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Mount Gravatt State School Newsletter

15 June 2017

To report absences:

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(text number only)

Or email

admin@mtgravatss.eq.edu.

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A busy term has almost come to an end. So many activities have been on this term, along with our relentless pursuit of improvement in reading. We are continuing to see great growth in student reading levels, particularly with those students who do reading at home. I encourage you to use the school holidays to visit the local library to give your children more opportunities to expand their reading horizons.

Report Cards will be sent home via email next week.

Please make sure we have the correct email address. For those parents who have signed up to QParents, you can also access your child's report card through the QParents app or website.

Parents should remember that a "C" (year 3-6), "Sound" (1-2) or "Working With" (Prep) rating on report cards means that the student has *met the assessment criteria for that grade level*. A "C" is the expected standard for student achievement. Students receive an "A" or "B" rating if they are performing to a very high standard and can demonstrate that they are able to apply their skills and knowledge in new situations.

A "D" / "Developing" grade means that the student has not yet, in all situations, demonstrated the skills required to meet the assessment criteria.

Should you have questions about the report card, please contact the teacher to make a time to meet early next term, so that we can put in place strategies to assist with your child's learning.

I am looking forward to seeing parents at next week's sports carnival.

Jenny Watson

**Prep Vision Screening
Screening—24 July**

Fri 16 June

**Year 1 & 2 Excursion
Science Centre**

PAYMENT DUE BY 8 JUNE

Mon 19 June

Sports Day

Wed 21 June

**Prep 2018 Information
Session
9-11am**

Fri 23 June

**Last day of term
FREE DRESS DAY
Gold coin donation**

Mon 10 July

First day term 3

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: *Ashutosh, Jagveer, Shree, Ethan J, Abdi, Noah, Blake*

Reading Award: *Emily D, Lily F, Rashaad, Dayyan, Riley, Habsa, Benjhi, Alona*

You Can Do It! Award: *Emily U, Kallisha, Hareera, Sophie N, Sophie C, Selma, m Zaynah, Mali, Jarvis, Katrina*
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.

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.

Attendance rate for the last two weeks was 92.8%

Prep: 95.5% 😊😊

Year One: 94% 😊

Year Two: 91.5%

Year Three: 91%

Year Four: 93.2% 😊

Year Five: 90.3%

Year Six: 93.2% 😊

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 TONIGHT—Thursday 15 June at 7pm in the library. Belated thanks to everyone for their wonderful raffle donations. We had a huge number of prizes. Our raffle raised just under \$400. We hope everyone enjoyed their Easter goodies.

Thanks also for your support of our Mothers Day Stall.

This is always an exciting event for our students who love picking out a special gift for their special people.

Coming up in August will be our 5 cent fundraiser. This is always a very successful fundraiser for our P&C, raising \$1000 most years. So start hanging on to your small change for us!

We are also planning a second hand book sale. This event will take place in 2018, but we would love you to take the holiday time to go through bookshelves and put aside any books you no longer want. Donations can start to be

brought in after the holidays to the uniform shop.

The P&C raises funds to make our school a better place.

Thank you

Kelly Boyland (President)

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.

Students should wear black jumpers/jackets or the school jacket. This is expected for all students. Students without the correct uniform may be provided with an alternative to wear whilst at school. There are some second hand black items available if you contact the office. Plain black jumpers / sweatshirts / jackets are available from major stores and are currently in stock.

Upcoming Events

- Year 5/6 camp deposit- \$100 due Friday 16th June
- Year 1/2 excursion TOMORROW, Friday. Please make sure students wear full school uniform and are at school on time.

THANK-YOU!

Acknowledgement: Thank you very much to Rugs A Million at the Mt Gravatt Homemaker Centre for their kind donation of a rug for our Science Room.

Acknowledgement: Many thanks to Mr Maher and Tracie Moman for their efforts at the recent MDNA Netball Carnival. Mr Maher's dedication to our netball program and Ms. Moman's assistance as a team manager ensured that our students could attend the carnival. Many thanks also to parents for your support on the day. Congratulations to all students who participated. The reports are that it was an AWESOME day with players demonstrating improvement, team spirit and encouragement for others.

Prep 2018 Information Session

An information session for parents interested in enrolling students in Prep 2018 will be held next Wednesday, 21 June at 9am in the BBB room.

SPORTS DAY

Monday 19 June is our whole school sports day (Prep-6). The whole day event takes place on the Mount Gravatt High School Oval.

Parents are most welcome along to help out and cheer students along!

Students who turn 10 or older this year (born 2007, 2006, 2005) are eligible for Age Champion and the District Track and Field team. The student with the highest points on the day will be the Age Champion.

During the morning session we have some students involved in the 200m timed sprint finals. Races will also be held for the 60m, 80m, and 100m events. (based on ages)

In the middle session, students born in 2007, 2006, 2005 will be in their age groupings, not class groupings. They will do rotational field events of long jump, shot put and oz tag.

Junior school students (Prep to born 2008) will stay in their class groups and will rotate through a variety of activities which encourage students to practise sporting skills for the future.

Parents please note—your child must remain with their class or age grouping. They cannot leave the group to go sit with you. It is still expected that students follow school rules and procedures and follow the direction of the staff.

The activities for the afternoon include the finals of the 100m for those born 2005-2007, as well as a timed final for the 800m in the same age groups.

Students must have:

HAT—ESSENTIAL! Students without a hat will have to miss out on the activities.

SPORTS UNIFORM—t-shirt in house colour is also acceptable

RUNNING SHOES

WATER BOTTLE & Lunch

Sunscreen

Students may wish to bring a small towel to sit on for if the grass is damp.

It is expected that all students participate. It

is otherwise a very long day sitting around for non-participants. If your child is ill, they may be best home safely with you as sick bay is not an option on the high school oval. If your child cannot participate due to illness or injury, please advise us via phone call or email.

We will gather the students up at 8.50am when the bell rings and walk them to the high school.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS ON TIME TO SCHOOL.

We will return to school by 3.00pm.

If you have any questions about sports day, please let us know.

Remember, the sports day is about fitness, participation and skills, along with selection of a team for District Athletics.

To gain a place in district athletics students must meet time/distance criteria.

LAST DAY OF TERM FREE DRESS DAY

Friday 23 June

Students may wear free dress on last day of term.
Gold coin donation.

Raising funds to put on our school concert—"The Tale of Snow White".

Students must still wear appropriate clothing for school—sunsafe and no inappropriate logos / words. Students must still have a wide brimmed hat and appropriate shoes.

Tuckshop Meal Deal

Friday 23 June

Pizza & Juice

\$6

Orders MUST be in by Wednesday 21 June, 9am.

Attention Catholic Parents

The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish will be running a program to prepare children for the sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation. This is open to all children in year 3 and above who have been baptised in the Catholic tradition. Please contact the Parish Office for details by ringing 3349 2280 by Monday 17 July 2017.