9 June 2016

Teachers are currently working on final assessments and writing report cards for students. Report cards are our formal communication to parents about children's progress. Reports will be emailed home on Thursday 23 June. If you have changed your email address it is essential that you advise us of your correct email address by Friday 17 June. If you do not get your report card please check your "Junk Mail" folder as some email programs automatically put these files in there.
Parents of students in years 5 and 6 must keep this file safe as report cards are required for high school interviews. If you require a copy of your report card for interviews, we need at least 48 hours notice to provide a copy. Reports cannot also be provide prior to 23 June.
Parents should remember that a report card rating is an indication of how your child is performing against the standards expected according to the Australian Curriculum / Queensland Essentials Curriculum. A "C" Rating (or "Sound") means that your child is achieving a satisfactory level and expectations are achieved. Students who receive an A or B (High or Very High) are working above basic expectations and able to transfer their skills and knowledge, solve problems well and think creatively.
For more information about expected standards you can go to http://v7-5.australiancurriculum.edu.au/ You can search for the "Achievement Standards" in English and Mathematics.
Parent-Teacher interviews will be held early next term so that you can discuss your child’s progress with the teacher.

Our renovation work on D Block is almost finished. We hope to open this building early next term and begin our exciting robotics, coding and science programs.
Regards
Jenny Watson

Upcoming Events

Senior Sports Day
(Year 3-6)
Tuesday 14 June

Junior Sports Day
(Prep-2)
Wednesday 15 June

NO ASSEMBLY
Wednesday 15 June

Friday 17 June
Meal Deal Day

Fri 24 June
Free Dress Day
Gold Coin donation
for White Cane Day
(Vision Impairment)

Fri 24 June
Last Day of term

Mon 11 July
Term Three begins
The Buzz

Be Safe!
Be Responsible!
Be Respectful!

Awards were recently presented to:


Reading Award: Jaideep, Seyara, Brian, Parsa, Tasmiiya, Randima, Dylan, Lowana, Nathan, Abdi- kiram, Molly, Shiqrey, Sean, Lua, Maya


WELL DONE!

Attendance Update
Every day counts!

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Here is the attendance data for the two week period 23 May—3 June.
Our school goal for attendance is 93%. This fortnight attendance as at 92.3%. Obviously if children are very unwell, they should stay home. We do encourage attendance on every school day where possible. Parents should advise us promptly when children are absent from school. You can email us on admin@mtgravatss.eq.edu.au, phone us on 33430777.

P&C News
The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 16 June at 7pm in the school library. Please come along!

Regards, Kelly Boyland, P&C President

Tuckshop Meal Deal
The next Meal Deal day is Friday 17 June. On offer will be Pizza and a juice for $6. A note for this will go home soon. Please note that all meal deal orders MUST be in by Wednesday 9am.

Sports Days:

SENIOR SPORTS DAY—TUESDAY 14 June
Venue 8.50am-11am—Mt Gravatt State High School Oval

Students come to school as normal and will walk up in class groups. Please be at school ON TIME.
Students must have a shady hat, sunscreen, sports uniform (T shirt in your house colour if you like), water bottle, morning tea & lunch & running shoes. Bring your best supporting cheer! Classes involved are 3/4G, 3/4T, 4/5D, 5/6M, 5/6S
9.00 Welcome and start of sports day at Mt Gravatt High School Oval
9.20 800m (10, 11, 12yr)
10.00 Sprints – 100m (9,10,11,12yr)
10.20 Sprints – 200m (9,10,11,12yr)
11.00 MORNING TEA back at MGSS
11.45 Development officer – rotation activities
1.15 Lunch break
1.45 Continuation with rotations

(Please note these are approx. times)
Please feel free to come and watch and help cheer on our fantastic athletes!
Long Jump, Shot Put and Discus events will be held in coming weeks.

