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Principal’s Report
We are two thirds through the term and whilst staff are maintaining their focus on our Literacy and Numeracy programs, Anne Loney and Jen Farley are also continuing to lead our professional learning on Inquiry Teaching, specifically this term on developing challenging learning tasks. Teachers are enthusiastically building their capacity in this area and this term our focus for our Peer Observations, where teachers observe each other teaching and provide targeted feedback, are based on this.

Last Thursday Rachel Coulse from the CASEA team spent the day at GPS and worked with our PATHS coordinator, Maria Plesa, teachers and aides, to follow up our progress and determine future actions. It was pleasing to receive Rachel’s positive feedback on our implementation of PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies). See Maria’s report later in this newsletter for more information.

I congratulate our staff on their overall commitment to their own professional growth and improving student learning outcomes.

Behind the scenes planning for 2017 is gaining momentum, with preliminary work on grade structures and staffing allocations. If you have any thoughts on grade structures or projects for next year please either let me know via the office, in writing or pass your thoughts on to one of our School Council members.

Congratulations Scholarship Winners!
We are very pleased to celebrate three of our Grade Six students being awarded scholarships for secondary school. Montmorency Secondary College recognised Ashley’s leadership skills and Harry’s academic prowess, and Zach’s musical talents were acknowledged by Greensborough College. Ashley, Harry and Zach are worthy recipients of this honour and have shown themselves to be terrific leaders at Greensborough Primary. We know they will be excellent ambassadors for our school and we wish them well with their future aspirations.
Assembly Performance:
The recent performances of ‘Bruno Mars’ by Grade 3/4s and ‘Milkshakes’ by Grade 5/6A were greatly enjoyed by everyone at Monday morning assemblies. These presentations are becoming a highly anticipated event and we look forward to the Marimba group and Grade 5/6 B performing in the coming weeks. It's great to see the number of parents who are able to come along and watch their children perform.

Book Week
Once again Book Week is a highlight of our school year! A very big thank you to Jen Farley for organising terrific activities for our community. The Multi-Age Day was a wonderful opportunity for students to work with different groups of teachers and students across the school to re-read the short-listed books and complete related art/craft activities. The Book Fair was very popular and the students had a great variety of books or stationary items to buy. Tomorrow’s Book Parade always engages our community and we’re looking forward to seeing the amazing costumes our talented families create. Thank you to families for supporting this week and instilling a love of literature in your children and also helping to raise funds for Library purchases.

Poetry Competition
I encourage everyone to stop by the foyer and read the short listed poems on display for this year’s Book Week Competition. Students in each grade have voted for their top four poems and staff have the difficult task of voting for the winner in each class. Each year we are amazed at the standard of poems and the skill of the students, and this year is no exception. The poems evoke powerful imagery and those written by our senior students are especially emotive. Winning entries will be announced at next Monday’s assembly and I congratulate all our shortlisted poets!

Athletics
Congratulations to all our students who attended our Athletics trials last Tuesday and performed to the best of their abilities. Staff reported that our students’ behaviour was exemplary and the trials proceeded very smoothly. Thank you to all the parents who attended and assisted with the day’s organization – your contributions were greatly appreciated.
Next Thursday 1st September, students in the Athletics team will compete in the Watsonia District Carnival at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium in McDonalds Rd Epping. An information note will be sent home for all students who are participating. Thank you to Alison Gibson for all her organization for this event and to staff who have assisted her. We wish our students good luck at the carnival and we know they will represent our school proudly!

Scout Raffle
Thank you to everyone for supporting the My School Raffle. Thank you once again to Parents and Friends for coordinating this fundraiser which raised over $600 for resources for our students!
SunSmart
In line with SunSmart recommendations, as from next Thursday 1st September, students will be required to wear their hats for outdoor activities, this includes recess, lunch and Physical Education lessons. (From September 1st – April 30th is when the average UV alert is 3 and above.) School hats are available at the office for $10. Students without hats are required to play in designated areas with full shade.

