

Dear Parents / Carers,

A warm welcome back to GSPS for Term 3. It is always nice to see our students return, however, I do have to say that I really miss chatting to parents on site. It definitely doesn't have the same feel in the mornings or afternoon. I would like to remind our community the most important action you can take in this current climate is to practise good hand hygiene and physical distancing. I will continue to ensure that we are vigilant in implementing these requirements to minimise the risk at school.

For many of you who are celebrating Eid on Friday I wish you a lovely day spent with family and friends.



Picking up students early

Over the past week there have been many incidences of students being picked up early as parents do not like crowd at the school gate. I highly recommend that parents wait in their cars until a bit after 3pm and then the rush will be avoided. Due to the locked gates and the number of parents around, students will not be allowed out of the gates between 2:45pm – 3:00pm. Of course, if there is an emergency please call the office otherwise you will be asked to wait until 3pm pick up time.

Last term we did trial a staggered home time, however, due to the large number of siblings / cousins in the school we found that parents had to wait around the gates for a longer period of time.

COVID – 19 update

As has been well documented in the media over recent days, a number of 'hotspots' have been identified by NSW Health. The following link identifies specific venues throughout Sydney that are of concern, with specific advice in regard to being tested and self - isolating.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

Term 3 – Changes to school operations

Scripture - Scripture classes resumed last Wednesday for all students in Years 1 – 4.

Student teachers are now permitted to complete their practicums within schools.

External sporting companies - We are very fortunate to have received a grant of \$3200 which will enable students in Years 2 – 4 to participate in a gymnastics program commencing on Thursday next week. This involves a 40 minute lesson each week for 6 weeks. 'Fit School Fit Kids' have stringent COVID-19 plans in place to ensure staff and student safety and appropriate social distancing. This includes taking the temperature of every child before they participate. If you have any concerns with this and your child is in Years 2, 3 or 4 please contact the school.

Students are now allowed to assemble together in larger groups of up to 15 minutes in duration. Whilst this time frame doesn't allow us to recommence our weekly assemblies, we will be holding brief meetings and presentations once a week. Our school assemblies are continuing to be held using the platform 'zoom'.

Winter PSSA

Winter PSSA in the Auburn Zone is going ahead. However, I have made the difficult decision that our school will not be participating. Given the outbreak of hotspots in the area I had serious concerns about the health and safety of our students and staff. It was a difficult decision, however, in the end health always comes first and I take great responsibility in ensuring any activities we do are not putting our students at a greater risk. A note will be going home to all parents who recently paid \$25 for Term 3 PSSA.

With regards to carnivals, all regional and national carnivals have been cancelled for 2020. We are hoping to hold a 'fun' athletics carnival on site during Semester 2.

External visitors

All visitors to the school are required by the Department of Education (DoE) to sign an agreement to abide by strict the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) guidelines and NSW Health advice on COVID – 19 practices.

At this stage the Department of Education are still not permitting parents to visit schools except for special circumstances.

School drop off and pick up routines

Our current routine will remain the same with parents dropping students at the school gates in the morning and collecting their children at the end of the day from the school gates. We understand that this is not ideal, however, we have put this in place to minimise any community transmission of COVID 19.

P&C August Meeting

Due to COVID-19, our Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been postponed a number of times. Under the current restrictions we are still unable to meet in person, but the Education Minister has now approved for these meetings to be held online. Our August meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th August at 9:30am.

We have chosen Zoom as the online platform we will use. Please fill in the form below to register.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YB7TMZG>

Education Week



Education Week is an annual state-wide event that celebrates the NSW public education community. This year, Education Week will run from Monday 3 August to Friday 7 August 2020.

This year's theme 'Learning Together' reflects an incredible year for NSW public school students, staff and parents, and the partnerships that have been strengthened in response.

Unfortunately, with current COVID restrictions we will not be able to hold our traditional GSPS Open Day. We are hoping to give parents a 'virtual' taste of life at GSPS through an online platform. Further details will be revealed next week.

Hygiene practices and enhanced cleaning

Our school has an adequate supply of hand wash and hand sanitiser, which will be available to students and staff throughout every day. Staff and students will engage in hand washing at regular intervals during the day, including upon entry to the classroom in the morning, after toileting, prior to eating and upon returning from breaks.

Our school is receiving additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Canteen Lunch Orders

A reminder that all lunch orders need to be handed in to the office by 3:15pm each Monday afternoon. We kindly request that the correct money is put into the lunch bags as giving change is not always possible.

