

NEWSLETTER 13 February 2024

Dates for your Diary

FEB	Tue	13	Music	Wed	14	Foundation Day Off
	Fri	16	Italian	Fri	16	Swimming
	Tue	20	Music	Wed	21	Foundation Day Off
	Wed	21	Library	Fri	23	Italian
	Fri	23	Swimming	Mon	26	Art
	Tue	27	Music	Tue	27	Prep Information session
	Tue	27	Cooking Grade 3/4/5	Wed	28	Foundation Day Off
26 Feb – 1 March Grade 6 Cluster Camp						
MAR	Fri	1	Italian	Fri	1	Swimming
	Mon	4	Music	Wed	6	Library
	Fri	8	Swimming	Mon	11	Labour Day (no school)
	Tue	12	Music	Wed	13	NAPLAN (Gr 3/5)
	Thu	14	NAPLAN (Gr 3/5)	Fri	15	Swimming
	Fri	15	Italian	Mon	18	NAPLAN (Gr 3/5)
	Tue	19	Cooking (Gr 4/5/6)	Tue	19	Music
	Wed	20	Library	Thu	21	NAPLAN (Gr 3/5)

Dear Parents,

Where have the last two weeks gone? This term is only 9 weeks long so before we know it Easter will be upon us. Can you please note the following:

Student of the Week

Our congratulations go to the following students who have recently been awarded a Student of the Week Award:

Archie G. – terrific effort and settling in very quickly to his new school

Sybil – sensible approach to her work

Alex – being a great buddy to Archie

Lachie – excellent approach to all tasks, particularly writing



Congratulations

Our congratulations are extended to Anna and Richard Gourlay on the arrival of their second child – Charli Grace. This is fantastic news for them. Enrolment forms have already been sent home and we look forward to meeting Charli soon!

School Council

At the close of nominations yesterday we had two nominations - Lee Barr and Janelle Osborne. As we had the right number of nominations for vacancies we don't have to go to an election and I'm pleased to announce that they are duly elected to our Council for the next two years. Congratulations Lee and Janelle – but more importantly thank you for putting yourself forward to support this wonderful school though this forum.

Cooking

Last week our Grade 4's and 5's experienced their first cooking session along with our Grade 6's. And what a spread they created – corn bread, pumpkin donuts, empanadas just to name a few of the dishes they made. An absolutely brilliant program making use of the produce from our vegie garden.

Our next session will be when the Grade 6's are on their cluster outdoor ed camp. So instead I will take the Grade 3's with us for this session.

We're always looking for helpers with this program. You don't have to be a Grade 4/5/6 parent or a proficient cook. You may even learn a new skill or two (such how to cook rice in a microwave!) Check out our efforts from last week:



Family BBQ

A brilliant night was had last Friday at our welcome BBQ. Thanks very much to Col and Damian for assisting with the cooking. It's official – teachers won the water fight YET AGAIN. You need to lift your game kids!!!!

Book Club

Just a reminder for when ordering book club through the LOOP App that you will need to pick the class that your child is in. Our settings have been updated and there are two classes to choose from, 3-6 Mr G and F-2 Ms Hamilton. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

NAPLAN

The national assessment of literacy and numeracy skills, NAPLAN, will be commencing shortly. The dates for the various tests are marked above in the calendar. Please make every effort to ensure your child is here on those dates as there is only a short window of time for catchup tests. NAPLAN is only for Grade 3 and 5 students. If you would like any further information about NAPLAN please feel free to see me.

After School Care

New things have been happening in GOSHC. Last year the children requested that we set up a kids committee. So now ... the children plan the menu, indoor and outdoor activities.

This week we have started a new routine. The children oversee setting up the GOSHC space, table, activities and updating the date and weather.

Fun recipe:

Banana pancakes with marshmallows

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups of plain flour

- 2 ½ teaspoons of bi-carb powder
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- 1 over ripe banana
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup of milk
- ½ teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons of unsalted butter, melted
- ½ cup of mini marshmallows (optional)

Instructions

1. In a bowl mix together all the dry ingredients.

2. In another bowl mash banana with fork until smooth. Whisk in eggs, milk, vanilla, and butter.
3. Add the wet mix to the dry mix. Then whisk together.
4. Add in optional ingredients.
5. Then cook.

This week:

Monday 12th: Scavenger map hunt

Tuesday 13th: Mini pizza

Wednesday 14th: Chatter boxes

Thursday 15th: Get out of my house



Our Grade 6 Uniform.



Our Assembly Leader for this term.

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal