Upcoming Events

Dates to Remember

Friday 8th February
Welcome to School BBQ - 5.30pm near the canteen

Monday 11th February
GPS swimming carnival

Wednesday 13th February
School photographs

Tuesday 19th February
Parent Information Session
Years 1 & 2 - 6pm - 6.50pm
Years 5 & 6 - 7pm - 7.50pm

Wednesday 20th February
Parent Information Session
Kindergarten - 6pm - 6.50pm
Years 3 & 4 - 7pm - 7.50pm

Saturday 2nd March
P&C Working Bee from 8am

Tuesday 5th March
Zone Swimming
P&C Meeting & AGM

Monday 11th March
High school EOIs distributed to Yr6 parents

Thursday 14th March
Selective HS placement test

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd March
Year 5 Camp - Point Wolstoncroft

Tuesday 19th March
Regional Swimming

Friday 22nd March
High School EOIs due back

Friday 29th March
Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 1st April
Easter Monday Public Holiday

Friday 12th April
Last day of Term 1

Principal's Message

Welcome to our first official Newsletter for 2013, we hope you like our new format.

Our Kindergarten students commenced school on Wednesday 6th February after completing their Best Start assessments. All students have settled beautifully into their classes. Now we have all 29 classes in attendance.

Greystanes Public School has now become a very large school – with more than 720 students. During this year, as a school, we will need to evaluate past practices in the school to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of our school community effectively. We will value your feedback.

Staff News Update- Baby News!

During January, Mrs McKenna, Mrs Graham & Mrs Stevens each had their beautiful babies.

Mrs McKenna had a baby boy Bryson Chad. Mrs Stevens also had a baby boy, Archie James and Mrs Graham had a baby girl, Holly Clare.

All mums are well and loving this very special time and all bubs are thriving!

Welcome To School BBQ

Tonight our wonderful P&C will be hosting our annual 'Welcome to School BBQ' to welcome all new families into the school, as well as welcoming back our existing families. It will commence at 5.30pm and there will be a free sausage sizzle, as well as a free disco for the children.

It will be a fun-filled night for all and will provide a fabulous opportunity for you to meet other families n the school. Come along and join in the fun and make some new friends. We hope to see you there!

Parent Information Sessions

This year Greystanes Public School will be holding our Parent Information sessions on two evenings, Tuesday 19th February and Wednesday 20th February. We are hoping this will provide greater opportunities for parents to be able to attend the information session for each of their children.

The sessions will be as follows:
Tuesday 19th February-
Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) and Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Wednesday, 20th February-
Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) and Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4 including 2/3 S)

Please come along and meet your child/children's teacher and don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to find out all the relevant information about your child’s class for 2013. We look forward to seeing you there.

2013 School Photos

School photographs will be taken on Wednesday, 13th February, 2013 by The School Photographer.

All students are expected to wear their full summer uniform, including black school shoes. Any hair accessories such as ribbons, headbands or clips should be green. Please remember that children should not be wearing jewellery such as bracelets, necklaces, wristbands or dangling earrings.

The completed order form, sealed in the envelope, together with correct cash payment or payment details can be returned to school on any day up to and including Wednesday, 13th February.

Libby Gledhill
Principal
Book Club
The first book club for this year went home this week. If you are ordering from book club can you please ensure the following:

- Your child’s name and class is clearly written on the outside of the envelope.
- If there are coins in the envelope please tape corners to reduce the risk of losing coins.
- Phone and online payment option is an excellent option. Please see Book club sheets for details. This is a very safe option and minimises handling of cash.

Premiers Reading Challenge
This year we invite students to participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to read widely and make connections with self, the world and for pleasure. Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge. The Challenge runs from 1 February to 1 September 2013. Students may collect Reading Record forms and Rules from Ms McDonald during library lessons. If you require further information please visit the website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/235,000 students across NSW schools completed the Challenge in 2012.

