



Nothing But The Best!

Mount Gravatt State School Newsletter

3 December 2015

Principal's Message....

This will be our last newsletter for 2015. The year has flown by and we are all looking forward to a big rest.

This year saw us undergo a four yearly school review. We have now finalised our Strategic Plan for 2016-2019. If you would like a copy of the plan, please contact the office.

Our core priority area this year has been Reading. Staff have undergone significant professional development in this area and we have re-designed our literacy blocks each morning to give strong focus to the area. Results have been amazing so far. We will continue this work in 2016. We are working hard to re-design and improve our school around our vision of **Clever, Creative, Caring** students and community.

I wish to thank all families for your support this year. Parents help out in so many ways: on the P&C, tuckshop, in classrooms, with swimming lessons and much more. Your positive attitude to school and support of your child's learning at home is also vital. We hope to see more families involved in the P&C next year as one way you can have a say and make a difference. Special thanks to our P&C Executive: Kelly, Andrew, Alison and Anne. Thanks also to Kelly and helpers for running the Uniform Shop and to Selina, Jo and helpers in the tuckshop.

Big thanks too to our staff. We all work together well to provide opportunity for students and it is a privilege to be part of the team.

Congratulations to our Year 6 class. I wish you all well in High School. We hope you look back with pride on what you achieved in your primary years.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a relaxing time over the holidays and a happy Christmas season.

Enjoy the time with your children!

Regards

Jenny Watson

*Friday 4 December
9am**

*Awards Ceremony—
final assembly*

*Monday 7 December
2.40pm*

Song presentation

*Wednesday 9
December
Year 6 Farewell*

*Thursday 10
December
Break Up
Celebrations*

*Friday 11 December
Last Day term four*

*Wednesday 27
January 2016
First day term one*

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:

Student of the week: Serani, Travis, Maeve, Ashton, Aaliyah, Arckan, Ben P, Hannah May, Arum, Rimaz, Nicholas, Sumaya

You Can Do It!: Catalina, Madison L, Lowana, Aled, Giang, Adam, Armandeep, Kira, Nurha, Piper, Senadie, Emmersen

Reading: James, Jackson T, Parsa, Chris, Ella O, Jessica, Jaxon B, Aled, Mohammad, Yara, Adam, Irene

Home Reading: Zaynah, Jesse, Chloe L, Kira, Judy, Aled, Chris, Travis, Abdi Duran, Rehan, Prabhdeep

Silver Buzz: Baileigh, Chris, Seb U, Thomas, Ruwayda, Subayda, Oliver C, Rimaz, Alexia, Mia

Gold Buzz: Alif, Maeve, Mali, Chloe P, Liam I, Caitlin D, Lilly H, Benji, Zainab, Shurjo, Giang, Sana, Aston, Liam, Jakai, Prabhdeep, Kaitlyn, Hannah, Emma, Jade, Zane, Jagveer, Mujtaba, Freya, Manaal.

WELL DONE!

P&C News

Thank you to everyone who has been part of the P&C for 2015.

We look forward to more families joining the P&C in 2016 and having a say to make the school even better.

Our first meeting will be held on Thursday February 18th at 7pm in the school library.

Parent Teacher Interviews

If you have not yet spoken with your child's teacher, please contact us to arrange a time for interview.

Break Up Celebrations

Our Break Up Day Celebrations are held on Thursday 10th December. Students may wear free dress on that day. Please make sure clothing is still appropriate—no singlet tops (sun safe clothing only), wide brimmed hat, shoes & socks. Classes will be planning fun activities on this day. Please see your child's teacher with any questions about the day.

Friday 11th December is the final day of term. Uniform must be worn on this day.

E-Newsletter

Our newsletter is available electronically via our website and Q-Schools app.

The Q Schools app is available for android and apple devices. You download the app, choose the schools you wish to connect to and you will receive quick updates from our website, with notifications available. Our newsletter should then appear every

Thursday straight after print publication. Latest news and calendar items also appear. Alternatively you can go to our website and read the newsletter.

Music—Count Us In

Next Monday, 7th December at 2.40pm in the hall our Prep-Year 4/5 students will be performing the "Music—Count us in" song "Gold". Parents are welcome to come along.

Swimming Carnivals

Thank you to Elaine Wixted for organising our swimming carnivals and to the staff and parents who helped out.

Our age champions were:

10 years: Zachary, Jade

11 years: Jaxon N, Haley

12 years: Caleb T, Cherise

Winning house was Hinkler!

Well done to all the swimmers! Great effort.