If you do have any questions, feedback or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

SRC

The SRC is working hard to organise upcoming events in Term 3. The SRC representatives will remain the same for Term 3 and 4 and there will not be new students elected. This is due to home learning time and the current SRC students have not had an opportunity to build their leadership skills. We look forward to a busy Term 3 and 4 with the SRC.

Mrs Karaali, Mr Zreika and Mrs Demiralp

Help us raise money for Stewart House



High Bounce Balls for sale \$3 – until sold out. All money raised goes to Stewart House.

Every year 1,700 public school children have the opportunity to visit a safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12-day stay, children are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall wellbeing.

Book Fair

We are excited to let you know that this week and next week will be our Book Fair. We have a large range of books / stationery items for sale in the library. As we are unable to have parents on site, each child who wishes to purchase a book will be taking home a 'wish' list of what they would like to buy, with the cost as well. **Students will be able to purchase books from Monday 3rd August to Tuesday 11th August.**

PBL Awards

Sanaa M	1M	2 nd Shooting Star
Zand O	1M	1 st Shooting Star
Umar Y	2S	2 nd Shining Star
Sienna A	3E	1 st Shooting Star
Lela A	3E	1 st Shining Star
Alana A	3E	3 rd Shooting Star
Ahmed E	3E	3 rd Shooting Star
Hamza Y	3E	3 rd Shining Star
Mariam E	KB	1 st Shining Star
Noah K	3N	2 nd Super Star
Hilel A	KH	1 st Shining Star
Maddix C	KH	1 st Shining Star
Aadhya K	KH	1 st Shining Star
Rama S	KH	1 st Shining Star
William T	3E	2 nd Super Star
Suraia B	4Z	1 Super Star
Julian J	4Z	1 st Shining Star
Mohomad A	4Z	2 nd Super Star
Sarah I	6/5K	3 rd Shining Star
Dalaa K	6/5K	1 st Shooting Star
Abdul M	2M	1 st Shining Star

Adam A	2M	1 st Shooting Star
Ali J	2M	1 st Shooting Star
Ava C	2M	1 st Shooting Star
Frashta M	2M	1 st Super Star
Havana T	2M	2 nd Shining Star
Jana A	2M	2 nd Shooting Star
Khadija A	2M	3 rd Shining Star
Mikhael R	2M	1 st Shooting Star
Noor A	2M	2 nd Shining Star
Olla H	2M	3 rd Shooting Star
Sahar A	2M	3 rd Shooting Star
Sarah W	2M	3 rd Shooting Star
Zayne C	2M	3 rd Shining Star
Nora E	KH	1 st Shining Star
Marley C	KH	1 st Shining Star
Joseph H	2S	1 st Shooting Star
Zenia E	2S	1 st Shooting Star
Rukia A	2S	2 nd Shining Star
Muzghan R	4D	2 nd Shooting Star
Mirabai S	4D	3 rd Shining Star
Veronica D	4D	3 rd Shooting Star
Ahmed A	4D	3 rd Shooting Star
Fateema E	4D	3 rd Shining Star
Jayda D	4D	2 nd Shooting Star
Aaron M	4D	1 st Super Star

Lillea K	4D	1 st Shining Star
Sarah A	KB	1 st Shining Star
Masoumah A	KB	1 st Shining Star
Whareth E	2S	1 st Shooting Star
Amir K	2S	1 st Shooting Star
Isaac J	KB	1 st Shining Star
Alexis K	KB	1 st Shining Star
Amir K	1PD	2 nd Shining Star
Omar A	1PD	3 rd Shining Star
Hamza K	6/5H	2 nd Shooting Star
Hayley T	6/5H	1 st Shining Star
Marley C	KH	1 st Shining Star
Faizan A	2S	1 st Shining Star
Maryam A	2S	1 st Shooting Star
Nada E	3N	1 st Shining Star
Braxton H	3N	3 rd Shooting Star
Arham A	3N	3 rd Shooting Star

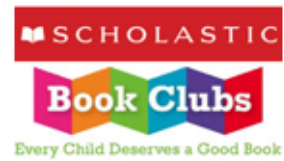




Look, we have clean hands!

Book Club Bingo

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1. On which page is the book "Tilly"? _____
2. Which book is about Martin getting a stinky super power? _____
3. Which item costs \$45.00? _____
4. On which page is the book "Three"? _____
5. Ethan has brain surgery. What does he become? _____
6. On which page is the Student Order Form? _____
7. On which page is the book "Swimming with Dolphins"? _____

Please return completed Book Club Bingo forms to Mrs Petrunic for your chance to win a prize!

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

