

## **Term 3: Weeks 2 & 3, Issued: Wednesday, 25 July 2012**

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**TERM 3 - JULY / AUG 2012**

**Thursday/Friday, 26/27  
July**

District Athletics Carnival

**Friday, 3 August**

Assembly—Public Speaking  
Competition Y3-6

**Wednesday, 8 August**

Musica Viva

**Friday, 10 August**

Movie Night

**Monday, 13 August**

Life Savers Visit

**Friday, 17 August**

Assembly

**Monday, 20 August**

Book Week

**Monday, 27 August**

Fathers Day Stall

**Friday, 31 August**

Assembly



## **The Principal**

Welcome back to a very busy and exciting Term 2! Last night our senior students participated in the Choral festival at the Town Hall and they were fantastic! Congratulations to all of our students, we were very proud of you all. Thank you to Mrs Ahearn and Mrs Eshman for doing an outstanding job of preparing the children so well. Well done to all. Students are now gearing up for participation in Southern Stars and the Instrumental Festival.

### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS**

GPS was a very busy place in the holidays. The senior boys and girls toilets have been renovated and look fantastic. The canteen has been re-located and is still work in progress. The canteen will be closed for most of this Term. Once the installation is complete work will start on refurbishments.

### **YEAR 6 CAFE**

Year 6 students will be running the Café on Mondays at Recess time. Prices range from 50c to \$1. Keep an eye out in the P&C news for sausage sizzles etc...

### **INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS**

We had 3 more interactive whiteboards installed during the holidays. We now have a board in every classroom including Mrs Thorne's ESL room. Thank you to P&C for contributing \$4000 towards the whiteboards.

### **PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS**

These meetings will be conducted over the next couple of weeks. Please refer to individual notes sent home by the teachers for dates and times.



## **IMPORTANT**

**GWYNNEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
IS A NUT FREE ZONE**

**NO NUTS OR NUT BASED PRODUCTS  
CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL**



## **P & C Meeting**

**GWYNNEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF ROOM**

**WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST AT 6.30 PM**

**ALL WELCOME**



## LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL

Last week Mr Jennings and Miss Leddy attended this course. The focus of the program will be to develop a school action plan that further develops the fundamental movement skills and health and fitness of our students. We have obtained a grant of \$1288 to assist us in achieving our goals. This will be spent on fitness equipment and nutrition programs.

## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Over the next 6 weeks we welcome students from the Wollongong University who are in their 4<sup>th</sup> year Bachelor of Education Degree. I'm sure that they will enjoy their time at GPS. Most of our classes will have a student teacher.

## FUNDRAISING - PHOTOS

A reminder that if you had photos taken, you should have an appointment to view the photos this Thursday, July 26. If you do not have an appointment time please call Michelle on 0416294746.

## GONSKI REVIEW

There has been a lot of talk in the news lately about the Gonski Review and Local Schools Local Decisions. The Gonski Review was a major review of educational funding that was commissioned by the Federal Government in 2010. This is the first major review of how all schools are funded. For more information on the Gonski Review findings you might like to visit [www.igiveagonski.com.au](http://www.igiveagonski.com.au). You will also find information about Local Schools Local Decisions by doing a Google search.

## SCHOOL NEWS



Congratulations to Ron and Jean Groves on their success at the Camellia Show last weekend—four first places, five second places and four third places.

Well done—keep those green thumbs working !!

Have a look at some blooms in the entry foyer if you have time this week and if you are interested in joining the local Camellia Association, meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month. All Welcome.

## AWARDS

**Congratulations to the following students**

### BRONZE

**2.3L**

Keegan Moore

Joseph Pearce

Isaac Georgeou

Mohammad Nori

### SILVER

**2A**

Callum Clabour

### **PREMIERS SPELLING BEE**

Students from Years 3-6 have been registered for the 2012 Premier's Spelling Bee. Teachers have been provided with the word lists for the Junior (Years 3 & 4) and Senior (Years 5 & 6) sections and an in-school competition will be held in Week 6 of this term. The best two spellers from Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 will be competing in the Regional Finals during Weeks 9 and 10 this term.

### **SOUTHERN STARS**

The Southern Stars group participated in their first rehearsal for our school item last Friday. I would like to complement all students on their excellent behaviour and patience on what was a very busy day. This item is shaping up to be fabulous and if any students still wish to purchase a ticket to attend the Schools Matinee please see me for a permission note.

Jenni Eshman

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### **STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND LTD HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY 2013**

Students from Europe, Canada, the USA, Japan and Latin America will arrive to live with a volunteer host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months. Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience, for further information call our office on 1300 135 331 or visit our website: [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)

**Children aren't happy with nothing to ignore, & that's what parents were created for. Ogden Nash**

Visit our website: [www.gwynneville—p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gwynneville—p.schools.nsw.edu.au)