Report Cards

Report Cards this semester will be emailed to families. Please check with us if you have changed your email address. Please also save the report card so that you have it for future reference.

If you have not provided us with an email address you will receive a paper copy.

Reports will be sent in the last week of term.

2016 School Year Change

The Minister for Education has declared that Monday 25th January 2016 will now be a Pupil Free Day for students. With Tuesday 26th January being a Public Holiday for Australia Day, this means that school will start on Wednesday 27th January, 2016.

QParents App

Don't forget to download the QParents app (free on both apple and android devices). This app can help keep you up to date on school events. Calendar items are available via the app and you can read newsletters online through the app or our website.

End of Year Awards Ceremony

This year the P&C Association is sponsoring our new end of year awards ceremony. Awards will be presented for *Learning Excellence* and for *Commitment to Learning*. There will be one main award for each grade, with certificates presented as well.

The ceremony will be held tomorrow on Friday 4th December at 9am in our school hall. Parents will be

welcome to come along.

The new awards are part of our focus on high achievement and positive learning habits. There will be no assembly next week, 9 December.

End of Year Activities

Friday 4th December 9am—Awards Ceremony—*Parents welcome to attend.*

Monday 7th 2.40pm in hall—Prep-Year 4/5 singing “Gold”

Wednesday 9th December—Year 6 Farewell, 6.30pm in hall

Thursday 10th December—Break Up Day Celebrations— See class teachers for activities. Students may wear free dress— please make sure clothing is appropriate for school and sun safe. No singlet tops allowed. Wide brimmed hat and shoes/socks needed.

Friday 11th December—Last day of term. Students must wear school uniform.

Booklists for 2016

Booklists for 2016 will be sent home next week. They will also be available on our website soon.

Office Opening Hours 2016

Our school office will be open from Tuesday 19 January 2016, 9am-2pm.

The uniform shop will be open the week prior to school starting back. Check the school website for opening hours.

You can contact the school over the holidays on the email address:

admin@mtgravatss.eq.edu.au

This email inbox will be checked weekly through most of the holidays.

Outside School Hours Care

The PCYC OSHC will be open during the school holidays with fun activities and quality care for school aged students. Please phone 38498233 to book into the service.

School Watch

During the holidays students should not be in the school grounds unless in the OSHC service.

If you see any suspicious activity in the school grounds during the holidays, please phone school watch on 13 17 88.

Carol White Swim School

Learn to Swim and Squad Training at Mt Gravatt State School pool. Please phone 38923683 or 0413170441 for more information.

End of Year Date Claimers

Friday 4 December—Awards Ceremony & Art Display 9am

Monday 7 December 2.40pm—Song presentation

Wednesday 9 December—Year 6 Farewell Ceremony

Thursday 10 December— Break Up Day Celebrations

Friday 11 December—Final day of term

Monday 25 January 2016—Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 26 January 2016—Australia Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 27 January 2016—School resumes

St Agnes Netball Club Registration

The St Agnes Netball Club at Mt Gravatt has just opened registrations for the netball season beginning in April 2016 and finishing in August. The games are played on Saturdays at Wembley Park, Coorparoo. Girls who are in grade 2 in 2016 and older are very welcome to join the club. Registrations close on Friday 27th November. **All new players who would like to play in 2016 please email stagnesnetballclub7@gmail.com** to receive further information. Registration occurs through an online system.

There will be no sign on day.

Fees are \$210 per player for the season. Uniform try on day will be Friday 27th November after school in the undercover area at St Agnes Primary School. New and second hand uniforms will be available. More details about uniforms will be provided in the email that will be sent to you.

AFL

The Mount Gravatt Junior Australian Football Club is accepting registrations of players interested in participating in the 2016 season.

If you are looking for a great way for your child to stay fit and participate in a team sport which provides them with a fun, safe and positive experience then this is the sport to try.

JUNIOR AGE GROUPS (under 6 to under 10) PLAY WITH MODIFIED RULES REGARDING THE LEVEL OF CONTACT ALLOWED.

Registration fees for juniors start from \$108 for under 6 players to \$245 for under 10 players with juniors games being played on Saturday mornings. Youth football is played on Sundays and fees are \$295. Fees include all game fees, insurance and a training singlet for each registered player. In addition, there are further incentives including Brisbane Lions Jerseys for players born in 2007 and tickets to selected Brisbane Lions AFL games or subsidised memberships.

For further information please contact either the President Russell McDonald on 0401 685 171 or check our website (Google search Mt Gravatt Junior AFL) or by email at mtgravattjuniors@aflbj.com.

