

Friday 22 September 2023

Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we are at the end of Term 3. I continue to feel so very privileged to be at such a fabulous school with dedicated, hard working teachers, well mannered and caring students and a supportive community.

Over the past three weeks, I have received multiple phone calls and emails from community members who are concerned for our students and community, as they have witnessed our students riding extremely fast on footpaths and riding across roads in front of cars without looking. We have spoken to the students and ask for your support in reminding your child to ride slowly and watch out for cars and pedestrians. Thank you!

Thank you to Miss Burgess, Mrs Blyth and Miss Smith for supporting our students with the Beachside Dash on Sunday 10 September.

Next term is going to be a very busy but fun and exciting term with many celebrations and events. Please continue to check School Bytes and our school website to keep up to date with all information.



Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements.

Football Finals Fever

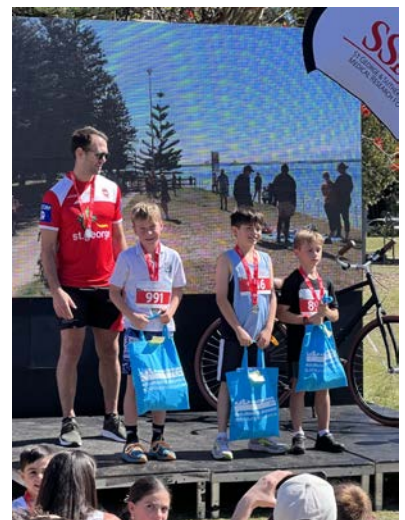
What a fabulous night at Shark Park on Saturday night. Well done to the GBPS year 4 students who were chosen to represent themselves and the school on Shark Park before the finals game on Saturday. They won both their tag league games and showed great skill, sportsmanship, and behaviour!





Congratulations to Willem B who competed at a state swimming competition on the weekend - the NSW Junior State SC Championships and was successful in achieving 2 Golds, 5 Silver & 1 bronze medal. Fabulous results!

Congratulations to Bailey T's achievement over the weekend, winning the 2km 8-9 Boys Beach Side Dash on Sunday for GyMEA Bay PS.



Well done to Lara V who competed in the NSW State Road race and came away with 2nd place in the U11's race and 2nd overall in Criteria. What amazing results!





Congratulations to Lucas A who competed in the NSW Interschools Snowboarding championships and came away with 24th place in his race. Another great result!



Maintenance

There will be a number of works happening across our school over the holidays which include:

- Removal of raised paved area near Primary boys Toilet
- Electrical Upgrade to continue
- New windows in J, G and H Block.
- New carpet in office area
- Tree lopping
- Hall flooring and stage area to be upgraded.

Tell Them From Me Survey 2023

This term, our school is taking part in the ***Tell Them From Me*** survey. There are 3 surveys, one for parents, one for staff and one for students in years 4 to 6. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback.

The survey is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

As well as providing our school with feedback from our students, the survey has a broader purpose. It provides the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation, with insights into student wellbeing, engagement, and effective teaching practices for ongoing school improvement. This is done by using non-identifying student data from across NSW.

This survey is **confidential**, and staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses.

To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Information is only reported where five or more students answer a question. All information will be handled according to relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will **not** be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law. Individual students will not be identified in any publications.

The survey is online, takes 15 to 30 minutes, and will take place at school during school hours. We will receive a report on our school's survey results shortly after the survey window closes.

Participating in the survey is **voluntary**. If any survey questions make your child uncomfortable, your child can skip the question or can choose to stop the survey at any time.

We are seeking parent feedback and would appreciate you completing the parent survey using the QR code in the poster below.



Click on the link for more information and research [about the survey](#).

Check-in Assessment for Years 3-6

During Term 3 and 4, students will participate in the Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 6 students during weeks 8 -10 of Term 3 (4th -22nd September) and Year 3, 4 & 5 students during weeks 1 – 4 (9th October to 3rd November)
- All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment. Year 6 students will also complete a writing assessment.

Please continue to contact the school to provide feedback on what we are doing well or how we can improve. It's important that we all continue to work together to provide the best outcomes for our students. I appreciate the ongoing support.

I hope you all have a wonderful Spring break. Stay safe and take care.

Mrs Cara Davidson
Principal

What's happening in ...



KG having fun on the HOT days with water play mathematics!



