Upcoming Events

Monday, 10th March 2014
Rip and Water Safety Presentation
High School EOIs go home.

Tuesday 11th March 2014
Year 1 Aquarium Excursion

Thursday, 13th March 2014
Selective High School Test

Tuesday, 18th March 2014
Harmony Day

Wednesday, 19th March 2014
Year 5 Camp

Thursday, 20th March 2014
Year 5 Camp
Regional Swimming

Friday, 21st March 2014
Year 5 Camp returns
High School EOIs due back

Wednesday, 26th March, 2014
Student Leader Induction

Monday, 31st to Friday, 4th April
Parent Teacher Interviews
Stage 2 Blue Mountains excursion

Friday, 11th April 2014
ANZAC Day Service
Last day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday, 28th April 2014
School Development Day

Tuesday, 29th April, 2014
All students return
Moving Into The Teens- Year 6

Thursday, 1st May, 2014
Moving Into The Teens- Year 6

Principal's Message

GPS P&C Annual General Meeting
On Wednesday, 5th March, our P&C held their Annual General Meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the in-coming office bearers for 2014 and express my gratitude to the outgoing committee.

On behalf of the students, staff, parents & wider community of GPS I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the efforts of our extremely talented & dedicated P&C & express our appreciation & gratitude for what you have achieved for the students of our school.

In particular to the outgoing executive of the P&C, inspired and led by the President, Mr Michael Shiels, also including Mr Minh Nguyen & Mrs Marieka Battiao (Vice Presidents), Mrs Michele Braggs (Secretary), Mrs Anna Kelly (Treasurer) and Mrs Belinda Nicholls (Assistant Treasurer), Mrs Marieka Battiao (Canteen Coordinator), Mrs Cindy Chahoud (Uniform Shop Coordinator) and Mrs Kim Shiels (Fundraising coordinator).

Congratulations to the incoming office bearers for 2014:

President- Mr Minh Nguyen
Vice Presidents- Mrs Janelle Warner, Mr Michael Shiels
Secretary- Mrs Michelle Bragg
Treasurer- Mrs Anna Kelly
Fundraising Coordinator- Mrs Marieka Battiao
Canteen Coordinator- Mrs Marieka Battiao & Mrs Narelle Petersen
Uniform Shop Coordinator- Mrs Cindy Chahoud
Finance Committee- Mrs Anna Kelly & Mr Michael Shiels

Thank you so much for volunteering your time to be part of our P&C. We look forward to another productive year.

Zone Swimming Carnival
On Thursday, 6th March, 25 of our strongest swimmers competed strongly and enthusiastically at the Zone Swimming Carnival which was held at Parramatta pool.

I would like to congratulate all students for proudly representing our school and trying their very best with fabulous results.

We have a number of students who will be representing our school and zone, in individual events as well as part of a relay team, at the Western Sydney Regional Carnival which will be held on Thursday, 20th March at Homebush Aquatic Centre.

Special congratulations to Tate Crozier who managed to break 5 zone records on the day!! A fantastic effort by all!! Many thanks to our wonderful parents who were able to attend and enthusiastically support our students- we really appreciated you being there to be part of the Greystanes team!!
Calamine Lotion
This is to inform you that unfortunately we will no longer be able to administer calamine lotion at Greystanes Public School.

According to First Aid Procedures 2012 from the Department of Education and Communities, “No medication, including paracetamol and over-the-counter medicines are to be stored in first aid kits.”

We would advise that you apply insect repellent to your child before school if you feel the need. If your child is allergic to mosquito bites, an Action Plan for Allergic Reactions must be completed by your local doctor. The school must be provided with a copy of the action plan which advises us the appropriate course of action to follow.

If you have any further queries please contact Mrs Gledhill for advice.

Homework help
Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments?

The free School A to Z app has been created by the Department of Education and Communities to help parents and their school-aged children, wherever and whenever they have homework and study questions.

Find out more:
http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Homework and multi-tasking
Somewhere along the line we seemed to have absorbed the idea that teenagers can multi-task perfectly because they’re digital natives. Can kids really do their homework and multi-task?

Find out more:

When lunch comes home again – uneaten
Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children’s resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds.

But it’s a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more:

Help with English
Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help.

Find out more:

Maths
Struggling to remember everything you learnt in maths? If you need a refresher course, here are some tips and tools to help you to help your child.

Find out more:

Attention K – 2 Parents
It is 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 does come 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, Thursdays and Fridays unless otherwise advised. Please place money in the envelope provided or your own envelope clearly marked.

Money must be brought to the office before 9am on these days and placed in the Money Box.

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.
Clean Up Schools Day
Last Tuesday we were finally able to hold our Clean Up Schools Day. All classes assisted in cleaning up around the school. Many thanks to all parents who assisted us by supplying gloves and plastic bags for their children, in order for them to participate in Clean Up Schools Day. We really appreciated your support!

Parking
Around the school there are a number of no stopping and no standings zones. Hefty fines and penalties do apply if you park contrary to these signs and council rangers only need to drive past to fine vehicles. These fines are then posted to the registered owner of the vehicle.

G.P.S. Swim Caps- a stand out!!

Look at our cool new swim caps. Many thanks to Mrs Peta Crozier for sourcing our new caps and to our wonderful P&C for supplying these caps for our students to wear when they represent our school at zone or regional carnivals.

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