



Nothing But The Best!

Mount Gravatt State School Newsletter

4 May 2017

REMINDER: RAW ART PAYMENTS DUE TOMORROW, FRIDAY 5TH MAY—\$18 PER CHILD—COVERS TWO WORKSHOPS WITH ARTISTS.

Thank you to the parents who came along to parent-teacher interviews. It is very important that parents keep in touch with their child's teacher so we can work together to help your child achieve their best.

It has come to my attention that some children are playing unsupervised in the school grounds at times. Supervision in the school grounds is only provided from 8.30am-3.00pm. Outside of those times parents must closely supervise their own students in the school grounds. There have been some unsafe situations over the past few years so we must be vigilant with supervision. We cannot be sure students are safe from human and environmental dangers if they are not supervised. The school is not a playground or park. Please pick children up promptly after school and supervise them if on the oval or on playground after school.

Please also note that we do not have staff at the office after 3.30pm. Students must be picked up soon after 3pm and we cannot provide care after 3pm. If you need after school care, please phone 3849 8233 to enrol in our PCYC OSHC program. You can enrol in the program and use it on a casual basis—great for those days when you have late appointments, work commitments or other engagements. Fun activities and care are then provided until 6pm if you need it. There are enrolment procedures and additional costs, however Child Care Benefit and Rebate is payable to eligible families.

In recent weeks there have been reports of problems with strangers in local streets and parks approaching unaccompanied children. This again highlights the need for close supervision of students. I would urge parents to supervise children in parks and on journey to and from school and to ensure the children do not come into the school grounds on weekends or after hours.

For those parents who have been asking about current curriculum, you can easily go to: <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>
On this site you can see curriculum content, achievement standards and examples of student work.
Teachers have handed out semester overviews for all classes. If you would like another copy, please email us or phone us.
Thanks

To report absences:

Phone 33430777
text 0429 906 081
(text number only)

Or email
admin@mtgravatss.eq.edu.au

NAPLAN—Year 3 & 5
9-11 May

Mothers' Day Stall
Wed 10 May
Gifts \$5

Thurs 18 May
RAW Art Day One
PAYMENT DUE
TOMORROW, 5TH MAY!

Thurs 18 May
P&C Meeting
7pm

Thurs 25 May
Year 3 and 4 Excursion
Science Centre

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: *Darcy, Natasha, Travis, Alif, Sophie C, Neveen, Carlos, Jamie S, Abdi H, Aston, Mikayla*

Reading Award: *Yeonjin, Zeyad, Hosna, Hannah M, Clayton, Alexis, Eila, Tendai, Jabir, Giang, Shaheed*

You Can Do It! Award: *Razan, Catalina, Oliver C, Seb U, Tendai, Amelia-Mae, Lola, Elijah M, Jarvis, Canaan, Savannah R*

WELL DONE!

Attendance —*Every day counts!*

Our school goal for attendance is 93%. Attendance is expected on every school day where possible. Students whose attendance dips below 90% will usually fall behind in their schoolwork. Research shows that absences do make a negative impact.

We will advise parents of their child's current attendance rate in the next few weeks so that we can work together to improve situations where attendance is very low.

Parents must advise us promptly when children are absent from school. You can email us on admin@mtgravatss.eq.edu.au, phone on 33430777 or text us on 0429 906 081.

We also ask that children are at school on time. Classes start at 8.50am. Rolls are marked before 9am. Students need to be in class by that time.

We do contact parents via text message if your children are not marked present in the morning.

If your child is late to school it is essential they come via the school office to be registered as late.

School Arrival Time / Departure

Best time to arrive at school is between 8.30-8.45am.

There is a teacher on duty after 8.30am daily. No student should arrive at school before 8am. Any student arriving before then should be booked into Before School Care (Ph 38498233). Students who arrive before 8.30am should sit quietly in the undercover area. No play is allowed at this time. We highly recommend students arriving after 8.30am.

Students must still follow school rules before school. Parents waiting with students should use the undercover areas and ensure their child follows school rules re play areas and times.

After school students are only permitted on playground equipment if the parent is staying very close and supervising carefully. School sports equipment should not be used. Students must NOT go to the oval / playground if not accompanied by a closely supervising adult.

Updating details

Please ensure you update the school office with correct mobile phone numbers and email addresses.

P&C NEWS

The next Parents and Citizens Association meeting will be held on Thursday 18 May at 7pm in the library.

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.

