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Term 1 - Week 4 - 2017

Wednesday 1st March 2017

Thank goodness that week 6 has brought our area some much needed rain! We can now take a longer shower knowing that our tanks are full. We may even see some greener grass in the next couple of weeks.

On Wednesday 15th March we will be holding an information session at school for parents/carers from 3.15pm to 3.45pm on the See Saw application that is used by the students and teachers at school. We hope you can attend and gain some knowledge in the IT area of your children's learning.

Our parent/teacher interviews will be on **Thursday 30th March** as well as any PLP meeting that are due. A booking time for your meeting will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. It is important that you attend these meetings to discuss where your child is in their learning, their strengths and any areas of need.

We have a busy schedule for the remaining weeks of term 1. If you have not already done so please return your Hockey Gala Day permission notes ASAP. Thank you for the Football Gala Day permission notes and accompanying information, all have been returned. Yesterday you would have received your permission note for Oz Opera, there is a \$7 fee per student attached to this excursion.

Our Easter Hat Parade and P & C Raffle draw will take place this year on Tuesday 4th April. Raffle tickets will go home on next fortnight's newsletter and more information on the days activities.

HEAD LICE ALERT

Head lice have been sighted within the school. Please be proactive in examining your child's hair, treating and continuing with follow up treatments. Information is attached to the newsletter.

Major Excursions

Our first major excursion for 2017 will be a trip to Newcastle to attend 'Disney on Ice'. This performance has been booked and we anticipate that we will travel by bus on this day. This will be a first visit to a Disney on Ice performance for the majority of our children and we are looking forward to witnessing the enjoyment and excitement that they gain from this experience. The cost for this excursion will be fully funded by the school from our RAM funding that has been allocated within our budget for 2017. This excursion will be on June 23rd in Term 2.

Our second major excursion has been booked for Term 4 where the whole school will experience a 'Zoo Snooze' at Taronga Zoo. It was 3 years ago when we first experienced the Zoo Snooze and we are looking to forward to visiting again. We hope also to leave very early on Thursday 19th October to attend a museum before we head off to the ferry to motor over to the bottom entrance of the Zoo. We will then head up in a gondola to start off our Zoo experience.

The cost for each child to attend will be \$100 each. This cost is heavily subsidised. We have given early notification of costs to enable families to budget. A permission note will come home later in the term which will enable all families to pay in instalments if needed.

SRC News

The SRC first fundraiser for 2017 will be crazy Hair Day to be held on Friday 24th March. There is a gold coin donation and all monies raised will go to the Leukaemia Foundation. So start thinking about what creation you will be wearing on this day.

Amy Hughes
Principal

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Assembly Awards

Infants: Jaxon for great work in all literacy sessions.

Primary: Thomas for working well in word study lessons.

Principal's Award: Alicia for settling into school life at Stratford PS quickly.

Gracie for being very brave and settling into school routine.

Citizenship: Josh.

Birthdays: Ajay who turned 8, Malia who turned 9 and Savannah who turned 9 in January and Gracie who turned 5 in February.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!

Core Value Awards

Caring for Others and the Environment: Alicia

Acting Responsibly: Josh

Congratulations to all of our award recipients!

Dates to Remember

1st March - Hockey Gala Day in Gloucester

3rd March - Fun food Friday

8th March - Hockey Gala Day in Gloucester

9th March - High School Orientation Morning 9-11am

14th March - P & C Meeting 1pm

15th March - Parent Information Session 3.15pm

15th March - Oz Opera @ GPS & Glouc Excursion

24th March - Fun Food Friday

24th March - SRC Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser

29th March - Soccer Gala Day in Gloucester 9am-2pm

30th March - Parent Teacher Interviews

4th April - Easter Hat Parade

5th April - Term Assembly 2.30pm

7th April - Last day of Term 1

P & C News

Thank you to the families who attended our last meeting. This had to be re-scheduled due to many families having sick children. We hope to see you next meeting on March 14th if you did not the last one. Please see attached the meeting minutes and a P & C timetable for the year. This will be added to as new activities arise.

Our next activity/fundraiser is our Easter Raffle, please see the attached flyer regarding donations of chocolate eggs etc. These can be left at the school office at any time with Mrs Waters.

Updated Personal Information

Please remember to notify the school immediately if any personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts or health care issues if they change as soon as they arise to keep our records as current as possible. We have had problems in the past trying to ring families when they have changed their phone numbers and not notified the school/office.

Year 5 and 6 Students and Parents

An invitation was sent home on Monday from the High School regarding a visit to the High School on 9th March. Students will be shown around the school by future Peer Support Leaders while parents will have a separate tour. Both sessions will conclude with a question and answer session. All students are expected to return to school after their visit. If you have lost your information sheet another one is attached for your information.

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