



Nothing But The Best!

Mount Gravatt State School Newsletter

13 October 2016

REMINDERS:

- ✓ Monday 17th October is a Pupil Free Day — no school for students.
- ✓ Remember new absence text number: 0429906081

Term four has now begun with many exciting activities ahead of us. Term four is always a busy term and time just flies. This term we have two excursions, school camp, our fantastic concert along with lots of learning.

Our focus for this term again is reading. Students are working hard to learn the comprehension and decoding strategies. Currently we are working on *Synthesising*— bringing together pieces of information during or after reading. Readers combine prior knowledge with new ideas or information to create thoughts, ideas, opinions or perspectives.

On Monday's student free day teachers and teacher aides will undertake further professional development in the teaching of reading so that our programs are high quality. We continuously track reading data so that we can help children achieve their best.

Last term, curriculum overviews were sent home to most classes (2L yet to come). I will make these available on our website soon if you missed out on yours.

We would like to make our website more useful for parents, so please feel free to email me your ideas on information that would be useful on the website. My email address is jwats65@eq.edu.au.

At this time of year it is important that we have your current email address, as report cards are emailed home. Please check with the office if you are not sure we have the correct address.

I would like to welcome Ms Hannah Wills to our staff. Hannah is teaching 1PR as Mrs Reynolds is in the position of Master Teacher currently. Hannah comes to us from Ascot SS.

I hope all parents and students have a great term four.

I look forward to seeing you at our school concert.

Regards

Jenny Watson

Mon 17 October
Pupil Free Day

Wed 19 October
Meal Deal orders due

Thurs 20 October
P&C Meeting
7pm

Fri 21 Oct
Pizza Meal Deal day

Tues 25 October
School Concert
Cavendish Rd SHS
6.30pm

Fri 28 October
World Teachers' Day

Fri 28 October
Day for Daniel
*Students can wear red
Gold coin donation*

To report absences:

Phone 33430777

text 0429 906 081

(text number only)

Or email

admin@mtgravatss.eq.edu.au

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

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Great state. Great opportunity.



The Buzz

Be Safe!
Be Responsible!
Be Respectful!



Awards were recently presented to

Student of the Week: Hunter, Ally, Allanah, Neo, Senadie, Parsa, Sebastian S, Carlos, Emma 3/4G, Lilly 2L, Chloe, Nasra, Kian, Jimmy, Nate, Alvin, Emma

Reading Award: Olivia, Habsa, Rehan, Te Omeka, Oliver C, Alexia, Senadie, Eve, Asha, Elijah M, Mia, Lucy F, Loch, Ayub, Abdi Duran, Brian

You Can Do It! Award: Emily, Haoyu, Jimmy, Isaac T, Molly, Rafail, Lilly 1/2M, Benji, Suhayla

Pupil Free Day

Next Monday, 17th October is a holiday for students. This day is a state-wide Pupil Free Day. Staff undertake professional development on this day. PCYC Outside School Hours Care is open for bookings for care for your child on this day. Phone 38498233.

Attendance Update

Every day counts!

Here is the attendance data for the two week period 12-16 September and 4-7 October.

Grade	Attendance		Trending
Prep	89.5%		↓
Grade One	87.7%		↓
Grade Two	89.5%		↑
Grade Three	88.7%		↓
Grade Four	88%		↓
Grade Five	86.7%		↓
Grade Six	92.7%		↓

Our school goal for attendance is 93%. This fortnight attendance is at 89.1%.

Attendance is expected 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.

Our new absences text number is 0429 906 081.

Please note the change from previous text number and change it in your phone.

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. You may receive a text message, which you can reply to. If we do not hear from parents, emergency contacts may be called to check all is well. We have been instructed by Regional Office to phone / text until we get a message advising that the absent child is safe.

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

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.

ABSENCE TEXT MESSAGE LINE: 0429906081

P&C NEWS

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday 20 October at 7pm in the library meeting room. At the next meeting the future of the swim club will be discussed.

Uniform Shop

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

Tuckshop

The next MEAL DEAL day is next Friday, 21st October.

On offer is a Pizza Meal Deal, including pizza (Meatlovers, Hawaiian, Vegetarian) and a popper juice. \$6. Notes to come home. All orders must be in paper bag, with order, name and class on the front. Correct change in the bag.

Orders MUST be in by Wednesday 19th at 9am.

Regards, Kelly Boyland, P&C President

School Concert

Our School Concert is almost upon us. Children have been enthusiastically learning lines and dances in order to entertain and delight you, our audience.

Concert date: TUESDAY 25TH
OCTOBER



Concert time: 6.15pm for a
6.30pm start

Concert venue: Hall at Cavendish Road State High
School, Cavendish Road, Holland Park

Cost: Gold coin entry for adults, children free

If your child is participating in the school concert, you will soon receive a letter with costume and makeup details. There will also be information about times for your child to arrive at the venue. Expect a second letter with bus permission for the rehearsal day, 24th October.

If your child is in prep or year one they will not be attending rehearsal day.

To all of those with speaking parts, students must learn their lines. Remember, practice makes perfect.

Yours in drama

Kelly Reynolds

Excursions

YEAR 3 AND 4: Excursion to Mount Coot-tha Botanical Gardens today!

YEAR PREP-2: Excursion to Lone Pine, Thursday 10th November. Cost is \$25.00.

Notes and invoices have been sent home. Payment due by 28 October.



Please remember that late payment for excursions cannot be accepted. Due dates are final.

Swimming

Swimming lessons have now commenced. Swimming days are:

Tuesdays: 5/6S, 5/6M, 4/5D, 1/2M, 3/4T, 3/4G

Wednesdays: 2L, PLF, 1PR

Students MUST have swimming togs, towel, shirt/rashie, swimming cap.

If your child cannot swim due to medical reasons, please advise us in writing.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS WITH THEIR NAME!

Mrs Reynolds takes on a new role

This term I have taken on the role of our school's Master Teacher. Ms Hannah Wills is new to the school and taken over as the 1PR class teacher. Thank you Ms Wills for making the transition smooth and enjoyable for the children on 1PR. I am enjoying the flexibility of visiting different classes in the school and observing and participating in the creative and dynamic learning zones around the school. There are some inspiring and innovative projects occurring in the school. The role of Master Teacher is designed to support teacher pedagogy. The Master Teacher plans with teachers and coaches teachers in helping students achieve high quality outcomes.

My new role is very rewarding and I would like to thank the staff, parents and children of the school for their well wishes. I am looking forward to the term ahead.

Kelly Reynolds

Master Teacher

Lost Property

Our lost property baskets from last term are overflowing with jumpers with no name marked on them.

These baskets will be cleared next Thursday, with unclaimed items donated to charity /disposed of. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS WITH THEIR NAME!**

Book Fair

Unfortunately, for reasons beyond our control, we are unable to have the book fair this year. Instead, we will have an extra round of Book Club coming out in November.

We will have a "Dress like a book character day" in mid November, date yet to be advised.

Day for Daniel

Friday 28 October is "Day for Daniel", highlighting the importance of supporting child safety. Students may wear red on this day with gold coin donation to the Daniel Morcombe foundation.

World Teachers' Day

World teachers' day is celebrated on Friday 28 October. Teachers at MGSS do a fabulous job and are very committed. It might be nice for families to let their teachers know how much they are appreciated on that day.