



Nothing But The Best!

Mount Gravatt State School Newsletter

19 October 2017

Next week we have our fabulous school musical 'The Tale of Snow White' at Mt Gravatt State High school Dance Theatre. Tickets are \$4 adults, \$2 children and almost sold out for our Thursday evening show! Tickets will not be available at the door for the Thursday show, however tickets are still available for the Wednesday 1pm show. Huge thanks to Mrs Reynolds for her hard work in getting this show into action. It is such a great opportunity for kids in our small school!

More opportunity is coming our way at Mt Gravatt SS—we have been selected as one of the launch schools for a new Digital Technologies program in Queensland State Schools—#qldtechschools! Schools were chosen as leading edge schools based on work done so far. Our school is ahead—with robotics and coding programs already being implemented. This program will more professional development for staff, along with increased opportunities for students to be knowledgeable about using our digital world to work smarter.

Mt Gravatt SS has also been awarded a "Maker Space" grant. We will be turning a room into our new Maker Space—where students can learn to design and build. It's all about learning how things work, design and construction. This space will be set up in term one next year.

We are continuing our relentless pursuit of excellence in reading this term. Data is indicating continued improvement and staff are engaged in professional learning in this area.

On Monday's Pupil Free Day we met with other Brisbane schools to moderate our results—check that the results in our school are comparable to other schools. Using this approach we can quality assure the program we are offering and the report card results. Staff were also engaged in reviewing our progress this year and making plans for our continued improvement in 2018.

Remember to keep in touch with your child's teacher. Email is a great way to do this. If you don't have your child's teacher email address, please contact the office.

To report absences:

Phone 33430777

text 0429 906 081

(text number only)

Or email

admin@mtgravatss.eq.edu.au

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NUDE FOOD DAY
EVERY WEDNESDAY
Please send in waste-free lunch!

School Concert
"Snow White"
Wed 25 Oct 1pm—
Tickets still available
Thurs 26 Oct 6.30pm
(SOLD OUT)

Day for Daniel
Wear Red—Gold coin
donation
Friday 27 Oct

World Teachers' Day
Friday 27 Oct

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: *Yeonjin, Salma, Ghadeer, Travis, Emma L, Oliver C, Eila, Sofya, Chris S, Catalina, Savannah R, Lilly W, Levi, Lochlan, Habsa, Kaden, Seb U, Kiara*

Reading Award: *Angela, Ella R, Abbie, Rafail, Ayub, Cadil, Alexis, Hunter, Allannah, Jessica, Ethan G, Shree, Emma R, Jack, Chris L, Mazin, Mia S, Nira*

You Can Do It! Award: *Kayla, Katrina, Kaelan, Abbie, Nate, Judy, Amelia M, Nour, Rashaad, Ashutosh, Kess, James, Eligh, Sarah, Madison, Tyler, Natalia, Amelia Mc, Minh, Takoda*
WELL DONE!

Attendance —Every day counts!

A reminder that every day does count! Student attendance is important. We expect an attendance rate of minimum 93%. Students should only be absent for illness as needed. Student attendance is monitored closely.

There are many children arriving late to school. Lateness is not acceptable. School starts at 8.50am and it is essential that students are at school on time. Literacy (Reading) lessons are the first lessons for the day. All time missed makes an impact.

Attendance rates for last term for the last two weeks:

Whole school—92.2%

Prep - 94.2% ☺

Year One—94.6% ☺

Year Two—90.3%

Year Three—95.5% ☺☺

Year Four—90.8%

Year Five—90.5%

Year Six— 90.4%

Parents can see their own child's attendance rate percentage in the QParents app. Remember—we need to aim for 93% attendance or better to give your child the best possible chances for learning.

If your child's attendance slips below 90% it does put them at risk of missing out on learning opportunities.

If you need assistance in getting your child to attend school and be on time, please contact us to make an appointment to discuss the matter.

P&C NEWS

The next Parents and Citizens Association meeting will be held TONIGHT— Thursday 19 October at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come along!

Tuckshop

Ice block sales will commence this term on Thursdays at 2nd break. All iceblocks are \$1. Students just pay cash to the volunteers at the tuckshop.

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.

We are still waiting on new stock. Some sizes (particularly in new sports shirts) are currently unavailable.

We have limited stock and limited sizes of Mt Gravatt swimming togs. Available: boys brief-style swimmers \$5; Girls one piece swimmers—\$10.