Eight ways to get your kids organised
Are you ready for morning madness, last assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the school bag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Smart foods to boost learning
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Sick Children
We do ask your co-operation that you do not send students who are unwell to school, particularly if they have the flu, measles, chicken pox or other viruses that are easily spread. Also, if your child has been diagnosed with chicken pox, measles or some other highly contagious childhood illness please let the school know.

Doing well in class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Credit Card Payment
Only payments of $20 and over can be accepted as a credit card payment. Please make sure that all details are completed correctly on the back of our school pay envelope when paying by credit card.
Thank you for your co-operation.

Attention K – 2 Parents
It’s a good idea for children to have a clean change of clothes in their school bag in case of any accidents. Our supplies are running very low, as some people forget to return borrowed items. If your child goes home with a change of clothes please wash and return to the office. Your assistance would be appreciated.

Money Collection
Money is only collected on Wednesdays and Fridays unless otherwise advised. Please place money in the envelope provided or own your own envelope clearly marked. Money must be brought to the office before 9am on these days and placed in the Money Box.

E- Newsletter
Please return this slip to the school office, if you would like to have the school newsletter emailed.

Please email the school newsletter to me.
Child/Children’s name/s: ________________________________
Class/ Classes: ________________________________________
Email address: ________________________________________

I understand that I will no longer receive a printed copy of the newsletter.
Signed: ___________________________________________
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The P&C would like to welcome back all students to another fantastic year at GPS, and welcome to all our new students to GPS the P&C wishes you a fun and fantastic year.

WELCOME TO SCHOOL BBQ
This Friday 8th February 2013 is the P&C’s annual welcome to school BBQ. This is a great opportunity to meet teachers and other parents within our school community. The P&C will be cooking up a storm with a free sausage on a roll for all & a popper for the kids to enjoy. There will also be a disco for students to enjoy while parents and teachers socialise. Please come along this Friday! Bring your nibbles & drinks for a fun night....

Canteen News:

Unfortunately, we have had to close the canteen every Tuesday at the moment until we get more helpers and train any new helpers that we have. Once we have enough people to help on a regular basis we may look at opening again on a Tuesday.

Canteen hours have also changed on the days that we are open. We are now running from 9am-2pm which means we are not open for service in the morning. Please continue to put any cash orders in the green box outside the office every morning except for Tuesday and Friday (online only orders on Fridays).

ONLINE ONLY FRIDAYS – Please remember to pack your child’s lunch on Fridays or sign up to Munch Monitor to order online! Great specials online & features to assist busy parents..
If you need help getting online – or don’t have a credit card – please come & see us at the canteen and we will help.

If you, or someone else you know, can offer even just a few hours of help it would be very much appreciated. We open from 9.00am to 2.00pm every day except Tuesday.

If you can help for a whole day, half a day or even just an hour or two please contact our canteen coordinator, Donna Markulin, on 0427 782 996 or email gpspnc@gmail.com.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR CANTEEN OPEN!!
P&C MEETINGS
A reminder to new and old parents that the P&C meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be the AGM held on the 05th March at 7.30pm in the staff room. Annual membership is $2.

At the next meeting all positions on the Committee will become vacant. If you would like to be on the Committee please come along and show your support.

P&C COMMITTEE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS
The following descriptions are intended as a guide only. The roles may vary depending on the individual that fulfills the position and the requirements of the committee at the time.

P&C President
The main responsibilities of the P&C President are to:

• Chair P&C meetings (First Tuesday of each month)
• Ensure fair participation of all members and making new members feel welcome
• Support volunteers
• Act as the P&C's spokesperson when public statements are required
• Maintain communication with the Principal
• Being signatory on the P&C bank account
• Ensuring that all business conducted at the school by the P&C is in accordance with the P&C constitution and all By-laws are followed.

The President should have good "people skills" have an ability to listen impartially and be able to communicate well and tactfully with all people.

This role doesn’t necessarily take up a lot of time, but takes loyalty and dedication to the cause!

