



Nothing But The Best!

Mount Gravatt State School Newsletter

24 August 2017

5 cent fundraiser last day is next Thursday, 31st August! Please save up your loose change and send in to the school!

If you shop at Woolworths, please collect the Earn and Learn stickers! We have a box for collection of stickers at Mt Gravatt Mountain View Plaza, along with a collection box at our school office. Please send in stickers or the completed sticker sheets!

Reminder: Please do not park in the car park marked for people with disabilities. This car park is in the northern end (city side) car park. It has a Disabilities car park sign. This car park should only be used by people with the appropriate permit.

School Photos—Wednesday 6th September—Students need to wear formal (striped) uniform.

Recently I have been made aware of the significant number of students with online social media accounts. Students right down to grade four are accessing sites such as Instagram and Musical.ly. These sites should not be used by children under 13. It appears that many students have multiple accounts and at times use these accounts inappropriately, with cyber bullying happening and students having online “friends” they have never met and whose identity cannot be checked.

I would urge parents to be vigilant with regards to safety online with their children. I am certain there are parents who are unaware of the extent of their children’s activities online. Please check their devices and have a strong word with them about their online activities.

I have been touch in the last week with the office of the e-safety commissioner and with the Department of Education & Training’s cyber safety division. We will be having a team come out early next term to work with staff and students and also hope to run an information session for parents.

I have already held two sessions on cyber safety for students in years 5 and 6 and will continue to work with the teachers to assist students be cybersmart and good digital citizens.

It should be noted that social media sites are blocked on the school network, so online activity is occurring at home.

Good information is available online at: www.esafety.gov.au

If you would like to discuss cyber safety further, please contact me on admin@mtgravatss.eq.edu.au

Wendy Johnson

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

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School Disco

Fri 25 August

Parent Teacher

Interviews

28 & 29 August

Dance Fever payments

due Wed 30 Aug

\$30

Japanese Obento Lunch

Thurs 31 August

Art Show & Book Fair

5 & 6 Sept

School Photos

Wed 6 Sept

NUDE FOOD DAY

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Please send in waste-free lunch!

Great state. Great opportunity.



The Buzz

Be Safe!
Be Responsible!
Be Respectful!



Awards were recently presented to

Student of the Week: *Jamie, Mahil, Emily U,*

Hareera, Seyara, Nira, Joshua W, Nate, Diyar, Breanna

Reading Award: *Sarah, Blake B, Angela, Subhdeep,*
Ethan J, Seb U, Razan, Neveen, Aaleya, Ethan G

You Can Do It! Award: *Baylie, Carlos, Jabir, Lucy H,*
Maddie, Kyesha, Savannah N, Amelia Mc, Rocco, Rajveer
WELL DONE!

Attendance —Every day counts!

A reminder that every day does count! Student attendance is important. We expect an attendance rate of minimum 93%. Students should only be absent for illness as needed. Student attendance is monitored closely.

There are many children arriving late to school. Lateness is not acceptable. School starts at 8.50am and it is essential that students are at school on time. Literacy (Reading) lessons are the first lessons for the day. All time missed makes an impact.

We will be following up with families whose students regularly arrive late.

Attendance rates for the last two weeks:

Whole school—87.6%

Prep - 85.6%

Year One—85.9%

Year Two—89.3%

Year Three—95.6% - ☺Well done year three!

Year Four—91%

Year Five—83%

Year Six— 85.6%

If you need assistance in getting your child to attend school and be on time, please contact us to make an appointment to discuss the matter.

P&C NEWS

The next Parents and Citizens Association meeting will be held on Thursday 19 October at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come along!

At the August P&C Meeting the following items were discussed: *Swimming Pool maintenance for leaking, Book List supplier for 2018, School Concert and options for 2018, Art Show, Disco, Fundraising, Uniform Shop.*

5 Cent Fundraiser

Next week is the last week for the P&C 5 cent fundraiser!

Every little bit helps! Raid the back of the couch and the car console for that small change that makes a big difference to our school. All funds raised go directly into classroom resources.

Fathers' Day Stall

A stall selling gifts for Dads and other special people will be held on Thursday 31st August. All gifts are \$5.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop is open Tuesdays 8.30-9.30am and Thursdays 2.30-3.30pm.

Please make sure your child has a school hat—available for \$12.

Formal shirts are available to buy, to be ready for school photo day.

Tuckshop Meal Deal

The next meal deal day is Friday 1st September. Orders are due in by Wednesday 30th August 9am.

Please note that any orders received after that point may not be filled! On time orders are important!

On offer is a Noodle Stir Fry (chicken or vegetarian) and a popper juice for \$6.

Please put all orders in a paper bag with name and order on the front. Include correct money as change is not given.

(paper bags can be bought in bulk from the supermarket, near the wraps and lunch bags.

Dance Fever

Payments for the Term 4 Dance Fever program are due next Wednesday, 30 August. This program is a weekly dance class full of fun and excitement. Cost is \$30 for the term's dance program.

Students who do not participate in the Dance Fever program will participate in an alternate dance program run by school staff, as dance is part of The Arts and PE program.

