PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mrs Willis

Welcome back to our last term of the year. I would like to thank the staff members who have supported public education and your children to achieve their best. This term is a very busy and exciting one. We have school camp, athletics carnival, School Spectacular performances, graduations for years 6, 10 and 12 as well as the end of year assembly and performances. I hope to see all parents at our school events to celebrate student achievements.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Massive Thank you to parents, staff & friends of GPS who collected Woolworths stickers. We exceeded last year’s total and this year’s target of 5000 stickers. So far the tally is 7000. Our school will be ordering educational equipment with the stickers collected.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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SATURN
Welcome back to Saturn for another exciting time of learning. We have just finished learning about how to write a recount and how to use our spelling words when writing a recount. As part of our Living skills curriculum, we have learnt about different types of houses in our environment and around the world. We also have focussed on how to keep ourselves safe within our home.
In maths this term we will be working on recognizing, describing, creating and repeating patterns, as well as identifying and describing the attributes of volume and capacity. We will continue to build our skills counting backwards from a given number range 0 to 20. We will be exploring cultural diversity. We would like to welcome Daniel and Charlotte to Saturn.

NEPTUNE
Neptune had a fantastic excursion, along with Saturn, at the end of last term to Blaxland River Park to practice their social skills and as a reward for all their hard work in Term 3. Well done boys! In Term 4 we will be continue with our narrative writing and also be focusing on presenting our stories using different computer applications. Neptune will be learning about the important role that recycling plays in looking after our planet. We will also study water use and conservation. With the weather warming up Mrs Ritchie and I are looking forward to Neptune swimming lessons starting early in the term.

JUPITER
Jupiter class have been working hard this term. In English we have been learning about different word families, practicing our sounds and we enjoyed reading Pug the Pig by Aaron Blabey for our Book Week book. In Mathematics we have learnt about fractions and loved making fraction fairy bread as part of this learning experience. For our housing unit we studied different types of homes that people live in and the roles and responsibilities that people have at home.
Next term we will be starting our swimming program and we will be looking forward to our school camp in week 5. In Term 4 we will be focusing on the environment and that it is important to look after our community through recycling and water conservation.

MERCURY
Mercury had a great term 3 learning about housing and drug education. Next term is very exciting as we will be studying sustainability and cultural diversity. We have our Cronulla Beach Safety excursion which will take place on 8 Tuesdays over the term. There has been a letter sent home with these dates, please contact Miss Clinch if you require another one. We also have camp coming up at a new venue which will be different and exciting. We look forward to an action packed term with an excursion to a recycling plant also.
CLASS REPORTS

MARS

Term 4 will be off to a wonderful start with students in Mars ready to immerse themselves in all the new content we’re about to cover with positive attitudes and great enthusiasm! Students in Mars will enthusiastically engage in various numeracy lessons, hands on addition and subtraction activities, Patterns and Algebra. Literacy program will focus on recount writing - students will use technology in the classroom to enhance their learning in this area. Mars are looking forward to school camp in week 5. Also in Term 4, students have the High School Transition program during weeks 5 to 9. This program aims to ready our year 6 students for their leap to high school by giving them an insight to high school practices. We are looking forward to learning lots of new things in term 4.

SENIOR 1

Senior 1 class have had a very successful year to date. We have enjoyed a variety of learning experiences and continue to develop our literacy and numeracy skills in the next term. Additionally we will explore the topics of crime, interview skills, the environment and Aboriginal Culture. We will continue to put into practice the skills we have learned from healthy living by participating in regular fitness activities and cooking lessons. Displayed artwork was produced by Senior 1 students.

SENIOR 2

Senior 2 have had a very successful term 3 with an excursion connected to their excellent work in the housing unit. They also learnt all about sex education including sexual harassment and how babies develop. There’s some exciting times ahead for Senior 2 as they plan and prepare to open their very own coffee shop at school. They will be having food hygiene training and lessons on how to use a professional coffee making machine. Profits from the business will be ploughed back into the cafe and will pay for school excursions. Students will also be learning about the world of forensic science as they explore their crime unit. The art work displayed is from our NAIDOC celebrations, we will be learning more about this art in our Aboriginal Australia unit.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Ms Blackstock  Mr Baker  Ms Matthias

Many thanks to all of the parents and carers that participated in the review meetings. Your input into the educational decision making for your child is really important. Term 4 promises to be a very busy one with many whole school events such as school camp, the Variety Club Christmas Party and the end of year Presentation Day. These events are opportunities for students to build their independence and celebrate their successes this year. Many GPS students will be starting their transitions this term to new schools for next year and beginning the next part of their education. We wish them all well!
Voluntary Contributions
Some school contributions are still outstanding for terms 1 to 3. Please consider paying these ($10 per term), as Term 4 invoices will be sent home soon. Thank you.

Helpful Hints for Parents
Here are 3 helpful hints that will help to make your child feel loved and cared for:

1. Spend quality time with each child.
   It’s wonderful when a parent/carer can spend quality time one on one with their children. This is great because they feel special and their brothers and sisters are not around. It can be anything from playing sports, cooking, or helping with chores. There is no better way of showing your kids that you really love and cherish them.

2. Be a good role model.
   How many times have you told your kids what to do, how to be polite and to always wear their seat belt? At times, parents forget that they must be the perfect role models because children are great copycats. No better ways to show that you love your kids than to walk the talk. Be kind, affectionate and caring to others, children mimic what they see.

3. Smile more often.
   What better way of showing your love and warmth for your child than smiling every time they come into the room. This immediately puts them at ease and confirms that their presence is valued and that they are not a nuisance. There may be times when they will need to be reminded about bad behaviour but why not use the other 90% to show that you love them?

Creamy Bacon Carbonara

INGREDIENTS:
- 500g packet fettuccine pasta
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 80g butter
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 250g shredded bacon
- 200g button mushrooms, sliced
- 300ml pure cream
- 1 cup grated tasty cheese

Method:
- Cook pasta in a large pan of salted boiling water according to packet instructions. Drain well.
- Meanwhile, heat a large frypan over high heat. Add oil, butter, onion, bacon and mushrooms. Cook stirring for 5 minutes or until bacon is crisp and mushroom is tender.
- Add cream. Bring to the boil. Simmer 2 minutes or until slightly thickened. Add pasta and cheese to pan. Stir through sauce until heated through. Season with salt and pepper. Enjoy!!!!

Student Absences
A message from the school
If your child is absent from school please call the school 9605 1122, so that we can record them as absent. Also, a note the day that the student returns to school is necessary for our school records. Please include student’s full name, date and reason for absence. The school would like to thank-you for your co-operation.

Important Message
from the Assisted School Travel Program
If your child is going to be absent from school and does not require transport, please inform the driver as soon as possible to ensure that the driver does not travel to your address unnecessarily.

Parents / Carers
Please have your child ready in the morning, The drivers are only required to wait 3 mins.