

Friday 3 November 2023

Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have 6 weeks left of the school year. As I reflect on the year it has been one of the most exciting, challenging and triumphant years of my career, and I have loved every second. I continue to pinch myself each day, how lucky I am to be at GBPS.

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the community survey last week. The staff will be unpacking this over the coming weeks and using your feedback to make changes/decisions are required for our ongoing pursuit of improvement. Your voice does matter and we do listen! I am extremely appreciative of your time and honesty.

This Wednesday we had our first Kindergarten Orientation. It was so wonderful to see many new and current families, and meet all of our new gorgeous Kindergarten students for next year. I was impressed by how settled the children were and look forward to developing strong partnerships with these families. I thank Miss Winning and her team for their exceptional organisation and efforts to make this a positive event for everyone.

High School Transition

Over the last two weeks our year 6 students have been engaged in our GBPS High School Transition Program. I thank Mrs Reece, Mrs Murfitt, Mrs Coleman-ONEill and the team for the 'aboves and beyonds' to get this program organised. It has been such a huge success and provided our students a 'taster' of what high school will be like. Our students were involved in French and Japanese lessons, Business Studies and lots more. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved - myself and the students are very grateful.

Wellbeing Updates

With the introduction of Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful schools we were given the opportunity to update our wellbeing systems and procedures. With new policies and system-wide support on inclusive education the Wellbeing Team have created some draft procedures to support the education of positive behaviour. Teachers are currently beginning to trial and give feedback on what works best for our students and their needs. We will be seeking community consultation and feedback once our teacher feedback has been considered and the first draft has been finalised. We will communicate when the community consultation period is via a School Bytes email. I thank Mr McCleary, Ms Hicks, Mr Peno and the team for their hard work and efforts for our students

Year 6 - 2024

I am extremely happy to inform our current Year 5 students that your jerseys and polo shirts for next year are almost ready for purchase. An email will be sent out within the next week to families. I understand that over the last few years this has always happened later, and apologise to those current and previous students. I inherited this process this year and from now on, as at my previous schools it will always be done in Term 4 the year prior.

Our next year's Year 6 students will have the opportunity to wear their jersey and/or polo shirt each day. I can't wait to see our students in these.



Change of Schools in 2024

If you are changing schools in 2024, could you please inform the school as soon as possible. As per policy, we will need to know the school that your children will be attending to finalise paperwork. I appreciate your support with this.

Classing 2024

In week 6, the teachers will begin the process of organising students into classes for 2024. The process of classing takes many hours with all teachers involved in rigorous discussions around students' needs and the best placement for them the following year. Classing will not be finalised until all students return at the beginning of next year.

Currently, based on our numbers we will be moving from 28 classes to 27 classes. I am hoping again that we are able to move straight into our 2024 classes on the first day back for students in Years 1-6. This however, is dependent on all students returning on that day or us having information in writing in relation to family holidays or verification that students are in attendance at their new school.

Please trust that we will do all that we can to ensure that all of our students have a wonderful 2024.

Congratulations to Mr Sean Corcoran who was successful in gaining a teaching position in a school out west through the Department of Educations Rural Experience Program, for 2024.

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.

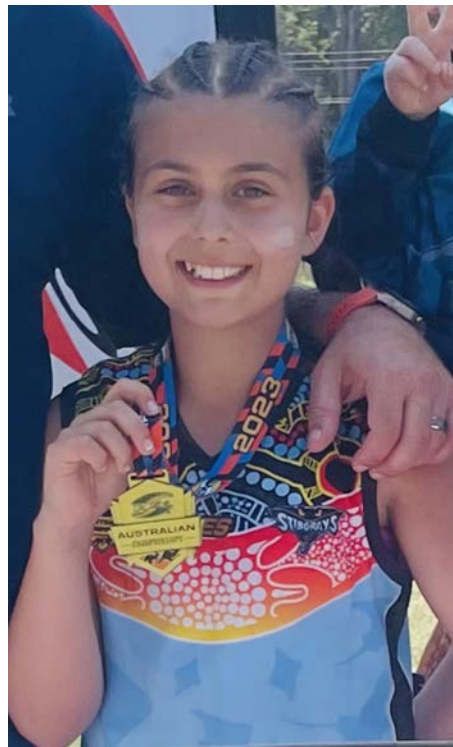
I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Cara Davidson
Principal



Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements.