KP exploring 'Living Things' in science. We planted our own succulents!

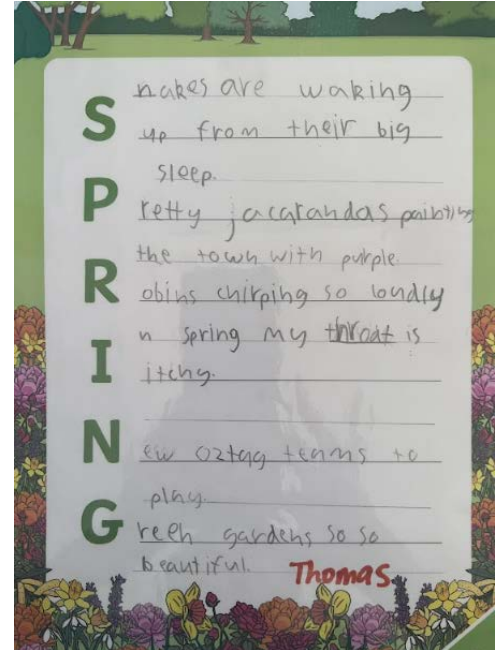
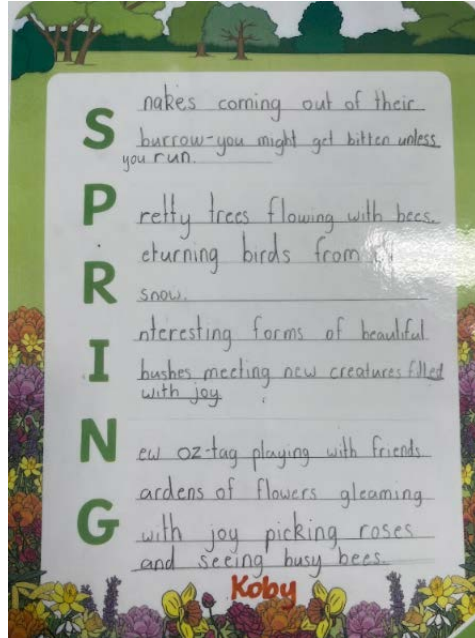
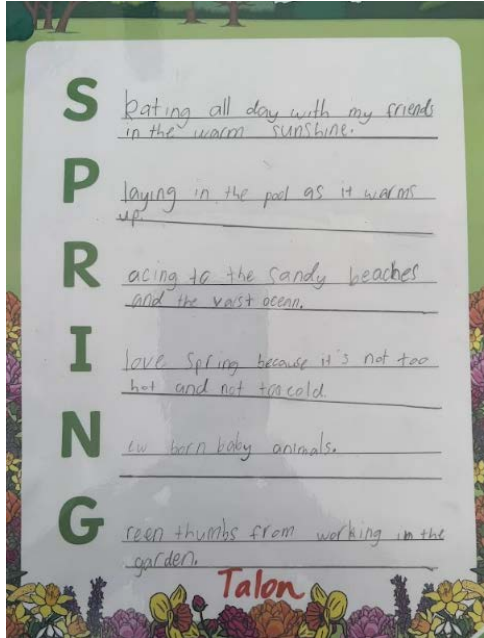


KW having fun grouping and halving for Mathematics!



Stage 1

1H are jumping into Spring with some fabulous poetry writing.



K/1J have enjoyed creating their acrostic poems showcasing all of the different reasons why they love being at GBPS!



Stage 2





Stage 2 working hard at their science project, creating a bird feeder and canoe.



The Stage 3 Wheelchair Basketball Incursion was a slam-dunk success! Students had a blast rolling onto the court and shooting hoops, all while learning valuable lessons about making safe decisions and inclusivity.

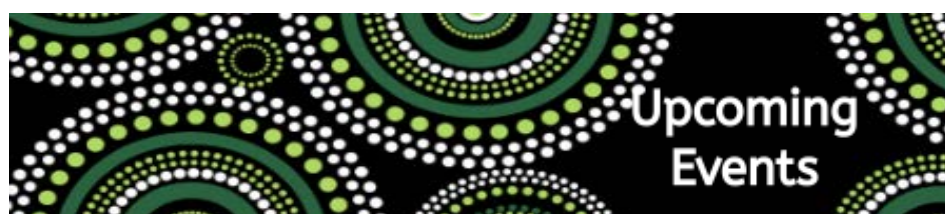




Year 6 continuing to learn dances for the end of the year



More GBPS Information...



