Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This is a big week for our Year 3 & Year 5 students with the NAPLAN testing. The students sit tests on Language Conventions, Writing a Persuasive text, Reading and Mathematics. This runs over 3 mornings. The students have been well prepared by their class teachers in understanding the test conditions and types of questions. We wish them clear thinking this week.

Winter weather has hit us really quickly. This is a reminder to parents about winter uniform. Please remember we are in transition with the grey/green pants & lemon/gold shirts.

Our Mother’s Day stall was a great success with lots of great presents for mums. Sam did a fabulous job with lots of help from several mums, Karen McGaw, Michelle Foy and Terri Clark. We raised around $600. The new projector and screen will be installed in our new hall soon. At the P&C Meeting we voted to have a Father’s Day stall this year as well.

I have collated the responses of interest for a maths workshop for parents on mental computation. (jump method, trading etc). Miss Price has kindly volunteered to run 2 workshops to cater to as many parents as possible.

1. Monday 30th May 2.00pm to 3.00pm in the Library
2. Tuesday 14th June 5.30pm to 6.30pm in the Library

These workshops are a great opportunity to find out what your child is currently learning or will be learning. They are appropriate for parents from K to 6.

As always our canteen offers a wide variety of healthy choice meals for our students. Our canteen could not run without Terri’s efforts 5 days a week and the fantastic volunteers that support her. The students would like to thank all the volunteers who help at school.

A reminder to parents that if you have any concerns about other children at school and their interactions on the playground or in class please see the class teacher or myself. Please do not approach students at school.

A bike safety reminder – bikes and scooters are not to be ridden through the playground. Please encourage your child to walk bikes where there are lots of people e.g. outside the community hall as one of our kindy students was knocked over this week and hurt.

Don’t forget our Spring Fair is on Friday 21st October starting at around 3.30pm. If you have any ideas or wish to run a stall, please see Sam Higgins.

Our official opening of our School Hall is Thursday 9th June at 11.30am to 12.15pm. All parents are welcome to join us for this short assembly. The band and the infants students will be performing

Jo Swadling
Principal
Dates To Remember

10th, 11th, 12th NAPLAN Testing Years 3 & 5
18th, 19th, 20th Raw Art
24th May Uni Computer Test
26th May School Cross Country
30th May Parent Workshop for Maths – 2pm – 3pm
31st May Athletics Carnival
6th June P&C Meeting 6.30pm
9th June Official Opening of the School Hall at 11.30am
13th June Queens Birthday Holiday
14th June Parent Workshop for Maths 5.30pm – 6.30pm
15th – 18th June Star Struck Performances
20th June School Public Speak Offs this week (more information to follow)
21st June Uni Spelling / Writing Tests
22nd June BANDLINK
23rd June BANDLINK
24th June K-2 Excursion Reptile Park
WEEK 9 School Reports Home
WEEK 10 Parent / Teacher Interviews
1st July Last Day Term 2

CANTEEN ROSTER
Thursday 12th May T. Clark C. Lenton
Friday 13th May T. Clark S. Abberhart D. Abberhart
Monday 16th May M. Jones J. Kollen
Tuesday 17th May S. Douglas L. Borrows
Wednesday 18th May L. Taylor C. Armstrong

Star Struck Tickets
Now on sale from The Entertainment Centre at Broadmeadow.
Prices range from $28 - $46
Get in early to reserve the best seats!!!!

You Can – Schools Program
Have you or your friends, neighbours or relatives any old mobile phones lying around – then bring them up to the school office and donate them it’s for Cancer Research. Such a worthy cause.
Collection box is at the office.

Entertainment Books have arrived you can purchase from the office $60 per book.
Cheque or cash only.

Sports Report
• Thanks to all competitors who went to the Zone cross country, you were excellent representatives for your school and your efforts did us proud.
Special congratulations to Jaylen Boyce who will have the opportunity to go to Hunter cross country.
• Our cross Country will now be held in Week 5 May 26, it will be a great day.
• PSSA Soccer and Netball starts this week. Please make sure your money is handed in. We will be travelling to Edgeworth this week- Good luck to all.
• Congratulations to Lane Morgan who will be working with the Hunter Academy to further her Touch football achievements.
• Our Athletics Carnival will be on May 31st.
• If you are a parent or carer who can assist at any of these carnivals please see Mrs Owens.
• Any student who participates in little athletics could you please see Mrs Owens.

Thank you Amy Owen Sports Co-ordinator
Dear GSPS,

Greetings again from abroad! I have just returned from my second trip to Turkey for ANZAC Day. I was fortunate enough to be able to take my own tour group this time, and it was an unforgettable experience. I’m back working in London at the moment and Summer has finally started to shine. Goodbye coats and gloves, hello shirts and thongs! I’ve been ticking off as many countries as possible on my way, but Summer will prove to be my most hectic travel time. So far I’ve been around the UK (England, Scotland, Wales), Ireland, Iceland, Denmark, Sweden, Turkey and I’m going to France, Belgium and Holland for mid-term break.

I will be working for the tour company over Summer, where I will get to see Formula One cars in Valencia, run with bulls in Pamplona, throw tomatoes in La Tomatina and wear a lederhosen at Oktoberfest in Munich.

As well as this I will be doing my own exploring through Eastern Europe, including Croatia, Greece, Albania, Bosnia, Slovenia and Serbia. I will drop in for some pizza in Italy and hopefully work on my French in Southern France.

I will be one busy boy, that's for sure...

I have a really nice year 5 class over here, at a predominantly Indian and Pakistani school in North-West London. They are very quiet and hard-working, but I do miss GSPS a great deal!! The other day I was watching the video of the rock bands performance at Cardiff High School last year and it made me smile :)

Good luck to the NAPLAN kids, and all the best to the PSSA teams this year. I’m sure you will all try your best and achieve great things.

Look forward to seeing you all and telling many stories when I return.

Best wishes,

Mr Mathews

Wearing of the correct school uniform is an indicator of the students pride in their school and is an agreed item of our Welfare and Discipline Policy.

Please mark all belongings and make every effort to see that your child is dressed in correct school uniform.

BOYS UNIFORM

Summer and Winter
Green shorts or long pants
Gold and green polo style shirt
Bottle green cardigan/jumper/jacket
Bottle green track suits
White socks, black shoes
Bottle green hat or cap

Winter
Skirt of dark green tartan with two inverted pleats in front, no belt
Bottle green cardigan/jumper/jacket
Bottle green tracksuits
Green bootleg slacks
Gold and green polo style shirt
White socks/green tights, black shoes
Bottle green hat or cap

GIRLS UNIFORM

Summer
Bottle green box pleat shorts
Gold and green polo style shirt
A-line tunic of green and white check fabric, with bottle green tab at neck
White socks, black shoes
Bottle green hat or cap

Sport Uniform for all students
Bottle green micro mesh shorts
Gold and green sports shirt with logo
White socks, sports shoes
Bottle green hat or cap
Southern Cross

**TAE KWON DO Academy**
For Men Women and Children (from 5 years+)

**CARDIFF**
John Young Community Hall
Thomas Street
Mon: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

**Other Tae Kwon Do Classes:**
Dudley, The Junction, Wallsend, Broadmeadow,

4963 4151
*Self Defence * Confidence  * Co-ordination

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