Zone Soccer and State AFL. Congratulations to Amy Parkinson and Reegan Clark who have made the Zone Soccer Team. Finnegan Abbott has made the NSW State AFL Team. Well Done!!
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