Koa, Scarlett and Eva (and their girls 10s team) coming 1st at Nationals Oztag in Coffs Harbour. What an achievement! Super proud of you all.



Congratulations to Keira on achieving a remarkable feat of NSW Gymnastic State Championship silver medal. Well done Keira!

Congratulations to Emmy (and her NSW Soccer team) for winning the National PSSA Schools competition in Victoria last week. Such a brilliant result!

What's happening in ...



K/1J:

Finishing our friendship unit we had a teamwork challenge. The children had to set up and run their own restaurant using their creativity and imagination. Together, they created their own bus, credit cards, menus, specials boards, waiter recording pads, and their own restaurant. So much fun was had, but also we developed important social skills such as working with others and taking turns.

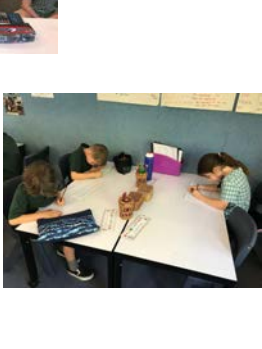
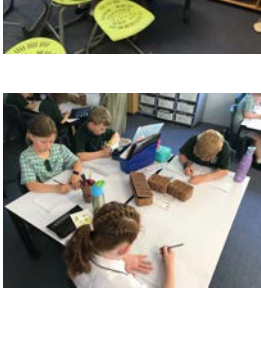
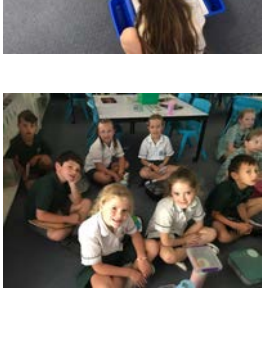


KW were investigating maps as part of our Geography lesson. Students drew maps of our school from a 'birds eye view.'





Stage 1 has been very busy learning across Key Learning Areas. Check out our photos from our writing, reading, art, science and mathematics lessons!





Year 4 STEM activity building and testing Hoop Gliders

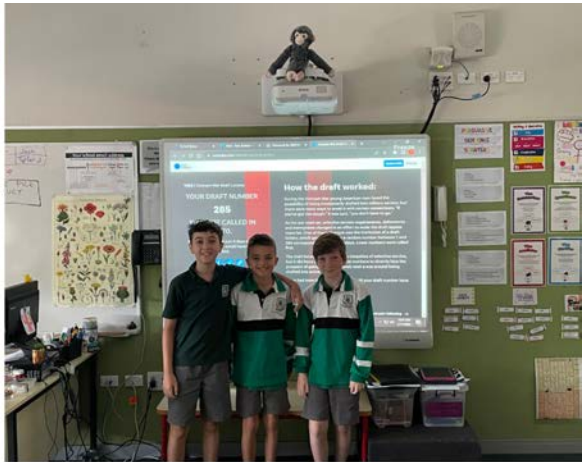


4C Working hard and having fun in Maths lessons



4C loving our new play equipment

Stage 2 enjoying school sport.



In Stage 3, Year 6 have been engaging in a school based High School Transition program enjoying subjects such as Modern History, Geography, Technology, Business Studies, Maths Inq, Japanese, French & Music.



Year 5 have been enjoying their Term 4 working on STEM projects, science explanations and sharing creative stories with the class. Also we have been working on our literacy tasks independently and collaboratively.

Reminder and Information for 2023 Year 5 Parents Concerning Selective High Schools For 2024

Applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2025

Applications for placement in selective high schools in Year 7 opened on Monday 9 October and close on Monday 20 November 2023.

The link below gives you information to proceed with the application.

<https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/>

More GBPS Information...

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The School Bytes Calendar is now live on the Parent Portal where you can view excursions and other events happening at our school.



14 NOVEMBER KINDERGARTEN DANCE GROUPS WAKAKIRRI	GBPS SHOWCASE  SAVE THE DATE <i>Performances will be in the evening, further details to come</i>	15 NOVEMBER BAND, UKULELE, SINGERS, STRINGLES, STRINGS, GUITAR
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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...



