

# Nothing But The Best

**MOUNT GRAVATT STATE SCHOOL**

**NEWSLETTER**

## COMING EVENTS

### TERM FOUR

**Monday 12 October**

**Tuesday 13 October**

**Wednesday 14 October**

*Yrs 5-7 Camp Warrawee*

**Thursday 15 October**

*P & C Meeting 7pm*

**Monday 19 October**

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Wednesday 28 October**

*Prep Information Session*

**Wednesday 25 November**

*Prep Orientation Morning*



## Principal's Message

*At last our new hall and library are beginning construction! From tomorrow (Friday) the work site for construction will be established. The northern carpark (tennis court) on Logan Road will be inaccessible for staff and families. Please find alternate pick up / parking locations. We will have a new multi-purpose hall (suitable for both sport and arts) with kitchen facilities on our current tennis court site and our current hall refurbished as a full resource centre (library). There will be some disruption to school access and activities during this time, but the final outcome will be wonderful for our school. If any families have concerns or questions about the project, please let us know.*

*Due to the work, we have no hall at present and therefore there will be no assembly this term. We will have a shorter "Notices Assembly" on alternate weeks for Prep-3 / 4-7. Next week will be the Prep-3 notices. This will be held in the tuckshop undercover area. Parents are welcome.*

*We are currently in review of our Responsible Behaviour Plan, in line with Education Queensland policy. The new policy will have a greater focus on bullying and cyber bullying. This will be done in conjunction with the P&C association and will be discussed at the next meeting. If any other parents would like to discuss the policy with me, please phone the office for an appointment.*

*Good luck to our Year 5-7 students who are off on school camp next week! It is wonderful that we have staff who are willing to give of their personal time for the development of students. I will be joining the campers through the day on Monday and Tuesday. Should be great fun!*

*I had a wonderful first day back at school on Monday. Our staff is so positive, supportive and happy. All staff I spoke to were happy to be back and had a great day. That is remarkable and commendable and makes our school a great place.*

*We have also experienced a rapid rise in enrolments which helps us continue to ensure Mt Gravatt State School is "Nothing but the best"!*

Regards  
Jenny Watson  
Principal



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**8 October, 2009**

**Parents & Citizens Association meets 3rd Thursday of month, 7pm - All Welcome!**

## P&C News

The P&C meeting for October is being held **next Thursday, 15th October** at 7pm in the school library. Everyone is encouraged to come along! Agenda items include the review of Responsible Behaviour Plan

## Swim Club

Mt Gravatt State School P&C Association Swim Club begins this Friday from 6pm at the pool. Everyone is welcome to come along and join the swim club to promote fitness, fun and water safety!

## Swimming

Swimming lessons for Years 1-3/4G will begin next week. Lessons for Year 4/5K—7 will begin the follow week, due to camp next week.

Students **must** have: swimming togs, towel, shirt for over swimming togs, comb/brush, swimming cap.

Prep students will commence swimming lessons in week 6.

Swimming is a compulsory part of our Physical Education program. If your child cannot participate in any week due to illness or injury, please send a note or phone the school. Alternate activities for assessment will be given to students who do not participate for more than one week in our swimming program.

For more information about swimming lessons, please talk to your child's teacher.

## Camp

Our school camp for Years 5-7 is next week! We are going to the YMCA Camp Warrawee on the north side of Brisbane. Activities include canoeing, rock climbing, archery, high ropes and much more! Staff attending include: Ms Scandrett, Mrs Lim, Mr Meehan, Ms Kennedy, Mrs Organ and Ms Watson or Mrs Webber. Thank you to the staff for giving up their own time and energy to organise and run the camp!

Students for camp must be at school at 8.30am on Monday morning. Bus will leave at approximately 9.30am. Students will return by 3pm on Wednesday.

Students should have out of their bags for the bus travel: water bottle, hat.

Students must NOT take: mobile phones, electronic equipment (eg PSP, DS, computer games, Ipods, MP3 players), food, lollies, jewellery, valuable items, aerosol cans.

Students from Year 5-7 not attending camp will be supervised with other teachers back at school.

## Safety

Parents should ensure their children understand road safety and appropriate behaviour. We have had some reports of inappropriate behaviour and unsafe actions crossing the road and on the buses. Staff are talking to students about safety and behaviour and we ask that parents also check their children's understanding and actions.

## Reminders

- The Pupil Free Day for Term four is on Monday 19th October.
- Students **MUST NOT BE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8AM** unless enrolled in Outside School Hours Care. We recommend an arrival time of between 8.30-8.45am.
- Please ensure your child wears school uniform each day.
- Students must not bring soft drinks, lollies, etc to school. This also includes hot take away food.
- The northern carpark off Logan Rd (near tennis court) will be out of action for the next few months as our hall is constructed. Families should use the southern carpark, stagger pick up time, use surrounding streets and carparks for drop off and pick up. Please talk to your children about road safety.

## Dates to remember

Camp—**Mon 12—Wed 14 October**

Pupil Free Day—**Monday 19 October**

Prep Information Session—**Wed. 28 October**

Prep Orientation Morning—**Wed. 25 November**

## Help Please

*In Japanese this term, years 4/5K and 5M will be looking at the differences between Australian and Japanese Homes. The students will be constructing a typical Japanese style room out of different materials. If you have any of the following materials around the house please send them to the Japanese room ASAP.*

*Large boxes (beer carton size is great), small boxes (between match box size and tea bag box size), all kinds of paper - corrugated, patterned wrapping paper, plain paper, bottle tops (any bottles), off cuts of fabrics, cellophane, wooden skewers, straws, ribbons, bows...any collage materials really.*

*We cannot start without these things so your help and support is much appreciated.*

*Arigatou gozaimasu!*

*Greer Sensei*

## Congratulations

The following students and teachers participated in the World Vision 40 hour Famine - 8 hours for primary school students) in August and September.

A total of \$1000 was raised by these 25 participants. Money raised will be used by World Vision to help those children in Third World countries who struggle to get enough food to eat every day. Congratulations to all the participants on their enormous fund raising effort and to all those who donated to the Appeal.

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| 1. Arwa          | 2. Khadijeh  |
| 3. Hamidah       | 4. Febby     |
| 5. Ahmed         | 6. Drew      |
| 7. Mark          | 8. Jamal     |
| 9. Casey         | 10. Dhruvil  |
| 11. Mitchell     | 12. Vanessa  |
| 13. Amber        | 14. Ali      |
| 15. Aurora       | 16. Mariam   |
| 17. Ally         | 18. Meg      |
| 19. Sudi         | 20. Lauren   |
| 21. Natasha      | 22. Kylie    |
| 23. Justine      | 24. Mrs. Lim |
| 25. Ms Scandrett |              |

## MULTICAP BOOK BONANZA

31 October—1 November 2009

8.00 am—12 noon

303 Padstow Road, Eight Mile Plains

### **BOOK DONATIONS WANTED!**

Multicap needs lots of books so please donate now. If you have any that you have read and don't need any more we would love to have them.

They may be dropped off to Multicap reception at Eight Mile Plains or contact Multicap Events and Partnership Co-ordinator, Katie Brown on 3340 9045 or [katieb@multicap.asn.au](mailto:katieb@multicap.asn.au)

## Babysitting Club

I am looking for parents at the school who would be interested in being part of a formal "Babysitting Club" whereby reciprocal babysitting is available. I am Mum to two boys at the school in Prep and Grade one. Raising kids is stressful and expensive enough without having to stress about finding and then paying for babysitting. Starting a babysitter club connects a group of parents who trust each other to babysit each others children.

If you are interested in making connections with other parents in the school and connecting our children then please contact me.

Lorrae Carr : [lcarr09@hotmail.com](mailto:lcarr09@hotmail.com) or 0422 811 940

## **ANNERLEY & DISTRICTS BLUE LIGHT DANCE PARTY**

**Friday 30th October 2009—HALLOWEEN THEME**  
**27th November and 11th December—Beach Party Theme**

**Ages: 8 to 15 yrs.**

**Time: 7pm to 9.30 pm**

**Cost: \$6**

Marymac Community Centre (616 Ipswich Rd Annerley)  
Police and Community Supervision

**No Alcohol, No Smoking, No Drugs, No Passouts, No objectionable Behaviour**

Also this year there will be discos for  
PREP to Grade 4

Discos to be held

27 November

Time: 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm

Cost: \$6

Marymac Community Centre (616 Ipswich Rd Annerley)  
Parents are encouraged to stay and enjoy the disco with their children.

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