Message from the Principal

This week, we continue to welcome our new Kindergarten students for 2016. The pre-schoolers have been warmly welcomed into the Kindergarten classrooms by the wonderful Year 5 buddies and the Kindergarten teachers.

This weeks session was about Best Start. It was very successful and informative, and will take away some of the anxiety that all new Kinder parents feel about their child starting school.

This is a busy term. There are lots of things happening so please make sure you check the calendar regularly to see what is coming up at the school.

Currently teachers are working on the children’s Semester 2 reports which take an extraordinary amount of time.

I am looking forward to Presentation Day, where all students will be recognised for their achievements over the year.

Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2017

Information for parents can be found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

There have been changes made to this process from previous years.

- All applications must be made online
- Late applications will not be accepted
- Parents can only make three choices, not four
- Family placement claims are not considered

Application Website Closes 16 November 2015.

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on 10 March 2016.

Kindergarten 2016 Enrolments

GRPS is now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015.

If your child turns five years of age by July 31, 2016 please pick up an enrolment form from the school office.

Often it is years later that a teacher realises the impact that she or he had on a student, or an entire class.

I want to thank and pay tribute to wonderful and amazing teachers at GRPS – as well as the many other staff supporting them in their work. I extend my respect and appreciation to you on World Teachers' Day.

Finally, a big thank you to staff, students and our community for your wonderful support of Grandparents Day. Don't miss the photos below.

Lisa O'Brien
Relieving Principal.
Whooping Cough Information for Schools

There is an outbreak of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping Cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping Cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping Cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

If your doctor diagnoses Whooping Cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping Cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time.

Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies, should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about Whooping Cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

Illustrator Visit

On Tuesday 27th October, we had illustrator Benjamin Johnson visit our school and present to the children in our Library.

Mr Johnson spoke about the process of creating a picture book from start to finish. He spoke about the tricks of the trade and how to utilise your creative side.

He is the illustrator of the two picture books “Engibears Dream” and “Engibears Bridge”. Any parent/carer interested in learning more about the Engibear concept or purchasing copies of the books can do so at http://www.engibear.com.

Copies of the books have been purchased for our library and will be available for borrowing.

Linda Grivas
Teacher Librarian

Today on Tuesday 27th of October, illustrator Benjamin Johnson came to our school. He told us all about his job being a illustrator and an architect. He also showed us how to draw Bear-bot and showed us all sorts of bridg. He told us about all the book and showed us his drawing abo Bear-bot! It was an amazing day!

By Rachel
Last Tuesday, four very brave students represented Gardeners Road Public in the 2015 Botany Bay Public Speaking Competition. Lila, Yelena, Hugo and Jasmine spent weeks in busy preparation. They spoke sincerely on a topic they were clearly interested in. They also made their opinions clear and left the audience with something to think about! Congratulations to all our students on a wonderful effort on the day! Thank you to our parents who helped them along their journey. And well done to Lila from Kindergarten who received a highly commended award for a remarkable effort!

Celebrating the strengths of Gardeners Road - Striving for personal excellence

Well done G-Force Students!

The following students are being congratulated for being safe, respectful learners.

**KF**
Aliya, Archie, Elijah, Farhan, Farhat, Hasnana, Janet, Jade, Joshua, Kala, Lila, Monica, Rihan, Sena, Soraya

**1H**
Dominique, Leah, Sandra

**KL**
Christian, Mehrsa, Joy

**2/1MB**
Bartu, Efe, Lilly

**2/M**
Anastasios, Ayrton, Bhavya, Brooklyn, Danna, Jason, Jemma, Jonell, Kester, Mana, Maria, Mia, Muhammad, Rachel, Stephen, Taj, Yelena

**4/3R**
Alonso, Berkhay, Charlize, Enwin, Jai, Jeremiah, Jorjah, Metin, Michael, Sophia, Umut

**5/6G**
Attila, Aulola, Bosko, Denise, Indyanna, Izayah, Savar, Sila

**3B**
Abigail, Focus, Jana, Jeniffer

**4M**
Adil, Aleksei, Angelo, Bradley, Cem, Erika, Jacob, Jayden, Jayze, Leidy, Mariah, Max, Michael, Tanveer

**5/6S**
Best, Brandon, Firdevs, Fordyline, Jennifer, Koen, Nicolas, Omer, Tanvi, Towhidul

Grandparents day Photos
The P&C have several activities coming up in November:
* BBQ at Bunnings (Mascot) on Saturday 14th November
* Kids Disco on Friday 20th November
* BBQ at the City of Sydney Carols night on Sunday 29th November

We are looking for volunteers to help at these activities.

**Improving Dyslexic Children’s Reading Abilities?**

**The role of Video Games**

The University of Sydney is running a study looking at improving reading ability in children with dyslexia using video games.

The activities will be carried out at the University of Sydney for 11 days (90 minute sessions) during the summer holidays.

Participation in the study is free and parking is provided.

To participate in the study or for any questions you may have, please feel free to contact Dr Piergiorgio Trevisan at piergiorgio.trevisan@sydney.edu.au or on 0421 948 022.