Junior Sports Day
Wednesday 15th June—Held at Mt Gravatt SS Oval

♦ Students must have a wide-brimmed hat, sun- screen, sports uniform (or shirt in house colour), water bottle and running shoes.
♦ Classes involved: PLF, 1PR, 1/2M, 2L
Program: (subject to change, times approximate)
9am: Welcome and organisation
9.15am: 80m races
10am: Rotational activities with class teachers
11-11.45 am: Lunch break
11.45am Sports development officer activities

Parents are most welcome along to cheer on the students and join in the fun!

Elaine Wixted
PE Specialist

Assembly
Please note there will be no assembly on Wednesday 15 June.

Excursions
Camp Deposit (Year 5 and 6) - $50 to secure your place on camp. Due 14 July.
Snugglepot and Cuddlespie—(Prep-Yr 2) - 22nd July. $33. Payment due by 17 June.
Playground Craze—Pop and Hip Hop Band about issues relating to school: goal setting, making friends, having confidence and resilience. $9 per person, Friday 15th July. Payment due 13 July.
Rip It Up Reading
Rip It Up Reading is our exciting new Reading Support program. Staff have been trained in the program and initial assessments have been undertaken. Parents/Guardians of those students who will be part of the program have been sent a letter. Lessons begin next week.
Rip It Up Reading is based on Working Memory Theory and is best suited for those students with a working memory deficit. It focuses on decoding skills.
Parents will receive updates on their child’s progress every ten weeks.

Reading Skills
Our school improvement agenda focus for 2016 is Reading.
Teachers are continuing to undertake Professional Development and coaching in this area.
Our “Super 6” comprehension skills we work on are:
Visualising: Using all five senses to create images before, during and after reading;
Determining importance: Making decisions about what is important in a text and what is not;
Making connections: Making links between what is read, other texts and oneself;
Questioning: Thinking of questions before, during and after reading to help comprehend a text;
Inferring: Combining what is read in the text with your own ideas to create a unique interpretation of the text;
Synthesising: Bringing together pieces of information during or after the reading for different perspectives, opinions and ideas.

Uniform
Students must have a plain (No prints) black jumper/jacket or the school jacket for winter wear. Plain black pants (not jeans) for cold days are suitable. Plain black clothing can be purchased from chain stores, e.g. Best & Less, Big W etc.

Report Cards
Report cards will be EMAILED to parents on 23 June. Please ensure your email address is correct at the office.

School Teams—Houses
Our House Names are:
Dhagun—Green
Kaggur—Red
Warril—Blue.

If you are not sure what house your child is in, please check with the teacher or email us at admin@mtgravatss.eq.edu.au

Kindness Candies—Lollipop Leadership
STOP PRESS—Kindness Candies on sale on Thursdays for the rest of this term.
Our Year 6 students will be selling Kindness Candies at school as a new project aiming to increase student awareness and empathy of others. Students may order a candy for another student to whom they would like to show kindness. Students may choose a student themselves or can draw a name out of the hat if they do not have a particular student in mind. The act of kindness remains anonymous.
Candies (small lollipops) will be sold in the tuckshop area at first break and delivered discreetly to students Friday afternoon just before the bell. Lollipops are to be taken home, NOT eaten at school.
The cost of one Kindness Candy is 20 cents. Students may purchase up to two candies each week. All money raised goes to fund the program and make a donation to “Allison’s Gift”: a charity that assists children and youth who are victims of crime.
Please note that the ingredients in the candies have been checked as being halal.
Should you not wish your child to receive a candy, please let the office know as soon as possible so an alternate token of kindness can be arranged.
Children to not have to bring money for kindness candies. It is entirely up to you as parents.
We hope this program can be a small way that children can know that someone is thinking of them and we encourage students to think broadly about who they would like to acknowledge.
Children and parents should also be reminded that not all children will receive a kindness candy each week. We need to encourage thinking of others and resilience in individuals.

Free Dress Day
The last day of term (Friday 24 June) will be a Free Dress Day, with gold coin donation going to White Cane Day
Students must still wear clothing appropriate for school (e.g. appropriate logos/pictures on clothing; no singlet tops, must wear shoes and socks and wide brimmed hat). Gold coin donation to be given to class teacher.