4 August 2016

Parents should be aware that our school has now implemented same day notification for absences. We need parents to advise us by 9.30am on the day of absence for their child. This program is state-wide and helps ensure that students get to school safely. You can advise via email (to the office, not teacher), text or phone call. If you have changed contact numbers, please let us know.

This week brought great news with wonderful NAPLAN results. NAPLAN is the test of literacy and numeracy conducted with year three and five students in May each year. This year the students demonstrated that the hard work put in by staff and students has paid off. We have done significant work in Reading and Writing over the past year and have seen excellent results. Our fabulous literacy success stories include:

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We have achieved results higher than the Australian averages in most areas. Particular areas of strength were spelling and writing, with double the Australian average achieved at Mt Gravatt! Great news to celebrate!

This week we welcome Mr James Robertson, who is replacing Mrs Grimshaw while she is on leave.

Regards,

Upcoming Events

- Fri 5 August
  RAW Art, Session 2
- Wed 10 August
  Public Holiday
  Ekka
- Fri 2 September
  Eureka Excursion
  Yr 5 & 6
- Wed 7 September
  School Photos

5 cent
Fundraiser now on!
We need your small change!

To report absences:
Phone 33430777
Or text 0475 826 141 (do not ring that number, text only)
Or email admin@mtgravatss.eq.edu.au

Great state. Great opportunity.
The Buzz

Be Safe!
Be Responsible!
Be Respectful!

Awards were recently presented to
Student of the Week: Lochlan, Neeven, Sophia, Habsa, Raina, Baylie, Freya, Mali, Josh T, Ashutosh, Darcy, Maya, Jayden, Eve, Lowana, Arafah, Zainab, Caymi

Reading Award: Jye, Jesse, Sebastian S, Catalina, Louis, Seb U, Isaac H, Abdi Duran, Habsa, Emma R, Aston, Fabian, Te Omeka, Saanika

You Can Do It! Award: Sophie N, Nathan, Giovanni, Seyara, Jimmy, Amy, Oliver C, Molly, Parsa, Emily U, Sophia, Travis, Lucy L, Thomas, Takoda, Ben K, Kodey

Attendance Update

Every day counts!

Here is the attendance data for the two week period 18-29 July.

Our school goal for attendance is 93%. This fortnight attendance as at 92.6%.

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We do encourage attendance on every school day where possible. Parents must advise us promptly when children are absent from school. You can email us on admin@mtgravatss.eq.edu.au or phone us on 33430777.

Absences longer than 10 days need to be approved in writing, as per Department of Education policy. Please contact us if you are going to be absent (e.g. family holiday) so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Same Day Absence Notification

Following new Department of Education procedures, Mount Gravatt State School has now implemented same day notification of absences. We require all parents to either phone, text or email us on the morning of your child’s absence. Please notify us by 9.30am. This is so that we know your child is safe with you. Parents will be contacted during the morning of an unexplained absence so that we can ensure your child’s safety and amend our records to be an explained absence.

Rolls are marked when school commences for the day. If we have not yet heard from you by 9.30am as to the reason for your child’s absence, you will receive a phone call or text message. Once you receive this please phone us on 33430777 as soon as possible so that we can verify your child’s safety and reason for absence. If we do not hear from parents, emergency contacts may be called to check all is well.

There may be some teething problems with starting this process, so please be patient.

If your contact details (best to have mobile phone number) have changed, please advise us.

In case of shared parenting, please advise us of who to contact in case of absence.

With this new process it will be very important that late arrivals go through the office. If your child is late and goes straight to class, they will have been recorded as absent on our system. Late slips are vital to ensure our records are correct.

If you have any questions about these procedures, please speak to us at the office.

Public Holiday

A reminder that next Wednesday, 10th August is a public holiday for the Royal National Brisbane Exhibition (Ekka).