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

0426 365 003

littlestarmandarin2017@gmail.com



GRAYS POINT

MTB FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY
25 NOV 23**

GRAYS POINT
ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

MTB EVENTS

STALLS

FOOD

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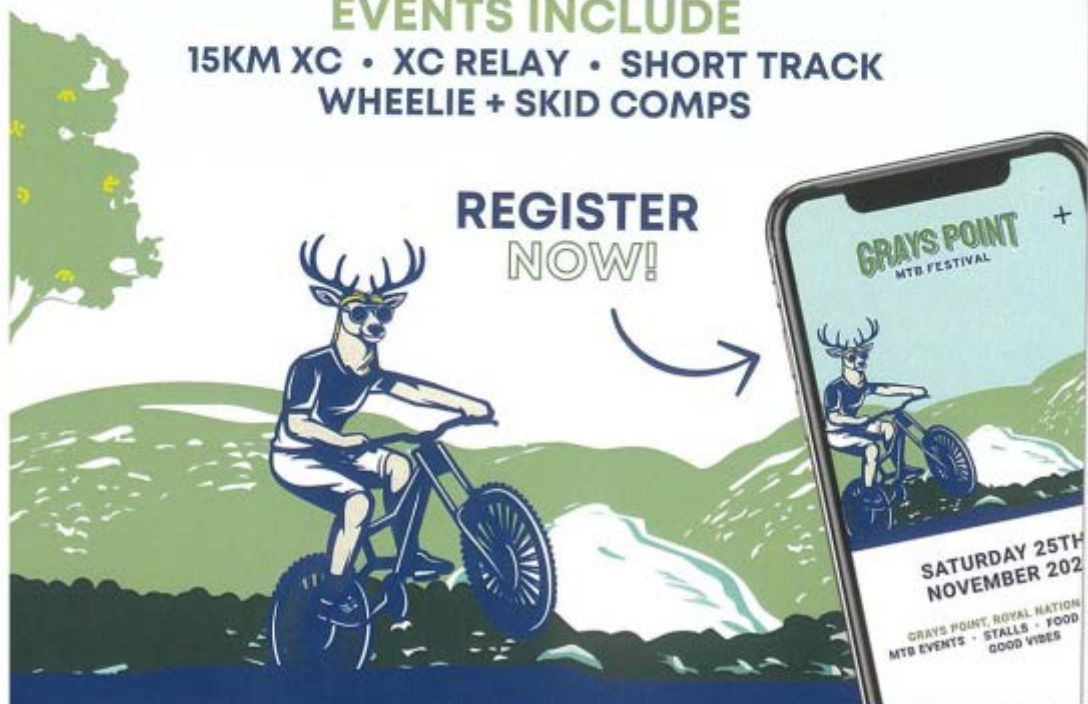
FAMILY FUN

GOOD VIBES

EVENTS INCLUDE

15KM XC • XC RELAY • SHORT TRACK
WHEELIE + SKID COMPS

**REGISTER
NOW!**



FOR MORE INFORMATION + TO REGISTER VISIT
GPMMTB**FESTIVAL.COM.AU**

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WHITE CARD WORK SAFELY IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Date	14 th November 2023
Duration	1 day
Cost	Fee free
Location	Sydney Region
Note	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

OVERVIEW

The Statement of Attainment in Prepare To Work Safely in The Construction Industry (White Card) equips you with a white card to legally enter a construction site and participate in safe industry practices with your employer.

Through a mix of theory and practical course work, learn to:

- Choose and fit appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for specific tasks
- Identify common site hazards in a workplace and follow processes and/or procedures to report, control and/or eliminate them
- Recognize the importance of keeping a safe environment at a workplace

ABOUT TAFE NSW

TAFE NSW is the largest training provider in Australia. We provide award-winning training and nationally accredited qualifications to new entrants and to industry. We pride ourselves in being responsive to industry needs and the Aboriginal community.

COURSE ELIGIBILITY –ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Aged 16 –24
- Leaving school
- A Job Seeker
- A NSW veteran
- Living in NSW

COURSE OUTCOMES

Completing this course provides you with:

- A nationally accredited Statement of Attainment
- White card certification
- Legal clearance to enter a construction site
- Credit toward a full qualification

BE CONNECTED
BE RECOGNISED
BE A GO-GETTER

READY TO BE DEADLY?

Contact us for more information

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