



Nothing But The Best!

Mount Gravatt State School Newsletter

22 October 2015

Principal's Message....

Over the past few weeks we have been working on our four year strategic plan, with input from the P&C Association and staff. As part of this plan we have been revising the school vision and values. Our draft Strategic Plan's vision is:

"A clever, creative and caring community".

We want our students be smart, able to solve problems and kind, socially well adjusted citizens.

Our values include:

- ◇ Happy and engaged learners
- ◇ Excellence—Nothing But the Best!
- ◇ Positive relationships
- ◇ Problem solving—creative thinking to solve social, academic and life problems
- ◇ Self-motivated learning; independent thinking
- ◇ Embracing diversity
- ◇ Academic rigour
- ◇ Varied and challenging learning opportunities
- ◇ Opportunities for success for all
- ◇ Consistency of practice
- ◇ Safe, Responsible and Respectful behaviours.

Our four year core priorities are: Reading, Writing, Numeracy, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) and Community.

The Strategic Plan, when completed, will be on our website. If you would like more involvement in the process of planning, or would like to give feedback, please come along to P&C meetings or email me on jwats65@eq.edu.au or phone to make an appointment.

Regards

Jenny Watson

WEDNESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS!

*P&C Swim Club
Fridays 6.30pm*

*Starlab Incursion
Friday 23 Oct*

*School Concert
The Wizard of Oz
Tuesday 27 Oct*

*P&C Meeting
Thursday 19
November 7pm*

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: Mitchell, Oliver R, Yara, Carlos, Liam, Alif, Oliver K, Zainab, Nageen, Benji, Isaac, Luka, Eve, Xantayne, Arum, Molly, Toby, Kaelan

Reading: Lisanth, Maeve, Ben K, Aaron, Sana, Jessica, Brianna, Ben P, Asha, Selina, Joshua W, Nasra, Ruwayda

You Can Do It!: Nargis, Amelia M, Ally, Madison L, Hassan, Leika, Lilly H, Randima, Shardee, Henrik, Faiza

Home Reading: Mujtaba, Joshua W, Jesse, Matthew, Suhayla, Prabhdeep, Giang, Neo, Summer, Amelia M, Shurjo

Silver Buzz: Abdikarim, Cilicia, Lowana, Rafail, Suhayla, Shaelyn, Alif, Nurha, Ella O, Chloe P, Nicholas, Ella R, Tamsin, Sophie

Gold Buzz: Savannah, Chloe L

Well done!

P&C News

The next P&C meeting is next Thursday, 19 November at 7pm in the school library. We urgently need more families at our P&C meeting! Come along and do your bit to make the school a better place!

School Concert—The Wizard of Oz

Our concert is on Tuesday 27 October at 6.30pm at Cavendish Road State High School Hall, corner of Holland Road and Cavendish Road. This year is a school musical, which students auditioned to be part of. Mrs Reynolds is our writer, producer and director extraordinaire!

Entry to the concert is gold coin donation for adults. Children free.

Everyone is welcome to come along!

Our students involved have had a day of rehearsal today and will travel to Cavendish Road SHS on Monday by bus to have a full on stage rehearsal. All permission notes for this must be back tomorrow (Friday).

If families are having trouble with costumes please let us know TOMORROW.

Students performing in the musical must be at the hall at 5.45pm on Tuesday for costumes and make-up.

All students attending the concert on Tuesday night need an adult to stay at the venue with them—whether performing or in the audience.

We look forward to seeing you on the yellow brick road on Tuesday night!

Correct e-mail addresses vital!

A reminder that this semester we are emailing report cards to parents. Hard copies will not be printed out unless specifically requested if no email access. If you have changed your email address, please advise us as soon as possible.

Curriculum News

If you did not receive your term overview for your child's class, please contact the office or Mr Bill Hazlewood, Head of Curriculum on bhazl1@eq.edu.au

Our reading program is being fine tuned currently, with comprehension strategies at the core of our focus. Over

the last few weeks we have concentrated on the skill of "visualising" to help comprehension. Next week we move onto "connecting" to aid in understanding what we read.

Students are explicitly taught these strategies via modelled reading and guided reading activities.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Notes about Parent teacher interviews for semester two will be sent home next week. We strongly encourage all parents to make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher.

You Can Do It!

This term our focus areas in our You Can Do It! Program are PERSISTENCE and RESILIENCE. All classes have a weekly lesson on the topic and we reward students who demonstrate these skills. Students can work towards earning their keys to success! Congratulations to all students who received their Yellow Getting Along Key last term. Students this term can work towards blue, purple or yellow keys!

With persistence, we teach to keep on trying, even when things are difficult.