P&C News

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th August at 7pm in the school library meeting room. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

5 Cent Fundraiser—NOW UNDERWAY!

August is the P&C 5c Fundraiser month. This will begin from Wednesday 3rd August and run through the month each Wednesday until 31st. Students should bring their loose change in for donation every Wednesday when there will be a container in the class for collection. A competition is held between classes for the most money raised, with an ice-block each for the children in the winning class. Funds raised go towards resources for the students.

Save up those 5c, 10c, 20c pieces!

Regards, Kelly Boyland, P&C President

P-2 Excursion

Our Preps, Ones and Twos had a lovely experience at the Theatre last week seeing “Snugglepot and Cuddlepie” and exploring the Botanic Gardens.

RAW Art

Our second session of RAW Art is tomorrow (Friday). This was paid for in semester one.
Reading Skills
Our current Comprehension skill focus in lessons is QUESTIONING.
Questioning helps students to make predictions to understand a text.
Students can question...
“What would happen if...”
Who is...
Why has this character been introduced...What was the author’s intent...I wonder if... can this be right...”
We can ask questions about:
◊ content / structure
◊ Important messages (main idea)
◊ Events / actions
◊ Inferences / predictions
◊ Author’s purpose.
For the young children we use the character “Wondering Wolf” to demonstrate how asking questions about what we read helps us understand the text.

Robotics News
Our robots are now in action! Students in the upper grades have been introduced to using the Ozobots. By using the robots, students will learn problem solving and coding (programming) in practical situations.
For more information about Ozobots, go to http://ozobot.com/
http://ozoblockly.com
We are one of the lucky primary schools that have not only a dedicated robotics facility, but over 30 robots as well as a 3D printer. Our aim is to have the students feel confident in solving problems by using digital technologies.

Cookies for Camp Quality
Thank you to the student leaders, parents and staff who baked cookies for our “Cookies for Camp Quality” kindness fundraiser. Students raised $270 for Camp Quality and this will be presented to the Camp Quality team at next week’s incursion. This incursion is a child-friendly interactive presentation to help students understand illness. If you do not wish your child to attend, please contact the office.

Kindness Candies
Kindness Candies are on sale Thursdays for 20 cents each (max 2). Your child can show someone they are thinking of them to brighten their day!

Holland Park Junior Cricket Club (HPJCC) invite Boys and Girls Ages 5-16 to register for the 2016/17 season. Registrations Open Now!
Join Online: www.hpjcc.qld.cricket.com.au
More Information: Call Jo 0418 97 67 97

Cricket with HPJCC
Ages 5 to 7: 'In2Cricket Skills’ – Learn the basic skills required to play cricket through fun, skill-based activities with club coaches and parent support.
Ages 8 to 16: Play real matches against other clubs with progressive game structures to suit particular ages.

Registrations will close once capacity is reached...register now!

Free Dental Treatment
Metro South Oral Health provides free dental treatment to all school students up to Year 10.
As well as to those 0-4yr olds, and Year 11 &12 students who hold a Health Care Card or receive the Child Dental Benefits Scheme.
Call 1300 300 850 to book an appointment at a clinic near you.

Remember our Mt Gravatt State School vision: Clever, Creative, Caring

School Values:
◊ Problem solving—creative thinking to solve social, academic and everyday life problems
◊ Self motivated learning, with independent thinking
◊ Embracing diversity
◊ Varied and challenging learning opportunities
◊ Excellence—“Nothing but the best!”
◊ Opportunities for success
◊ Happy and engaged learners
◊ Positive relationships
◊ Consistency of practice
◊ Safe, responsible and respectful behaviours
◊ Academic rigour

Mt Gravatt Show
Congratulations to our winners in the School Art Category at the Mt Gravatt Show!
Dylan—First place—sculpture
Faiza—First place—drawing
Ayub—First place—painting
Anshuman—Second place—mixed media collage

Oztag
Sign up now for Moorooka Junior Oztag. For more information go to http://moorooka-juniors-summer-season-2016.mysportsedge.com.au
Or email moorooka@oztag.com, phone Linda on 0407506608