



Nothing But The Best!

Mount Gravatt State School Newsletter

25 June 2015

Principal's Message....

Thank you to all families for a busy and focused term two. This term has seen our school review help us set direction for improvements in our school over the next four years. We will draft our Strategic Plan next term, but we are already working on some innovations to help improve results and lead our school to be the best.

You will see some timetable changes early next term, with a focus on strong Literacy Blocks in the morning. We are also changing processes for transitions at the beginning of the day and after breaks. Intensive reading and writing programs will be implemented.

We will be sending home term overviews to parents so that you know what your child is working on.

Interhouse sports for Years 4-6 will be held on Fridays and our Dance Fever program will add fun to the weeks!

Stay tuned for a fabulous term three!

Report cards have been sent home today. Parents should remember that these are a summary of your child's achievement in assessment against the Australian Curriculum. I encourage you to make a time to chat with your child's teacher if you have questions about the report or your child's progress.

Check your email inboxes for the emailed copy of the report card!

Enjoy spending time with your children over the holidays.

Regards

Jenny Watson

*Last day of term
Friday 26 June*

*School Resumes
Monday 13 July*

*Dance Fever begins
Week One!*

*Tuesday 14 July
Prep-3 Sports Day*

*Wednesday 15 July
Year 4-6 Sports Day*

*Fun With Maths
22-23 July*

**WE NEED YOUR
OLD KEYS! PLEASE
SEND TO OFFICE.**

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

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The Buzz

Be Safe!
Be Responsible!
Be Respectful!

Awards were recently presented to:

Class Awards: *Lilly, Lloyd, Aya, Jordan, Shafi Em-mersen, Amelia M, Maeve, Victoria, Irene, Jade, Sana, Nicholas, Taylor, Rhys, Nageen, Jakai, Thomas, Ivan*

Reading Awards: *Joshua W, Abdikarim, Natalya, Mat-thew, Ben P, Maeve, Madison*

Silver Buzz Awards: *Shardee-Mae, Liam, Chloe L, Ben-ji, Joshua W, Natalya, Carlos, Aaron, Travis*

Netball—Irene

Thinking Skills Awards— *Tasmiya, Shafi*

P&C News

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday 17th July at 7pm in the school library.

Agenda items will include Uniform Policy.

Volunteers Needed!

Can you help?

Uniform Shop—We are looking for a volunteer or two to help staff the uniform shop when our main volun-tee is away. If you can give an hour or so of your time on a weekday morning please leave your name and contact details at the office.

Tuckshop—We are looking for a tuckshop volunteers!

Fundraisers—If anyone would like to volunteer to run a Bunnings (or similar) BBQ on a weekend, please let us know. We need a coordinator for the event. Likely not to be this year, as we need to put our name down early, however would like someone to take this on as their contribution to the school for the year! Please let us know.

Report Cards

Your child's report card has been sent home today. It should be remembered that a rating of C / Sound / Working With means that your child has met the cur-riculum requirements of their grade level. Ratings of A or B mean that the student has met the require-ments to a high level and can apply the knowledge and skills confidently in a broad range of ways and situations.

We will review student programs based upon assess-ment results and apply interventions (via Support Plans) to students who do not reach expected bench-marks.

Report cards have also been email to all parents who have provided us with an email address. Please check your "Junk Mail" inboxes if you do not see the report card as some families in other schools have found re-

ports there. You may need to add One-School.applicaton@dete.qld.gov.au to your safe senders to ensure future reports are not sent to Junk folders.

From next semester we will be only emailing report cards. A paper copy will be provided if you do not have email access. Email is a much better way for you to receive report cards as it can be saved elec-tronically for future reference. Emailing reports al-so saves the school hundreds of dollars and a signifi-cant amount of time.

Should you have questions about your child's report card, please contact us to make an appointment ear-ly next term.

Absences

A reminder that all absences from school must be explained to enter into our system. Data regarding absences is tracked. Research shows that high ab-sence rates lead to lower outcomes. Each day away can make a difference.