With resilience, we teach that we bounce back from little problems and how to control our own behaviour when we become upset.

Starlab Incursion

Our Starlab Incursion is tomorrow, 23 October. All payments / permission for this were due last week and further cannot be accepted in the morning.

Payments for excursions and incursions must be made by the due date.

E-Newsletter

Our newsletter is available electronically via our website and Q-Schools app.

The Q Schools app is available for android and apple devices. You download the app, choose the schools you wish to connect to and you will receive quick updates from our website, with notifications available. Our newsletter should then appear every Thursday straight after print publication. Latest news and calendar items also appear.

Alternatively you can go to our website and read the newsletter.

Payments

A reminder if paying by BPay or Direct Debit, please include your child's name in the reference, otherwise it can be difficult to match payments to students. Please mark the date paid on the permission form.

If you are using the new BPoint Website to make payments to school, please ensure you use the correct customer reference number, invoice number and amount. If you do not enter the correct invoice number it does not match against your child in our finance system. **The new**

BP **Point Website is the preferred and simplest method of payment. Details on invoices.**

Please also note that we cannot give change at the school. Please send in correct money for payments. Late payments for excursions cannot be taken. Please observe due dates for payments.

QParents App

Don't forget to download the QParents app (free on both apple and android devices). This app can help keep you up to date on school events. Calendar items are available via the app and you can read newsletters online through the app or our website.

Nude Food is here to stay!

Last term, we held our first Nude Food Day and it was a great success. Students were excited and made a great effort to pack a rubbish food lunch. Our school leaders undertook a rubbish audit both before and after the Nude Food Day and the results showed a dramatic decrease in the rubbish around our school and the environment. Every **Wednesday is Nude Food Day** and our leaders will be on the look-out with lucky tickets for students with rubbish free lunches.

End of Year Awards Ceremony

This year the P&C Association is sponsoring our new end of year awards ceremony. Awards will be presented for *Learning Excellence* and for *Commitment to Learning*. There will be one main award for each grade, with certificates presented as well.

The ceremony will be held on Friday 4th December at 9am in our school hall. Parents will be welcome to come along.

The new awards are part of our focus on high achievement and positive learning habits.

Art Show

Our Art Show will be held on Friday 4th December following on from our awards ceremony. Artwork will be on display in the hall and a morning tea will be held for parents.

The Art Work will be on display all day, until 4pm.

House Names Competition

The Mt Gravatt State School Parents and Citizens Association has made the decision to renew our house teams.

Over the years our houses have become very uneven. The names have also become less relevant to students. We also need to change our yellow team to green, so as not to use a school shirt colour.

So 2016 is the year of new house teams for Mt Gravatt State School!

We need your help... We need new names for our houses: something relevant to kids in Mount Gravatt, something linked (current ones are random famous

people) and something easy to remember and catchy. Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer advertising our competition. Submit your ideas for new teams. If your nomination is chosen, you could win a \$50 Rebel Sport Voucher!

School Photos

School photos have arrived from Advanced Life Photographers and have been sent home.

If you have any queries regarding your child's photo package, please contact the company directly on 1300 728 972, as we do not deal with photo enquiries or changes. Please note that there is a card (red) in with the photo packages that explains how to access electronic copies of the photographs. It has a special code, so don't lose it!

Mt Gravatt Mackerels Swim Club

Swim Club is held every Friday night from 6.30pm at the school pool. Membership is \$40 for an individual or \$70 for a family of 2 children. \$20 each additional child. Everyone is welcome! Enquiries, phone 0434 461 388.

Carol White Swim School

Learn to Swim and Squad Training at Mt Gravatt State School pool. Please phone 38923683 or 0413170441 for more information.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Fri 23 Oct	Starlab Incursion	P-6 (payments made)
Mon 26 Oct	Full rehearsal on stage at Cav Rd SHS Wizard of Oz	Students involved in the musical
Tues 27 Oct	The Wizard of Oz MGSS style	6.30pm Cavendish Rd SHS Hall
Fri 30 Oct	World Teachers' Day	
11-13 Nov	Camp	Year 5/6
26 & 27 Nov	Fun With Maths Incursion	(moved from earlier in year)
Mon 30 Nov	Japanese Restaurant visit	
Tues 1 Dec	Junior Swim Carnival	P-3 9-11am
Wed 2 Dec	Senior Swim Carnival	4-6 9-11am
Thurs 3 Dec	Prep 2016 Orientation	9-11am
Fri 4 Dec	Awards Ceremony 9am	Followed by Art Show display
Wed 9 Dec	Year 6 Graduation	6.30pm
Thurs 10 Dec	Break Up Day Celebrations	
Fri 11 Dec	Final day of term	