If you do not have a school jacket, the acceptable jumper is a plain black jumper or jacket. These can be available at chain stores, but get in quick as plain black often sell out fast. Jackets / jumpers with designs / patterns / other colours are not acceptable.

Students can wear plain black tracksuit pants / long pants in cool weather (no jeans).

Plain black pants / jumpers / jackets are definitely available at stores such as K Mart and Best 'N Less.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all parents who came along to parent-teacher interviews. If you have not yet spoken with your child's teacher regarding their progress, please contact us to make an appointment.

Upcoming Events

Invoices have been sent home this week for a number of events happening this term:

- Raw Art (2 workshops) \$18 due **Friday 5th May**
- MDNA Representative Netball Carnival (selected students) \$25 due 10th May
- Year 3/4 excursion to the Science Centre - \$25 due Wed 17th May)
- Year 5/6 camp deposit- \$100 due Friday 16th June

Please note the staggered due dates for payment. Excursions and Incursions are published on the school calendar and the QSchools app to give families as much notice as possible. It was our intention to send some invoices home just prior to the holidays but school closure prevented this. As a result, the Japanese Children's Day Lunch has been postponed until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

High School Enrolment

All families of Year 6 students should begin enrolment procedures for High School soon if not already arranged. Most schools request copy of report cards and NAPLAN results.

We can only provide a reprint of these reports if given at least 2 school days notice. Reports cannot be given at short notice.

It is recommended all families store report cards and NAPLAN reports safely ready for future enrolment procedures.

Breakfast Club

A free breakfast club program has begun at Mt Gravatt State School next Thursday. Thank you so much to Mrs Bielenberg for coordinating this!

On offer will be toast and fruit. Breakfast club will open at 8.20am and finish by 8.40am.

We do need parent helps for this, so if you can lend some time Thursday mornings between 8am-9am it would be much appreciated! (Unfortunately children/infants cannot be in the tuckshop area during food preparation time) Please advise the office or email Katrina Bielenberg on kbiel10@eq.edu.au if you can help.

If you can't help out in the mornings, donations of fruit, margarine and toast spreads (not peanut butter or nutella) is most welcome!

NAPLAN

From 9-11 May students in Years 3 and 5 will undertake the NAPLAN Literacy And Numeracy tests. It is important that students are at school on those dates. Please make sure your child arrives on time, as tests begin promptly at 9am and being late will disadvantage your child.

If you would like to discuss your child's participation in the testing program, please speak with your child's teacher or email the office to make an appointment.

Mt Gravatt High School Students

Mt Gravatt State High School students should not enter our school grounds until 3pm. In consultation with the high school this has always been our school policy. Recently we have had to strongly enforce this due to vandalism in the grounds, loud noise from SHS students and a huge number of students wandering our school grounds.

High School students are only permitted on the school grounds if they need to pick up a sibling / meet their parent here or have other business on the school grounds that is approved by the principal. Students should wait at the gate until 3pm. If it is raining they may enter and sit quietly under D Block. Students may not walk through the staff carpark. Students can move promptly and quietly at 3pm to the classrooms to meet siblings. I have tested if this is possible for safe pick up of siblings and there is plenty of time to make sure very young children are accompanied from the classroom.

Whilst we understand not all students were involved in problems in our school grounds, after consultation with the high school, the best method is the consistent approach for all. Staff from the high school will assist at times with checking that students are following this requirement.

This policy helps to keep our students safe and allows for reduced disturbance to our school.

PCYC Outside School Hours Care

Vacancies exist our OSHC program. Care and fun activities is provided from 7am-9am and 3pm-6pm. Child Care Benefit and Rebate are payable to eligible families. You can enrol in the service on a casual basis, but enrolment MUST be completed before the service can be used. All families are strongly urged to enrol, so that the opportunity is there for care when it is needed.

Phone 3849 8233 to enrol!

School Dental Service

All children aged four through to year 10 are eligible for FREE dental care at Metro South Oral Health Dental Clinics. All adults and children with Centrelink, Healthcare or Pension Cards are also eligible. You can choose the clinic most convenient for you.

Please call 1300 300 850 to book an appointment for your child. There is no need to wait on line when you call. Just leave your contact phone number and friendly staff will call you back.

For more about Metro South Oral Health and services, please visit the website:

<https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/oral-health> or email metrosouthoralhealth@health.qld.gov.au

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

The P&C Mothers' Day Stall will be held on

WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY

Gifts are on offer for students to buy for their mums or special people in their life.

All gifts \$5