School Opinion Survey

The last day to submit the parent responses to the School Opinion Survey is tomorrow, Friday 25 August. All families were sent a sheet of paper (blue) with the code for access to the survey. We strongly encourage all families to participate in the survey, it only takes a few minutes!

School Photos

School photos are on Wednesday 6th September.

Photo order envelopes have been sent home. Please ensure you read the instructions carefully. Payment is made directly to the photography company. Please do NOT pay the school online for photos.

All orders MUST be in prior to photo day.

Students must wear formal, striped shirt on photo day. *They must have neat hair, clean uniform, no jewellery or inappropriate accessories. White socks and appropriate school shoes as per the uniform policy. Year 6 students may wear their Year 6 shirt for individual photos and the Year 6 group photo, but must have formal striped shirt for class photo.*

If you would like a family photo of your children please collect a siblings photo envelope from the office.

Disco

Our school disco is tomorrow, Friday 25th August. Please note that tickets for the disco had to be bought by today (Thurs). No tickets can be bought at the door.

A few reminders about the disco:

- ◇ Students should be picked up promptly at the end of the disco
- ◇ Year 3-6 students may NOT stay after school. They must go home and return at 4.30pm for the disco.

Thank you to Miss Donna and her helpers!

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Mount Gravatt State School is again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school—and all we need you to do is collect stickers when you shop at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26 July to Tuesday 19 September or while stocks last, we are collecting Earn and Learn stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the sticker onto a Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker sheet and when it's complete, the sticker sheet can be dropped into the collection box here at school or at our local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some new equipment.

If you'd like to know more, visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews for semester two will be held on 28 and 29 August after school.

Book online at www.sobs.com.au

Please make sure you write in MOUNT Gravatt (not Mt) to search for our school.

If you need assistance to book an interview, please contact the school office.

2017 Paddlepop Stick Challenge

This year we have had a Paddlepop Stick design competition. Many groups of students got together and designed blueprints of their structures and had to build them from paddlepop sticks and matchsticks. The competitive teams had to overcome challenges such as the object sticking to the cardboard and the sticks going bent, not straight. They will be presented at the Art Show on the 5th and 6th of September.

By Sophie C, 5/6S

Nude Food Day

Nude Food Day is Wednesdays - to help reduce the amount of rubbish lying around the school grounds. All you have to do is bring a lunch box to school that has no rubbish in it at all. That means no plastic wrap and no packaging. Try to bring all of your food in small containers that you can wash at home and reuse the next day.

The school leaders will come around to the eating areas during first break to see who has Nude Food. If your **food is nude** then you will receive a lucky ticket to place in the ticket box at the office. We will draw out one ticket each week for junior school and senior school and those students will win a prize. Nude Food winners for the last fortnight were: Ruwayda, Ahnaf, Leah-Marie and Freya.

So, **let's go nude with our food** and get behind NUDE FOOD DAY next Wednesday to help save our environment.

From Jagveer and Hannah (School Captains)

Art Show Donations

Thank you for the overwhelming response to our request for donations for the Art Show stalls. We now have plenty to assist the students' stalls. Thank you to all families who generously donated.

Art Show & Book Fair

Our Art Show and Book Fair is being held on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th September from 3.15-4.30pm. Everybody is welcome to come along, see the student art work and buy some books. The Book Fair is a great way to help promote reading with your child, and possibly stock up on gifts for the kids! Sales at the book fair help us to get free library books.

Tuesday 5th— Music presentations, robotics display, art, book fair, student stalls, chips & drink on sale.

Wednesday 6th—Art, book fair, Netball display and staff vs students match.

Community Notices

Soccer

Sunnybank Saints 6-a-side soccer competition starts next term at night for 8 weeks. Small sided soccer on a small field. Organise your own team of 8 or join as an individual and we will find you a team. Ages from 7-40yrs men's, women's, boys and girls are invited to register. No experience required! Just have FUN, FUN, FUN! All enquiries to Julie Williams 0404 657

Does attendance really matter?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but...

<i>If your child misses...</i>	<i>That equals...</i>	<i>Which is...</i>	<i>And over 13 years of schooling that's...</i>	<i>Which means the best your child might perform is...</i>
<i>1 day per fortnight (90% attendance rate)</i>	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years <i>LOST</i>	Equal to finishing at Year 11
<i>1 day per week (80% attendance rate)</i>	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years <i>LOST</i>	Equal to finishing at Year 10
<i>2 days per week (60% attendance rate)</i>	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years <i>LOST</i>	Equal to finishing at Year 7

IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT SCHOOL, THEN
YES, ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but...

<i>He/She is only missing just...</i>	<i>That equals...</i>	<i>Which is...</i>	<i>And over 13 years of schooling that's...</i>
<i>10 minutes</i>	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>half a year</u>
<i>20 minutes</i>	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
<i>Half an hour per day</i>	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a half years</u>
<i>1 hour per day</i>	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day? Literacy Lessons are the first lessons of the day. That's when every minute counts the most!

School starts at 8.50am.

Late arrival causes distress for the child and disruption to the class.



Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner



esafety.gov.au/iparent