Term 3 Week 1

Principal’s News

Celebrating 2015 NAIDOC Week:
“We all stand on sacred ground: Learn, respect & celebrate”

A very Wintery welcome back... brrrr! This week we are celebrating NAIDOC Week. National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee Week was officially recognised during the school holidays. An important reminder: Special Whole School Assembly this FRIDAY, 17th July at 12.00-1.30pm followed by a P&C BBQ. Please come along and join in the NAIDOC celebrations and help us recognise our 2015 GPS Athletics Champions.

Term 3 marks the beginning of Semester 2 and this term we turn our focus to the Creative Arts. Each fortnight our students will be working with a specialist art teacher alongside their class teacher in the ‘Raw Art’ program Monday to Wednesday. We are very pleased to be able to provide funding for this program so that EVERY child can access an important area of the learning curriculum. ALL students will need to bring a paintshirt (old shirt or paint smock) to leave at school by MONDAY, this will assist in protecting their uniform.

This Semester we have also introduced two new roles in our school which will further meet the needs of our students. These new positions will see our Assistant Principals, Mrs Ferguson and Mrs French, move into student and staff support services across the whole school. Mrs Ferguson will oversee the implementation of our new student services program which will include working more closely with families, providing parent and carer workshops on learning, supporting the delivery of technology for learning across K-6 and providing specialised programs to support social skills in our students. Mrs French will focus on the implementation of ‘Positive Behaviour for Learning’ (PBL) across the school and in the playground. Mrs French will be working with students, staff, families and community members on developing PBL programs which promote beliefs, understandings, values and skills and our key message: We develop RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE citizens who give their PERSONAL BEST.

This term we warmly welcome two new members of staff. Mrs Ryan will be working with Mrs French and Year 6 in a co-teaching role on Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Hassett has elected to complete her Internship at our school and will be working with Mrs Hemsworth and Year 4.

During the school holidays the administration block was refurbished and over the coming weeks the outside will also be completed. Please take care when moving around this area and do not move or go through workplace barriers and fences.

Working together with families, staff and community to ensure all our children are happy and safe at school and achieving their best at all times.

Mrs Jayne Schmarr
Principal
REMINDER: School Uniform - RED RULES!

It is very important that we wear or bring our school jumpers to school every day. Any other colour than red is not acceptable. I am encouraging children to do the right thing and not only wear our school uniform but wear it with pride. The P&C Uniform Shop carries a wide variety of school uniform items and in many sizes - please see the P&C ladies in the shop if your child needs a school jumper or any other items. Remember RED RULES!

Once again the lost property box is bursting at the seams with jumpers, jackets, lunchboxes and drink bottles. The lost property box is now located in the foyer of the canteen and we encourage you to come and have a look - someone must own these items !!!!

EARN & LEARN

Its that time of year again !!! Earn and Learn Stickers will be available for you to collect when you shop at Woolworths. We ask you, your friends and family to collect these stickers for our school. As, in previous years and hopefully once again this year these stickers will help us to obtain some wonderful learning resources for our teachers and students.

START COLLECTING !!!!!

STATE CROSS COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

We as a whole school would like to take this opportunity to wish Lewis all the best for this Friday as he competes in the State Cross Country. We all know you will be giving it your best shot. RUN LEWIS RUN !!!!!!

Good for Kids good for life

Traditional Indigenous Games

Did you know that AFL is said to have been influenced by the Traditional Indigenous game of Marn-grook played by Aboriginal groups in Victoria using a ball made out of twisted possum hair?

In fact, many of the modern games and sports that we love playing have links to the traditional games of the past. These games have been gathered together and developed into a great resource - Yulunga: Traditional Indigenous Games.

To access the Yulunga resource, go to http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/all/indigenous/games

Kai is a game that is featured in the Yulunga resource. Kai is thought to have been from the Torres Strait Islands. A group of people would stand in a circle and sing the Kai wed ball song as they hit the ball into the air with their palms. The game was traditionally played using the thick, oval, deep-red fruit of the kai tree.

Playing the game:
Players stand in a circle and pass the ball to each other by striking the ball upwards into the air with the palms of their hand in the direction of another player. The aim of the game is to keep the ball in the air as long as they can without dropping it. The ball is passed to another player much like hitting a “volley” in a game of volley ball. Try using different types of ball e.g. tennis balls, volley balls, beach balls, and balloons.

Did you know? Kai wed, also used as kamut wed for string-figure ‘ball playing’.

Reference: The Yulunga: Traditional Indigenous Games resource

Please join us tomorrow, 17 July, for our Naidoc Week Assembly. This special assembly will also see our athletics carnival awards handed out.

Assembly starts at 12 noon and will be followed by a Sausage Sizzle lunch at 1.30pm.

Lunch Items Available for purchase -

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Onion will also be available.
Fun in the Snow with Year 4

Last term, Year 4 were lucky to spend a day at “Snow Time in the Garden” at Hunter Valley Gardens. Our class had won the Class of the Term in Term 1 and Term 2 so as an extra special treat we were allowed to go on an excursion. We had loads of fun playing in the snow, ice-skating and tobogganing. What a great day with a great bunch of students and parents.

Greta Public School - Future Enrolments

Child’s Name ____________________________ Date of Birth ____________

Address _________________________________ Phone No. _____________

Parent Name/s __________________________________________________

Preschool Name _________________________________________________

Year starting school ______________________________

This information will be used for planning. If you are able to give us any details about future enrolments it will be of benefit to us. Otherwise, this slip may be given to a friend or neighbour to be filled out by them and returned by your child.

Extra slips are available from the office.

P & C News

Canteen Roster
17th July Sandra, Belinda
20th July Bec, Louise
21st July Renee, Sasha
22nd July Pat, Stacey
23rd July Pat, Pam
24th July Kayla, Renee

New Hours

Uniform Shop
Opening Hours
Tuesdays Only
9.00AM - 11.00AM
Order Forms are available outside of these hours.
PBL Focus - Be Respectful

Be Co-operative
- The 6 Ls
- Take Turns
- Hand up to Speak
- Share
- Be a good friend
- Show appreciation
- Encourage others
- Include everyone
- Do as you are asked
- Finish your work

Show Courtesy and Good Manners
- Hand up to Speak
- Wait your turn
- Don’t butt in
- Say Please and Thank You
- Look at the person speaking
- Don’t speak when someone else is
- Apologise when you accidently hurt someone

Respect all Property
- Always ask if you want to borrow
- Hand in things you find
- Keep your own things neat and tidy
- Don’t interfere with other people’s

Respect all People
- Be a good friend
- Share
- Take turns
- Show appreciation
- Encourage others
- Include everyone
- Be tolerant
- Do as you are asked
- Don’t hurt anyone’s heart