Term 2 2015

Calendar
*Please note dates from week to week as there are occasionally some changes.

Week 6

Tuesday, May 26th
Sorry Day
Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Wednesday, May 27th
3.30pm Years 3-6 Parent Workshop

Thursday, May 28th
Dress up as Famous Person Day

Friday, May 29th
2pm AECG Meeting
2.15pm K-6 Assembly
Rugby Union team to Canberra

Week 7

Wednesday, June 3rd
UNSW Science Test
Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

Thursday, June 4th
Stage 2 excursion to Cocoparra National Park

Friday, June 5th
K-6 Assembly

Week 8

Monday, June 8th
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday June 9th
Riverina Cross Country

Wednesday, June 10th
7pm P&C Meeting

Friday, June 12th
2.15pm K, 2 and 3 Stage assemblies

Week 9

Monday, June 15th
UNSW Writing Test

Friday, June 19th
K-6 Assembly

Week 10 NAIDOC Week

Monday, June 22nd
NAIDOC Week Flag Raising

Tuesday, June 23rd
Traditional Indigenous Games

Wednesday, June 24th
NAIDOC Week Cultural Activities

Thursday, June 25th
Elder’s Morning Tea
P&C Disco 6 to 7.30pm

Friday, June 26th
Last day Term 2
2.15pm Stage 2 and 3 assemblies

Silver Award and Positive Behaviour for Learning

Well done to the students who received a Silver Award at assembly on Friday (some of whom are in the photo below) and to those who have earned a PBL Award this year.

It is wonderful to see so many students at GPS following our school values - Respect, Responsibility and Do Your Best!
Rugby Union McTaggart Cup

Last Tuesday, two rugby union teams travelled to Wagga to take part in the final round of the McTaggart Cup competition. The boys played outstanding football all day, displaying excellent sportsmanship and skill.

The Stage 2 team were victorious in their first two games, playing their way into the semi-final where they were defeated 3 tries to 2. This was an amazing achievement for a group of boys who had not played rugby union before.

Our Stage 3 team won their first two round games and semi-final convincingly, to secure a position in the grand final which they won 7 tries to 3. These boys will now travel to Canberra to play in a curtain raiser final before this Friday's Brumbies V Bulls round of rugby union.

Mrs Catanzariti was extremely pleased with all the boys’ behaviour and attitude on the day as they did themselves, their families and their school very proud. A very deserving 'Player of the Series' was awarded to Michael Asomua.

Special thanks to the parents who travelled to Wagga to support the boys, Ray Schaefer for coaching, Maxine Kirby for driving the bus and Mrs Angela Catanzariti for managing the team. Thank you also to Mr Frank Scarfone from Aussie Gold Citrus for supplying tasty oranges.

Mortimer Shield

The Stage 3 girls attended the Mortimer Shield League tag competition on Tuesday the 19th May. Team 1 lost their first match by one try but won their second match 5-0. Team 2 won both their matches convincingly and are through to the semi-finals to be held at a later date. The girls had a wonderful day; however, it was cut short due to the weather. Thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer the girls on and to Mrs Parisotto for managing and coaching the teams.

Two boys’ teams also made their way to Jubilee Oval to participate in the Rugby League Mortimer Shield. Both teams tried their best on the day and everyone involved displayed excellent sportsmanship. Unfortunately both teams lost their games and the rest of the day had to be cancelled due to the rain. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day and to Miss Brain for managing and coaching the teams.
National Sorry Day

National Sorry Day is an annual event that has been held in Australia on 26 May, since 1997, to remember and commemorate the mistreatment of the continent’s indigenous population.

Book Fair

Due to popular demand, the Book Fair will be continuing in the Library throughout this week. Children and parents will be able to browse and buy books before school, at lunch time and fruit break on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (not Tuesday due to the Athletics Carnival). There are still plenty of great books available!

School Canteen

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Thank you to last week’s helper Anne Kelton.
Chicken Burger   $3.50
Pluto Pups       $3.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap $4.00
Hash Brown       $0.50
Please do not ask for credit at the canteen. Cash only with lunch orders.
Thank you, Brenda, Canteen Manager

Excursions

Reminder notes have been sent home to all Year 5 & 6 students who have paid the deposit to go on the Canberra excursion later this year. It is now time for a second instalment of $100 towards the final cost. This is due by the end of this term. It may be paid in one lump sum or in small amounts each week.

Students in Years 3 & 4 recently received information about the excursion to Junee and Narrandera in Term 4. This overnight excursion is always a highlight for students. If you would like your child to attend please return the permission note with a deposit of $50 to the office by the end of this term. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Parisotto.

News from 2L

2L have been learning about information reports. They have researched information about the Thorny Devil and as a class they have created their own information report with lots of interesting facts about the spikey little creatures that live in the Australian desert.
Sydney Symphony Orchestra

Last Friday, a large group of GPS students went and watched the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the Regional Theatre. The students really enjoyed the experience and a few were selected to have a turn at conducting the orchestra!

P&C News

DISCO!!

The P&C presents:

End-of term DISCO: Thursday, 25th June at 6pm in the School Hall. $5.00 entry.

All GPS students are invited!!!

Professional DJ!! Disco lights!!

Dance competition!! Best dressed!!

Glow sticks for sale!!

Snacks and drinks available!!

Uniform Shop: the P&C uniform shop is open every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 10:00. There is plenty of stock of jumpers, jackets, winter skirts, long pants and long-sleeved tops. Our next P&C meeting is Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00pm in the staff room. All parents and carers are welcome!

Best regards, Vanessa Clark,
P&C President

Fire & Rescue NSW Open Day 2015

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Fire Station Open Day on Saturday, 30 May 2015 between 10am and 2pm. Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station’s fire truck, hold a fire hose and chat with firefighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and with winter just around the corner, which is the worst time of the year for house fires, this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety. Visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au to find your nearest 2015 Open Day participating station and join us on Saturday, 30 May 2015.

Win a $5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 6

Give your newsletter to your parent or carer to read. Ask them to sign this slip and put it in the box in the front office. If your slip is drawn out at Friday’s assembly, you will win one $5 canteen voucher! Two slips will be drawn out at each assembly.

Student / Family name: __________________

Parent / Carer Signature: _____________________