



Nothing But The Best!

Mount Gravatt State School Newsletter

10 September 2015

Principal's Message....

ANY MORE RAFFLE TICKETS TO RETURN? PLEASE SEND THEM IN TOMORROW MORNING BEFORE 9AM!

It has been exciting this term to see the growth in student ability in reading and writing. Teachers have been working with precision on refining the reading and writing programs in the school, with a focus on high engagement and rich activities.

Teachers collect and analyse data regularly to refine programs for individuals and groups. We have been working with a Regional team of experts to refine our comprehension and decoding strategies programs to align with achievement of higher standards. Excitement has grown with the progress seen, particularly in the younger students.

We have also been working on a writing framework to support student understanding of the specific mechanics of the writing process. This assessment and teaching framework gives students very specific feedback as to how to improve their pieces of writing. We can drill down to the individual elements of writing and it is remarkable how much students can improve with this very specific feedback.

Parent teacher interviews will be held early next term.

You can, of course, make an appointment at any time to meet with your child's teacher. It is important though that you do not disturb the teaching day between 8.50am and 3pm. For urgent notices to teachers please phone the school or email your query or notes through to admin@mtgravatss.eq.edu.au and the information will be passed on to the teacher.

A reminder that students must not be dropped at school prior to 8am. No supervision is provided until 8.30am.

Regards

Jenny Watson

WEDNESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS!

Book Fair open until 5.30pm Friday!

*Friday 18 Sept
Netball Game
Mt Gravatt SS vs St Agnes SS*

*Friday 18 Sept
Last day of term*

*Monday 5 October
Public Holiday*

*Tuesday 6 October
First day term three*

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:

General Awards: *Freya, Ryan, Aston, Shaelyn, Matt, Luqman, Sarah T, Daemon, Josh T, Nurha, Haley, Zeina, Joya, Aya, Rhys, Adam, Irene, Jaxon N, Emmersen, Caitlynn A, Luke C, Brianna S, Caitlin D, Sana, Zainab, Jackson T, Cayni, Tasmiya, Maddison H, Lucy, Aiko, Ashutosh, Yara, Haley, Randima, Josh B, Lucy, Chloe, Ella O, Kaelan, Xantayne, Freya, Mia, Ali S, Josh T, Arckan*

Reading Awards: *Lilly W, Piper, Sebastian S, Chris, Joshua W, Maeve, Isaac, Olivia, Neo, Mazin, Summer, Amir, Maeve, Maya, Joshua, Jesse, Benji*

Silver Buzz Awards: *Nargis, Tahlia, Deanna, Zaynah, Shafi, Maya, Hayden, Isaac, Lilly H, Summer, Jaxon N, Victoria, Hannah, Nageen, Jack, Jackson T, Sanjay, Leika*

Gold Buzz Awards: *Amir, Luke*

1st Place Ekka Day Thinking Challenge: *Shaelyn*

P&C News

The next P&C meeting is next Thursday, 17th September at 7pm in the school library meeting room. Everyone is encouraged to come along!

Raffle!

Any final raffle tickets and/or money that has not yet been returned can be sent in to school tomorrow (Friday) morning by 9am please.

The Raffle will be drawn tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at approximately 3.30pm at the Book Fair.

Prizes are:

1st prize: Family (2A, 2C) pass to SeaWorld, Wet & Wild, Movie World

2nd prize: Family day pass to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

3rd prize: \$50 Good Guys Voucher

4th prize: Esky Hamper

5th prize: Kids Toy Pack

Tuckshop

The tuckshop meal deal day is tomorrow. Please note that no orders can be accepted late for the meal deals. Thank you to the parents helping with meal deal days!

Uniform News

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 School Dress Code (Uniform policy) has been reviewed by the P&C and will be endorsed at the next P&C meeting.

The **uniform shop** is open Tuesday mornings from 8.30-9.30am and Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm-3.30pm.

Outside of these hours, please leave your order and payment at the office and it will be attended to as soon as possible.

Lost Property

Our Lost Property tubs are full to overflowing. We have many, many jumpers and jackets with no name. Please check our Lost Property before the school holidays, as items not claimed by then will be donated to charity or put in the second hand uniform shop.

School Photos

School photos were taken yesterday. Thank you to everyone for cooperating with the process. If you wish to contact the photographer for late orders or enquiries, please go to www.advancedlife.com.au or phone 1300 728 972.

Photos are not expected back at school until a few weeks after the holidays.