CONNECTING TO CULTURE WITH KEV



WE INVITE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO JOIN US FOR A CULTURAL CEREMONY LED BY KEVIN HEATH.

9:00-9:45AM WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER

This event honours the lasting spiritual and cultural connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People to the land.

We are excited to commence our Connecting to Culture Day by sharing one of the oldest ceremonies to date with you.

Students will also engage in cultural workshops guided by Kev and his team for the rest of the day.



JOIN THE GBPS BAND IN 2024!

**Year 4, 5 and 6 students in 2024 can join the GBPS School Band!
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

Just excitement and passion for learning an instrument and being in a band!

Events and performances that students in band experience: Band Camp, Bandfest, Bandtastic, School and local community performances.

More information can be found in the Newsletter.

Registrations for 2023 close on the 21st of September, 2023
Visit, engadinemusic.com.au for further details on registering.



This past fortnight all students in Years 3,4 and 5 attended a recruitment concert where they learnt about instruments, watched a performance and discussed opportunities for joining the band next year. **The registration deadline for the 2024 school band has been extended, so now is the perfect time to join.**

Joining the school band offers numerous benefits, including:

Musical Education: Our dedicated instructors provide quality music education that caters to all skill levels, from beginners to experienced musicians.

Teamwork: Band membership teaches teamwork, responsibility, and cooperation as students work together to create beautiful music.

Creativity: Playing an instrument encourages creative expression and boosts cognitive development.

Performance Opportunities: Your child will have the chance to showcase their talent in various school events and concerts.

To register your child for the school band, please visit engadinemusic.com.au. If you have any questions or need assistance with the registration process, don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to welcoming your child into our school band and witnessing their musical journey unfold.

Thank you for your support.

Beachside Dash Fun Run

It was a wonderful morning on Sunday 10th September at the Brighton Beachside Dash. Over 30 students from GBPS participated in the School Cup Challenge and we placed 2nd which was amazing. A special shoutout to Josh W who was the first GBPS student to cross the finish line and to Bailey T who was the first male runner in his age group to finish the race. For many of our students, it was the first Fun Run that they had competed in and they were so proud of themselves when they received their medals as they crossed the finish line. Some parents even participated with their children, making it a family event.



Important Information


Attendance

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



Travel to School Safely

Sutherland Shire Council's Roads and Traffic team wish to ensure that everyone is safe going to and for School this term, in order to assist your School to create a safer environment, please find linked some [Fact Sheets](#) from Sutherland Shire Council to educate parents and carers when dropping off or collecting children from your school.

Please feel free to make these Fact Sheets available to your School Community. I hope that this information will assist you to create a safe environment around your school and to remind parents and carers that the parking rules are there to make things safer for all.

Council has put up some QR Code posters at each school for the school community to scan and access the facts for themselves. If you would like some more posters for your school please email me and I will arrange them.

[Parking in school zones | Sutherland Shire Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

[FACT SHEET Safe School Travel](#)

Further information about school road safety and the Road Rules is also available on the RMS website

www.rms.nsw.gov.au

[School safety | Transport for NSW](#)

Community Information...



HAVE A BLAST PLAY CRICKET



CRICKET BLAST SKILLS	CRICKET BLAST COMP
\$100	\$125
Girls & Boys Ages 5 - 8	Girls & Boys Ages 7 - 10
Fridays, 6pm - 7pm @ Gymea Bay Oval	Saturdays, 8am - 9am @ Kareela Synthetic
All equipment provided	All equipment provided
Introductory program, teaching kids fundamental skills & movements	Small modified games of cricket against other Clubs and teams
Great way for kids to learn essential motor skills - e.g. catching, throwing	FREE shirt for every new player!
BBQ in operation every week	Teachings kids the gameplay of cricket
Included:	Included:
	
  	
For more info email our Junior Registrar John @ juniors@gymeabaycricketclub.com	
REGISTER HERE	

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Gymea Bay Public School is held on Mondays from 11:10am to 11:50am, starting on 24 July 2023.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Little Star Mandarin

WHEN: 3.10pm -- 4.10pm Tuesday

WHERE: Computer Room in Library

COST: \$18 / lesson (Please enrol for one Term)

Contact: Franny YANG

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