Angela Morritt
Principal

GATEWAYS

Last week parents may have noticed that some students were selected for nomination by their teachers for various G.A.T.E.WAYS programs. For those who may be unaware, G.A.T.E.WAYS is an independent, non-funded organisation, established in 1994 to provide opportunities for highly able and gifted children with special educational needs. Like-minded students can participate in programs that will challenge them intellectually and help develop their individual talents. Both short and longer term programs in most areas of the curriculum are offered in host schools in Melbourne, Canberra, Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Sydney, Singapore, Bangkok, as well as ‘On Location’. Over the last 20 years G.A.T.E.WAYS has gained considerable recognition with teachers, parents and children in Australia for its high quality programs.

Parent paid fees cover the costs of program development, administration and presentation. G.A.T.E.WAYS is widely supported by schools in all education sectors – state, independent, catholic – as well as by many parents who home-school their children. Most programs operate during regular school hours so that gifted and talented children are not penalised by having to complete their extension programs ‘on top of’ rather than ‘instead of’ regular schoolwork. In any given week during the school term between 750 and 1200 primary aged children attend workshops.

G.A.T.E.WAYS engages presenters who are expert in a given field or fields; passionate about their field and able to convey this enthusiasm to children; excellent communicators who love children; knowledgeable about the special needs of gifted children and how they learn; creative, flexible and skilled in terms of curriculum development and delivery. Their programs are inquiry based, with hands-on activities, problem solving and higher order thinking skills.

For each ‘Journeys’ program available for our school, we are able to nominate 4 children. As all parents do not choose to take up their nomination, we hand out more nomination forms than there are places available. Therefore it is vital to return your forms as soon as possible to avoid missing out on a place.

Information on the enrolment process is outlined in the Parent Information Sheet that comes home with each nomination form.

It has been wonderful to see so many families take up the G.A.T.E.WAYS program this year and to hear from the students about their experiences at various locations.

If you have any questions about the program or selection process, please see Gemma Pearce.

Gemma Pearce
Gateways Co Ordinator
Prep – 2 Students had a wonderful day learning about road safety, rules and laws when riding a bike and being a passenger in a car at Kew Traffic School. Students participated in three activities; riding bikes, education lesson and park activities with cooperative games. An overall wonderful learning experience!

Thank you to all our sensational helpers.

Laura Tillotson, Erin Donaldson and Rebecca Gauci
Classroom Teachers
PATHS DAY

Last Thursday, all staff at GPS had a 45 minute session with Rachel, a clinician from Austin Health, and myself to discuss the implementation of the PATHS program. Rachel was extremely impressed with how well both teachers and students are using the program’s problem solving strategies and ‘feelings faces’. Rachel has provided us with many new resources and ideas for the future, even suggesting we have a PATHS ‘Staff Member of the Week’, which will begin on Monday. We have also decided that we can benefit from some PATHS reminders out in the yard and will be creating some murals of turtles and traffic lights to put around our school, to encourage students to use appropriate strategies in the yard.

Watch this space!

Maria Plesa
Paths Program Co Ordinator

PATHS Reminder of the Week

Our favourite PATHS quote of the week:

If you think someone could use a friend, be one

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week – Australia Story Country

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Book Fair so far. We will be open again on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning and afternoon. Please be aware that if you purchase by credit card the money will not be deducted from your card for at least a week.

Thanks also to the parents who helped out at the Book Fair. It makes it much easier when we have extra shop assistants!

Don’t forget the Book Parade is on tomorrow, Friday 26th starting at 9.05 in the hall. We are looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up as their favourite character. A reminder that the children can stay in their costume for the entire day but please remember that they will be playing outside so will require appropriate shoes and a jacket if it is cold.

Winners of the CBCA awards were announced last Friday.

Early Readers
Winner Mr. Huff Honour Books Perfect and The Cow Tripped over the Moon.

Picture Book
Winner Flight Honour Books One Step at a Time and Ride, Ricardo, Ride

Fiction
Winner Soon Honour Books Sister Heart and Shadows of the Master

Multi Age Book Discovery day

On Wednesday 24th we held a very successful Multi-age day. The children were placed in groups made up of children from Prep - Grade 6. They took part in different activities based around the books – Mr. Huff, Perfect, My Dog Bigsy, The Cow Tripped over the Moon and Piranhas Don’t Eat Bananas. There will soon be some photographs on the website. Thanks to all the staff who helped make this day such a success.

Poetry Competition

If you have not had a chance to read the poems on display in the office foyer, go and have a look. They are fantastic! Such talented children! The winners will be announced on Monday at assembly.