If your child is away you can notify us by:

- ◇ Phoning 3343 0777 and leaving a message
- ◇ Emailing us on admin@mtgravatss.eq.edu.au
- ◇ **NEW**—Sending a text message to 0475 826 141. It is essential in the text you say your name, your child's name and the reason for absence. There will be no replies from this text service and it is only to be used for absences.

Tuckshop

There will be no tuckshop at the beginning of term three. We hope to have the tuckshop up and run-ning again as soon as possible.

Thank you to Selina for her work running the tuck-shop!

SPORTS DAYS

Prep-3 Sports Day

P-3 Sports Day is Tuesday 14 July. It will be held here at the school and goes for the full day.

Approximate plan for the day:

9am—10am Races

10am-11am Tabloid Sports Activities and games

11am-11.45am—Lunch break

11.45am-3.00pm Development Officers Sports Ac-tivities

Students will need: *Wide brimmed hat; sunscreen; sports uniform (or t-shirt of house colour); running shoes; water bottle; morning tea and lunch.*

Parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun!

Year 4-6 Sports Day

4-6 Sports Day is Wednesday 15 July. This event is held at the Mt Gravatt State High School Oval. Students come to school first, then walk up to the high school. If you do not want your child to walk to the high school for this event, please let us know.

Approximate program for the day:

9am—Walk to high school

9.15am—800 m (10 year olds and up)

9.45am—Sprints

11.00—Field events—Discus, Shot Put, Long jump

1.00—Return to MGSS.

Students will need: *Wide-brimmed hat; running shoes; sunscreen; sports uniform (or t-shirt in house colour); water bottle; morning tea & lunch.* Parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Uniform News

Parents should ensure that your child has a **plain BLACK** jumper / jacket for winter wear. Black jackets / tracksuits are available at most chain stores (e.g. Big W, Best & Less, K Mart, Target). The only acceptable jumpers are the school jumper/jacket or plain black. There should be no pattern / pictures on the jackets.

The Uniform Shop has some second hand winter wear for very reasonable prices.

Please make sure you mark your child's name on their jackets and jumpers, as we have quite a collection in lost property that belong to no-one!

Mount Gravatt State School P&C and community strongly values the uniform we have. We encourage pride in the uniform. We request that parents abide by the uniform policy. If you have difficulty in obtaining uniforms, please have a chat to us so that we can assist.

The uniform shop is open Tuesday mornings from 8.30-9.30am.

Please note the P&C will be reviewing the School Dress Code / Uniform policy at the next P&C meeting. Come along!

Dance Fever

Dance Fever will begin in Week 2 of next term. You still have time to pay the \$15 for the ten lessons! (great value at \$1.50 per lesson). Payments can be made in the first week of term. Our week one lesson has been "relocated" due to the sports days.

Fun with Maths

On 22nd and 23rd July all students Prep-Year 6 will participate in a fun excursion "Fun with Maths". Students will participate in a range of interactive numeracy activities that will support the curriculum. Activities are hands-on, learner-centred, fun, have a real-life context and involve problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and teamwork. Cost is \$7.00 per child. Invoices will be sent home after the holidays, with payment due 20th July.

Payments

A reminder if paying by BPay or Direct Debit, please include your child's name in the reference, otherwise it can be difficult to match payments to students. Please mark the date paid on the permission form.

Lego Centre/Museum Excursion

IT WAS AWESOME!

At the Qld Museum we visited the Inventory to learn about toys like old ones, new ones, moving ones and plastic ones. After that we went to explore the museum in our groups with a teacher. We saw dinosaur bones and we learnt more about almost extinct animals like rock wallabies and we also learnt about dinosaurs.

At the Lego Centre we made a bridge out of Duplo blocks for a toy troll to fit underneath. After we made the bridge one of the educators came and tested how strong it was by pushing on it really, really hard. And our group passed the test. J

By Sarah A 1/2M

Keys

We still urgently need your old keys for our You Can Do It! Program! If you are going past a locksmith / key cutting shop, please ask if they have spares for us!