P&C Secretary
The P&C secretary is responsible for:

• Taking the minutes at each meeting. The minutes need to be accurate, and to the point.
• The minutes need to be typed up following the meeting and circulated to the P&C President for distribution
• Distributing any correspondence including postal or other communications that arrive for the P&C to the relevant person during the meetings, or at any other time.
• Compiling a list of P&C Committee Member contacts and distribute to the Committee.
An attention to detail, excellent written communication skills and basic skills with word processing are good attributes for this role. Attendance at P&C meetings is necessary.
Approximate time required for this role is between 1-2 hours per fortnight during term, with main time required around the meetings.

P&C Fundraising Co-ordinator

The Events and Fundraising Co-ordinator is responsible for:

• Overseeing the coordination of all social and fundraising events – this does not mean one needs to be responsible for managing every event, they just need to be across what is happening and when it is happening.
• Developing a calendar for events and fundraising that does not conflict with school or other P&C events.
• Consulting to volunteers that wish to manage fundraising or socials activities to ensure financial targets are set and achievable, help set budgets in conjunction with P&C Treasurer.
• Oversee communication of all event or fundraising related messages to the school community to ensure they are timely and appropriate.
• Advise on event rostering / volunteer recruitment for events.
• Maintain records of previous events and relevant suppliers / ordering / cost / rosters / promotion / other supporting documents.
• Providing a report at each general meeting
• Ensuring that Fundraising By-laws are followed in preparation and during P&C events

Being organised is definitely helpful with this role. Also, being able to develop relationships with volunteers and engender team spirit is advantageous. And good sense of humour and an ability to have fun a must.

Approximate time required for this role varies greatly depending on what events are being worked on. The amount of time also varies depending on assistance that is given with each event.

P&C Clothing Store Co-ordinator

Responsibilities of the Clothing Store Co-ordinator:
• To provide the link between the P&C committee and the Clothing Store
• Overseeing the running of the Clothing Pool
• Implementing the requests of the P&C into the Clothing Pool
• Provide training to Clothing store volunteers
• Attendance at P&C meetings is important.
• Providing a report at each general meeting.
• Ensuring that Clothing Store By-Laws are followed.

Approximate time required for this role is approximately 4 hours per week during term. Additional time is may be required during peak seasons.
P&C Canteen Co-ordinator

The Canteen Coordinator is responsible for:

- Research and implementation of nutritious menu items
- Sourcing of suppliers and ongoing supplier management
- Maintain adequate stock levels of food, beverage and sundry supplies
- Create procedural and instructional data for volunteers as required
- Equipment cleanliness and maintenance
- Assist with catering requirements for school functions like the Welcome BBQ, Discos, etc.
- Oversee volunteer roster
- Organise billing documents for treasurer and timely payments to suppliers
- Conduct regular canteen committee meetings
- Volunteer training where necessary
- Providing a report at each general meeting
- Ensuring that Canteen By-Laws are followed

Attention to detail is required.
The amount of time input by the Canteen co-ordinator is anywhere from 5-25 hours per week depending on what needs doing.

P&C Treasurer

The P&C Treasurer is part of the P&C Executive and is responsible for:

- Overall financial management of P&C activities
- Maintaining the financial records of the P&C
- Preparing the P&C annual accounts for audit
- Presenting a short financial summary to each general meeting
- Writing cheques, depositing money at the bank and organising floats for P&C events with the help of the Assistant Treasurer
- Liaising with the school on P&C financial matters, with the Canteen, Clothing Store, and also with the bank as required

The individual suited to this role will be numerate and have reasonable spread sheet and bookkeeping skills. Accounting qualifications are NOT a prerequisite and familiarity with BAS or tax returns is not required.

Approximate time required for this role is between 1-2.5 hours per week, although additional input may be required for main fundraising events and for yearend accounts preparation.

The capacity to be available once or twice a week at school drop off/pick up to sign cheques, pick up invoices, etc would be beneficial.
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- 4th February at Hilltop Rd School 3pm-5pm
- 11th February at Hilltop Rd School 3pm-5pm.

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