Happy Reading

Jen Farley
Librarian
Parents & Friends

So far this year we have raised over $11,000 for the school! We have raised enough funds for 10 new laptops for students plus an interactive whiteboard for the classrooms. Thank you to everyone who has supported P&F this year – it is great that for such a small school we are able to raise such a large amount of money. All the extra money raised is yet to be allocated, so if you have a suggestion on things that would be great for the school, or that the school needs, please let us know.

Scout's Raffle
Thank you to everyone who returned raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn on 9th of September. Good luck to those who purchased tickets.

Food Day
This coming Friday will be a Baker’s Delight Day. Thank you again to Bakers Delight Greensborough Plaza for their continued support of our school.
On Friday the 9th we will be having a Footy Pie Day. Order forms will come out early next week.

Father’s Day Stall – Friday 2nd September
We will be having a Father’s Day Stall for the students to purchase gifts for their dad/special person. The stall is on in the morning (9:30-11:00am). Gifts range from 50c to $6.
Next meeting – will be held next Monday 29th of August at 9:30am (after assembly) in the staff room. We will be discussing next term as well as starting to plan for next year. It would be great to see some new faces.

Kim Hill
On behalf of P&F

Pupil of the Week

Term 3 ~ Week 5  Week Ending August 12th 2016
Prep ~ Kayden ~ For putting in such a huge effort to learn to read his Magic Words. Well done!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Jayden ~ For working so hard in all areas of learning. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Bailey ~ For using descriptive language to uplevel his writing. Well done!
Grade 3/4 A ~ Tyler ~ For working so hard on his poetry tasks this week. Well done Tyler!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Toby ~ For your fantastic Big Write based on changing a rule or law.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Bailey D ~ For being a fantastic team member during Integrated Studies.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Ashley ~ For working hard to improve her vocabulary during Poetry lessons.
Art ~ Rory ~ For his amazing drawing skills and focusing on the task at hand.
Library ~ Hannah ~ For your excellent responses to the book “Flight”.
Science ~ Chayse ~ For his interesting observations about moving objects during our lesson.
Term 3 ~ Week 6  Week Ending August 19th 2016

Prep ~ Holly ~ For being such a kind and caring classmate.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Will D ~ For working hard during Writing sessions.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Levi ~ For always showing a positive attitude towards his learning. Well done!
Grade 3/4 A ~ Ethan W ~ For displaying a great attitude to his learning this week.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Amihan ~ For being such a positive influence in the class. You always bring a smile.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Max H ~ For his hard work and great teamwork during Integrated Inquiry.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Ethan S ~ For his great work on his Government Election Campaign.
Library ~ Esther M ~ For giving excellent reasons for selecting her choices in her PMI and being a fantastic proof reader.
Science ~ Xander ~ For making excellent observations during our experiment, Dancing Current.

GreeEnborough CrIckett Club
JUNIOR CRICKET
Milo Cricket - Sunday mornings $75
T20 Blast - Sunday mornings $99
Under 10 Development side - Wednesday nights $100
Under 12 to Under 18 - Friday nights $100
Girls & boys welcome
Accredited coaches
Family friendly club
Online registration

Doncaster Dragons Baseball Club
Come 'n Try Day
Sunday 11th September
10:00 - noon

Father’s Day Family Night
Time: 6pm - 8pm
Date: Thursday 1st September

Activities:
- Make a Mum/Dad shirt
- Superhero dress up competition
- Balloon art
- Colouring competition
- Gutter ball
- GIR wrapped
- Light refreshments

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: online or phone 0410 01 080

Contact: doncasterdragonsbaseball@gmail.com
Website: www.doncaster.baseball.com.au

Inclusion Supplies - Donating Play to a Club in Need

Garten Haus - Doncaster
Macarthur Road, Doncaster East
Contact: 1800 666 403

FREE COME & TRY DAY
FREE CRICKET FOR ALL
FREE PLAY CRICKET CENTRE
FREE MEAL AT EDGE CRICKET CENTRE

Dates:
10th, 17th & 24th September
Times:
11am - 1pm
Contact:
Katie Hallett - doncasterdragons@gmail.com
www.doncaster.dragonsbaseball.com.au