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Term 1 - Week 4 - 2017

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Welcome back to Term 1 and in fact a new year. As usual things are off and running with barely time to catch breath. 2017 is going to be an extremely busy and demanding one for myself and Mrs Waters as our school joins the transition to the new state wide financial business system and student wellbeing systems.

This will entail many out of school development/ learning days for Mrs Waters and myself. This change-over will take time to learn and adapt to. We should be completely transitioned in early September. There are many other platforms that have been completely remodelled or changed, all of which staff need to re-learn and become familiar with. A year of great change is ahead for all staff.

Our great school will continue to operate as usual with students receiving the same amount of care, attention and learning that SPS delivers. We plan to attend an excursion to Sydney to the Taronga Zoo Snooze again at the end of the year, a Disney on Ice performance in June plus all of our other smaller excursions and performances. On the days that staff are away at professional development we will have relieving teachers and office staff to cover when necessary.

For terms 2 and 3 Mrs Sansom will be taking maternity leave as her new baby is due in May. We are very lucky to have secured Mrs Beard to fill her position for this time to cover the infants classroom teacher.

We would really like to see some parental/family support in 2017 in the form of some working bees to enhance our playground areas. Please consider offering some time to support your child's school.

We have already made some significant purchases for the school this year in the form of new blinds for the primary and infants class room, the front veranda area and the admin office. We also are having an air conditioner installed in the infants classroom. This is the time of the year where we set our budget for the year and allocate funds for our needs. In time we hope to upgrade the admin office and Principal's work area. Parent teacher interviews will be held at the end of term 1 as per usual. You will be notified of these appointments later in the term.

We have experienced some severe weather these first few weeks of term as you would know. On these days of extreme heat we try to give the children some extra play/sport time early in the mornings. At recess and lunch we stay inside to escape the hot conditions. Be assured we prepare and plan well in advance for the conditions.

Protocol for Student Illnesses

Unfortunately we have already experienced a spate of children with flu symptoms and well as gastroenteritis in the last 2 weeks. If your child is sick, please keep them home from school the next day to ensure they are fully recovered and recuperate thoroughly. This will help contain the illnesses and stop the spread. We are keeping a tight regime on hand washing, sneezing and the use of anti bacterial gel. Please keep to the usual protocols for illness, when your child returns to school please send an absence note if you have not already informed the school verbally. If absent for 2 or more days ensure you notify the school. Any longer than 3 days absent your child will need a doctors certificate. I thank you for your support in this matter.

Amy Hughes
Principal

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Dates to Remember

17th Feb - Fun Food Friday

21st Feb - P & C Meeting @ 1pm

22nd Feb - Assembly @ 2.30pm

16th March - Oz Opera GPS

29th March - Term Assembly @ 2.30p

7th April - Last day of Term 1

P & C News

Unfortunately due to children's illnesses this week we have had to cancel our P & C Meeting that was set for Tuesday 14th. **We have re scheduled for next Tuesday 21st Feb.** We hope to see you there!

Our first Fun Food Friday will be this Friday 17th.

Please ensure all orders and money are returned to school by Thursday. Fun Food Fridays will continue for this term and the whole year in weeks 3, 6 and 9.

P & C Meetings will remain on Tuesdays at 1pm in weeks 4 and 8.

Our Presentation Night Major raffle winners were:

1st: Luke Hester

2nd: Robynne

3rd: Jean Spokes

Our Lolly guessing Jar winner was Malia Smith and our 100's club winner was Ashlea Smith.

The P & C Committee would like to thank all families who helped set up and pack away on the night and who contributed to the supper. A fantastic evening was enjoyed by everyone and it was a great high to end our year on. We raised \$ 625.10 for the above fundraisers. Thank you all for your support.

We look forward to a successful and productive 2017.

Gloucester & District Netball Association

2017 Saturday Morning Netball Competition

Registration Days

9-11am at the netball courts on 25th Feb 2017 and 4th March 2017.

Net-Set-Go (5-10yrs) 9am start

Juniors (Years 3-6) 9.45am start

Intermediates (Years 7-12) 11am start

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