Mrs Willis

Welcome back to students, parents and care givers. Hope we are all ready for a very busy term. Please check the calendar and mark the events in your diary. I hope to see you all attending, your child looks forward to seeing you at school and it’s also a golden opportunity to catch up with their teacher.

I would like to thank our staff, students and parents who worked hard together to make last term a great one. To the parents who attended the retreat, please share with other parents how you benefited from your experience there.

I would also like to thank those who worked hard to make the School of Origin such a successful event.

Congratulations to Ajuga School students who won the overall competition 2 games to 1.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

**STARTS WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY**

Parents, staff and friends of GPS who shop at Woolworths, please collect stickers so you can place them on your sticker cards. You will receive one sticker for every $10 spent. Once you complete your sticker cards, please return them to our school or place in the box at Glenquarie Shopping Centre marked with our school name. Our school will earn points to redeem on resources & equipment. Please tell all your friends to collect stickers too and let’s see who collects the most!
Saturn students have been expanding their learning skills in Term 2 and have shown a significant improvement in reading and writing. In Term 3, students will be studying, in Literacy, recounts. They will jointly construct recounts of shared experiences, e.g. excursion, weekend activities and identify the purpose of a recount: to retell events.

In Mathematics, students will be learning about fractions and area. We have started using a computer maths program - the students are navigating themselves well through this and are very excited to use the program. In Life Skills we are focusing on housing and will study the different types of houses people live in around the world. Another focus this term is our social skill program of getting on with each other. Students will participate in group activities where they will learn about team work, being a team leader and negotiating their ideas and opinions. Saturn would like to welcome Cayden and Zarian to our class.

Neptune students have had a fantastic Term 2. Great progress was achieved in English with all students orally recounting their personal experiences. We learned about using transport safely and all practised using the school crossing. Students participated in an artist study on Bronwyn Bancroft and we all enjoyed exploring the traditional painting techniques used.

In Term 3 we will be focusing further on imaginative writing using correct punctuation and grammar. In Mathematics we will continue learning about number combinations to 20 as well as investigating the concepts of fractions and measurement. In addition to this we will engage in learning about how people live around the world compared to our own experiences. Mrs Ritchie and I look forward to an enjoyable term filled with fun and learning.

Jupiter class have had an exciting Term 2, learning about different forms of transport such as land, sea and air, practicing our skills in reading the time and singing our phonetic sounds of the alphabet. We have enjoyed bike riding and planting beetroot, lettuce and beans in our garden.

In Term 3 we are excited to welcome Mrs Rigas to the Jupiter class and look forward to a fantastic semester with her.

Jupiter students will be focusing on Housing and exploring the need for people and other living things’ need for shelter. When we return from holidays I am sure our garden will be ready to harvest and we will be cooking a variety of healthy foods with our produce. Welcome back Jayden, Nikohlas, Rewan and Shicane - hope you have had enjoyable break.

Mercury class had a great Term 2 where we looked at our Transport topic.

This term, we farewell Mrs Rigas and welcome Ms Spresian as our class SLSO.

We will be learning about drug education and mental health for the first five weeks then moving onto housing and work readiness for the rest of the term. We will be learning about fractions and decimals, length and area in Mathematics.
MARS
Class Teacher Mrs Lal
SLSO Mrs Grant

Mars has been learning all about numbers, friends to 10, hidden collections, counting on, multiplication, money and time. We have done lots of hands on activities and games to reinforce these concepts. We have just begun learning about Position. Mars have really enjoyed learning in Maths this Term.

Jai - I like learning about friends to 10 and I love playing different Maths games with my friends. Lochlan - I love Maths because it teaches you how to put two numbers together to make a bigger number. Taig - I love playing different Maths games with my friends. Thomas - I really like doing multiplication and when we multiply two numbers, it does not matter which is first or second, the answer is always the same.

SENIOR 1
Class Teacher Ms Carroll
SLSO Mrs Jones

Senior one are having a successful year to date and look forward to term 3. We thank Ms. Spresian for her hard work for the first two terms and welcome Ms. Jones, who will be the class SLSO for the second part of the year.

The class will continue to further develop their daily living skills and participate in an anger management course throughout the term. Housing and legal rights and responsibilities are topics we will also explore.

SENIOR 2
Class Teacher Ms Matthias
SLSO Mrs Ussia

Term 2 has been really positive for Senior 2 having experienced a very successful Senior Camp. Students enjoyed team-building activities such as a ‘Survival Morning’, the traditional Spotlight game and a camp fire with marshmallows and ghost stories.

Term 3 will involve the topics of Housing, Legal Rights and Responsibilities, Daily Living Skills and an Anger Management course. All of these topics involve English and Maths skills. There is a big push on developing reading fluency and parents and carers can help by listening to their child read at home.

Finally we thank Mrs Ritchie for all her help with the class this year and welcome Mrs Ussia to Senior 2.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
Ms Blackstock Mr Baker Ms Matthias

Term 2 has seen a huge increase in the number of ‘Learner’ awards being given by teachers during our weekly assemblies. This has been so pleasing for the Assistant Principals team as it means students are really focusing on their work. This also means that students will be able to transfer those study skills back to their home schools.

Term 2 also saw the senior students enjoy Senior Camp at the beginning of June. Student behaviour was really positive and the AP team really enjoyed seeing the students get involved in team activities.
Voluntary Contributions
Some are still outstanding from Terms 1 & 2. Please consider paying these ($10 per term), as Term 3 invoices will be sent home soon. Thank you.

Ways to encourage effective reading in older children
- Ask your child what they would like to read about.
- Limit reading to 10 mins of quality time, make it fun.
- Before reading, talk about the book beforehand. Look at unfamiliar words.
- Encourage your child to predict what a word could be based on the meaning.
- Try ‘shared reading’. Take turns reading sentences or paragraphs. You read the first sentence and your child the next.
- Read aloud and encourage your child to mimic you by following along behind you. Trace your finger under the words in a fluent way to show where you are reading. Avoid reading word by word.
- Praise the reading, not the reader — say things such as, "I liked how you read on to find more information."
- Give older children opportunities to order from menus, read recipe books or select from the TV guide.
- Make the most of emails and the internet, which also require reading and writing.
- Take time to play word games such as Scrabble or Pictionary.
- Irrespective of a child's age, read to them regularly.
- Celebrate their successes.

Pizza Pinwheels recipe

Ingredients:
- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 90g butter, cut into cubes
- Plain flour, to dust
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- Pinch of salt
- 2/3 cup milk
- 3 tbspn tomato paste
- 150g ham, chopped

Method:
- Preheat oven to 200°C. Line a tray with baking paper.
- Sift flour and salt into a large bowl. Use fingertips to rub butter into flour until it looks like fine breadcrumbs.
- Add milk. Use round-bladed knife in a cutting motion to mix until mixture begins to hold together. Turn dough onto lightly floured bench, gently knead (about 5 mins) until smooth. If dough is sticky sprinkle more flour.
- Roll dough into 20cm x 40cm tray, spread with tomato paste. Sprinkle with ham and cheese. Turn dough so long end is facing you and roll up.
- Slice into 10-12 pieces, place side-by-side on tray. Brush with egg, bake for 25 minutes or until a skewer inserted into a 'join' comes out clean.

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.

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.