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Term 1 - Week 8 - 2017

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We are in week 8 already and Easter and the holidays are bearing down upon us. We still have lots going on for the last few weeks including Soccer Gala Day, Fun Food Friday, Crazy Hair Day, Parent & Teacher Interviews and Term Assembly and Easter Hat Parade. Please refer to the 'Dates to Remember' for activities.

Urgent Notice

Unfortunately it has been brought to our attention that some students have been taking food from other children's lunch boxes, which is stealing! This is unacceptable and we will now have to formulate a plan to keep students bags in an area where they cannot be accessed by children when not supervised. This is very sad, so we ask that all families have a talk to their children about this also, we would like to end this behaviour before it escalates and leads to serious implications. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Oz Opera

What a fantastic day we all had in Gloucester today. Firstly we were lucky to be given a tour of the Fire Station and fire truck in Gloucester. We were also shown how some of the equipment works. We then went to Gloucester PS to eat our recess with the students there.

The Three Billy goats Gruff was the play that was presented by Oz Opera and it was brilliant. Very well presented as the Oz Opera productions usually are. Bright, colourful and funny.

Unfortunately we were unable to have lunch in the park due to the rain and so travelled back to school a little earlier.

School Uniform

Please remember that if you need any school uniforms for the coming cooler weather the P & C has a full stock of jumpers, shirts and hats.

Please be reminded that school uniform consists of pale blue polo shirt with school emblem, navy blue jumper with school emblem and wide brim navy blue hat. Shorts and long pants are navy blue and can be purchased by families that best suits them.

Please endeavour to make sure your children are wearing the correct uniform at all times. If for any reason your child does not have a uniform to wear (prolonged rain, unable to wash clothes etc) please send in a note to explain this. P & C stock uniforms and keep the retail price to just cover costs, they are not a fundraiser for the P & C in any way. Thank you.

Hockey Gala Day

What a fantastic day the Primary students had last week in Gloucester. We were lucky the rain held off and the grounds were not too soggy. We combined with Stroud Road to make 2 teams and with the 3rd being substituted in and out in rotation. There was not a lot of time for rest. It was nice to see our students being 'a team' with Stroud Road and not worrying about winners and losers. New skills were learnt and lots of short games played against Barrington and Gloucester PS students. A special mention to Connor who looks to have a natural ability as goalkeeper! This was commented on many times on the day by Gloucester Hockey Club representatives. Well done everyone.

Easter Celebrations

We have decided to hold our end of term assembly on Tuesday 4th April this year to coincide with our Easter Hat Parade. We plan to start our activities at 12.30pm with our hat parade and the drawing of the P & C Raffle. Parents and Carers will then be invited to share a picnic lunch with their children before our end of term assembly which will start at 2pm. We hope you can join us on this day.

Easter Hats

Please start thinking of ideas for your Easter Hats/Bonnets this year. All students are asked to make/create their hats for the parade. Anything bright and colourful and Easter themed will be fine, you do not have to spend a fortune just let your imaginations take a hold and see what you can come up with. Please bring to school on the morning of Tuesday 4th April.

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Principal

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Dates to Remember

24th March: - Fun Food Friday

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

30th March: - Parent Teacher Interviews

3rd to 7th April: Year 10 Work Experience Student

4th April: Easter Hat Parade and Raffle. Picnic Lunch with students and Term Assembly . Start 12.30pm

7th April:- Last day of Term 1

24th April: Staff Development Day

25th April: ANZAC Day Public Holiday

26th April: Students return Term 2

ANZAC DAY Gloucester March

As is usual we are asking students who would like to represent their school and participate in the ANZAC Day march in Gloucester on Tuesday 25th April to please meet Mrs Hughes outside the RSL Soldiers Club at 10.20am in the morning to assemble for the march and then attend the service. Full school uniform is expected to be worn with the captains marching with the banner. We hope to see as many students there as possible.

Heating up of Lunches

Please remember that we are **unable** to heat up student's lunches, pot noodles etc at any time that are brought in from home. This is a WHS issue and out of our control.

Premier's Reading challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun for 2017. Our Library has a large selection of books that are contained in the Premier's Lists for all age groups. So get reading everyone!

SRC Crazy Hair Day fundraiser

Just a quick reminder for all families and students that the SRC are having a fundraising activity on Friday 24th. All students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation and come to school with a Crazy Hair Creation. All funds raised will go to the Cancer Council for research into Leukaemia. We look forward to seeing your 'hair designs'.

P & C News

P & C are asking for donations of Easter Eggs from all of our families for our Easter Raffle.

We would like to remind you that our P & C relies on your donations to keep our costs down and that all monies raised go directly back into the school to benefit our children.

All donations great or small would be appreciated. Thank you to those families who have already contributed!



Attached to this weeks newsletter are raffle tickets for each family to sell. Please return all sold or unsold tickets and monies to school by Monday 3rd April for the drawing of the raffle on the 2nd April.

Thank you to the families who attended our last P & C meeting.

Stewart House Bouncy Balls

We have in the front office for sale Stewart House High Bounce Hand Balls for sale. They are \$3 each, please see Mrs Waters to purchase one. All funds raised go straight to the Stewart House Charity for children in need. Help us support this great charity whilst developing your handball skills at the same time!

A HUGE THANK YOU

We would like to take this time to acknowledge and thank Mr Sansom and Mr Berry who very generously gave their time up today to give us a guided tour and demonstration of Gloucester Fire Station. We had some hands on activities and got to see how the equipment works. They brought to our attention the very important need for every family to have a Fire Protection Plan and for all members to be aware of it no matter how young! When asked, all of our students either responded that they did not know or that they did not have a plan at their house. Something for all families to think about!

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