Dance Fever

Thank you to everyone who joined in the Dance Fever program! The students get to be involved in a wide range of dance styles taught by professionals! Such fun!

Swimming

The wet, cold weather delayed the start to our swimming program this week sadly. Hopefully next week the weather is clear for us to begin.

There has been a change for 1S, with swimming now to be held on Tuesdays at 2pm.

Swimming days:

Tuesdays: 1S, 1/2W, 2/3F, 3/4G, 3/4J, 4/5D, 5/6S, 5/6M

Wednesdays: 1PM, PTF

Students must have: swimming togs, towel, comb/brush, swimming cap, shirt for over swimming togs. Goggles are optional.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist at swimming lessons.

School Musical

"The Tale of Snow White" is being presented next week at the Mount Gravatt State High School Dance Theatre.

Wednesday 1pm (doors open 12.45pm)

Thursday 6.30pm (doors open 6.15pm) - SOLD OUT!

Adults \$4

Children \$2

Tickets available from the school office. (only tickets for Wednesday left now)

Tickets will NOT be available at the door on Thursday night.

We have changed to allocated seating due to the huge influx of ticket sales. Your seat number is your ticket number.

Please note:

- ◇ No food or drink in the theatre
- ◇ No parking in the Mt Gravatt SHS grounds

Students involved in the production should be at the high school on Thursday night by 5.15pm. Students should have makeup applied at home prior (basic foundation, eye shadow/liner for eye definition and light coloured lipstick. Parents will not be allowed in

the hall at this time. Students in the play can be dropped off and signed in by parents. They can be signed out by parents at approximately 7.45pm.

Nude Food Day

Don't forget to send in rubbish-free lunch on Wednesdays!

Our Nude Food winners for this week were April & Senadie.

Day for Daniel

Next Friday, 27 October is "Day for Daniel". Students at Mt Gravatt SS in term three did the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety program, teaching them about how to keep themselves safe: Recognise, React, Report.

On Friday 27th, students may wear a red item of clothing: e.g. t-shirt, ribbon etc. Students should bring a gold coin donation to go towards the Daniel Morcombe foundation.

For more information go to:

www.danielmorcombe.com.au

World Teachers' Day

Friday 27th October is also World Teachers' Day.

It is a day we thank teachers for the significant influence they have on the lives of children. At Mt Gravatt SS we have highly professional staff who strive hard to keep making our school better.

Any little words of thanks would be most well received!

Reminders:

- ◇ Students MUST NOT arrive before 8am. No supervision is provided until 8.30am. All students are expected to sit quietly in the under-cover areas until staff are on duty. This includes prep students waiting with their parents.
- ◇ Students must be picked up promptly after 3pm. The office staff cannot supervise / babysit students at the office after school. If you think you may require care after 3pm, please enrol students in the OSHC program (ph 3849 8233).
- ◇ Students playing on the playground after school MUST have a parent very close by (beside the playground). Supervision is vital. Students should keep shoes and socks on. We have had a recent accident on this playground, so high level of care must be taken.
- ◇ Jewellery should not be worn to school. Small plain stud earrings are fine. Any hair accesso-

ries should be subtle or in school colours. (i.e. large colourful bows should be left at home)

Digital Safety

Last week we had a staff member from the Department of Education Cyber Safety division speak with upper primary students. She went through appropriate online behaviours with students and gave advice with how to deal with issues online.

Significantly, it must be reminded that students under 13 should not have accounts such as: Facebook, Instagram, Musical.ly, Live.ly, Snapchat etc.

The impact of your "Digital Footprint" and digital reputation was discussed, both positive and negative.

Students were given advice on how to handle online bullying and offensive conduct online.

Advice for students when online including that before posting/ messaging, consider...

- ◇ The "Grandma" rule—would your Grandma be happy to see what you are saying;
- ◇ PUT—Is it Polite, Is it Useful, Is it True;
- ◇ Give it 10....(wait 10 seconds / minutes/ hours before you post something online to think about it carefully)

Some useful websites:

creepquiz.eq.edu.au

esafety.gov.au

esafety.gov.au/youngandesafe

As said previously, some parents may be surprised at their child's online activity. Whilst we all like to give our children benefit of the doubt and trust, young children are not yet strongly capable of making smart decisions when it comes to online activity.

Online Anxiety Program

If your child has anxiety, you might like to consider an online program run by the Psychology Department at the University of Queensland. There is plenty of information for parents and activities for children (8-12; 13-17).

Go to

brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au

Worth a look if your child is a worrier!