Dance Fever

Our time dancing each Tuesday is coming to an end. Students have enjoyed learning new skills and having fun dancing.

To celebrate the end of the dance fever program, parents are invited along to watch the students perform the dances they have learned.

Date: Tuesday 15 September

Session times:

10.15am: 2/3L, 3BT, 4G

11.45am: 4/5D, 5/6M, 5/6S

12.30: 1PR, PLF, 1/2M

Swimming

The PE program will involve swimming from week 2—9 in term 4 for all students Prep—Year 6.

To participate in swimming, please ensure your child has the following items:

⇒ Swimming togs

⇒ Rashie or T-shirt to cover togs (compulsory)

⇒ Towel

⇒ Swimming cap (compulsory)

⇒ Goggles (optional).

Please have these items marked with your child's name, as well as school uniform!

These items are pre-requisites of swimming and if your child does not have these items they will not be able to participate. Students should not wear their swimming togs under their uniform to school for hygiene reasons. It is an expectation that all children will be part of the swimming program as it is part of the curriculum and a major assessment for Physical Activity.

If your child cannot participate for any reason, a note of explanation will also exempt your child for being marked no participation.

If your child does not participate in 3 or more lessons over the term without a letter of explanation, unfortunately your child will not pass the Physical Activity component of HPE and it will bring their overall grade down for the semester.

If your child has a legitimate reason for not participating in the program long term, a study project will be given to them with an expectation for both oral and written presentation. This will go towards end of term result.

If your child is not swimming they will not be permitted to be in the pool area, but will be sent to another classroom while the swimming lesson is in progress. Over the term we will be covering stroke correction and swimming safety for the middle and upper years, with many challenges set out to be performed. The lower years will have an emphasis on Learn to Swim and water awareness / familiarisation. Near the end of term we will have our swimming carnival. Thank you for your support in helping your child be water safe and water wise.

We still need parent helpers for swimming lessons, especially for the lower grades. If you can help on Tuesdays / Wednesdays let your class teacher know. Lesson times are still too to be determined.

Thank you
Elaine Wixted
PE Specialist.

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.

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. If you are using the new BPoint Website to make payments to school, please ensure you use the correct customer reference number, invoice number and amount. If you do not enter the correct invoice number it does not match against your child in our finance system. *The new BPoint Website is the preferred and simplest method of payment. Details on invoices. Please also note that we cannot give change at the school. Please send in correct money for payments. Late payments for excursions cannot be taken. Please observe due dates for payments.*

Nude Food is here to stay!

Last term, we held our first Nude Food Day and it was a great success. Students were excited and made a

great effort to pack a rubbish food lunch. Our school leaders undertook a rubbish audit both before and after the Nude Food Day and the results showed a dramatic decrease in the rubbish around our school and the environment. Every **Wednesday will be Nude Food Day** and our leaders will be on the look-out with lucky tickets for students with rubbish free lunches.

Homework Club

There will be no Homework Club next week (last week of term). Homework Club will recommence in week 2 of next term. Starting date will be Tuesday 13 October. Please note that for this day only Homework Club will finish at 4pm.

Art Show

We apologise for the postponement of the Art Show. We will be holding this event in term four.

Mt Gravatt Mackerels Swim Club

The Mt Gravatt Mackerels Swim Club will hold their Sign ON Night on Friday 9th October from 6pm at the Mt Gravatt SS Pool. Membership is \$40 for an individual or \$70 for a family of 2 children. \$20 each additional child. Free Sausage Sizzle! Everyone is welcome! Enquiries, phone 0434 461 388.

Carol White Swim School

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

Student work...

The Dangerous Villain

By Arckan, 1/2M

At the Hall of Justice the Justice Sleek Superhero team are waiting for danger! The judge asked the team, "Will there be danger today?" The team said "Yes, there will be danger!" Batman, the head of the Justice Sleek Superhero team told the team "Have your breakfast now!" Batman said out loud "This team is lazy today!" The Justice Sleek Superhero team discovered that there was one villain in the city. The Justice Sleek Superhero team went to the city to take the villain to jail. The villain was very dangerous because he had a shotgun. The Justice Sleek Superhero team said to the villain "Surrender or we will take your money!" The villain said to the team "I am from KFC. You will never stop me!" The villain ran by the cars. The Justice Sleek Superhero team ran after the villain. The Justice Sleek Superhero team jumped on the villain and said "You are going to jail forever." The villain said one word: "No". The judge was pleased with their effort and that they had stopped danger from happening.