

Message from the Principal * Robyn Corbett* 4 October 2016

Welcome Back

We trust you had a very relaxing holiday break spending some special time with your family and friends. Our school calendar is looking full and indicates many extra activities and programs that will enhance the educational opportunities offered to our students.

OCTOBER 21 'Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems'



In Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems the poetry is not just read or recited, it is acted out and brought to life with a variety of character voices, costumes, puppets and props. We are expecting a show with loads of laughs and audience participation.

Today we will be sending information home regarding the 'Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems' tour coming to the school on October 21. We would appreciate payment of \$6 per child by next Friday 14 October.

MONDAY'S FROM OCT 10 'Dance Fever'

The dance and social skills program 'Dance Fever' allows our students to learn the theory and practical components of dance. They teach a variety of Hip Hop, Ballroom, Contemporary, Cultural and Creative composition. At the end of the program students will perform in a performance environment for parents and the school community. With a male dance instructor, they make dancing 'cool' for our boys!

Due to the wonderful feedback we got from previous programs, the P & C and Student Leadership have agreed to completely fund this project which will run on every Monday of this term.

Please ensure your children wear appropriate shoes for dancing on these days.



WEDNESDAY'S FROM OCT 26 School Swimming

Weekly swimming lessons will commence on Wednesday 26 October for all students in Prep to Year 2. Swimming lessons go for six weeks. On Tuesday 6 December, the whole school will have a Swimming Carnival at the Gordonvale Pool.

To minimise the cost for parents, we are currently in the process of applying for a grant to help with the cost of bus transfers and swimming tuition. The approximate cost without a grant subsidy is about \$60 for 6 x 1 hour lessons (based on last year's price with a P & C subsidy). We suggest you budget for this amount in case we do not get any grant money.

Parents may like to consider the purchase of goggles and suitable sandals to wear to and from the pool (no Crocs or thongs) in the next few weeks.

OCTOBER 28 School Disco

The P & C have agreed to run a school disco for Aloomba students on October 28

Theme: Halloween

If you are interested in helping out on the evening, please contact Jamie Costas or Kari Moller.

All students in attendance need to be accompanied by an adult on the evening.

NOVEMBER 11 Pine Car Derby

Students can now buy a kit from the school for \$9. The kits can be taken home to be assembled and decorated for Derby Day.

Parents are encouraged to build their pine cars together with their children to help foster a closer family relationship.

On November 11, starting at 9am, the race meet will begin. Parents are most welcome to attend.

NOVEMBER 25 Prep Orientation Morning

Yr 6 Orientation GSHS

Please ensure this date is marked in our diaries, as it is essential that all parents and new students attend. Prep parents are also expected to attend an information session commencing at 9am. The uniform shop will be open from 8am to 9am.

END OF TERM ACTIVITIES

Nov 29 Religious Instruction Christmas Service

Dec 6 Swimming Carnival (P-6)

Dec 7 Christmas Concert

Dec 9 Last Day of School 2016

Student Free Day

On Monday, October 17, all state schools are having a Student Free Day. Please make arrangements for your children on this day.

Handy Person Wanted

Many years ago a plaque was placed under a tree in recognition of Barry Petersen, a Principal of the school for 16 years.



This plaque needs reattaching on timber and placed under the tree that Barry planted on his retirement. If you can help, please contact the office.

Lisa leaves for White Rock

Over the last few years we have been honoured to have Lisa Doyle as part of our Administration Team. Her outstanding organisational and administrative skills have been identified by White Rock school where she has been offered a permanent full time position.

We have been fortunate to share her 'can do' attitude as a parent and staff member and we wish her all the best in her new position.

Head Lice

There has been a number of outbreaks of head lice at our school throughout Term 3. Many of our students have contracted the condition by being exposed to other children who are carrying this menace pest.

We are asking all parents to examine their child's hair every weekend for signs of lice infection. The lice themselves are often hard to find because they move around the head. Therefore, you should be looking for the eggs or nits. These appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Dandruff and hairspray may look similar but these are easily brushed away, the eggs are not. Other signs of lice infection may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of the neck or behind the ears.

If your child has contracted head lice, don't be alarmed...it happens to the best of us! Head Lice treatments are available from pharmacies and a fine tooth comb can be used to remove dead lice and eggs. Any articles which may harbour lice such as clothes, towels and bed linen should be washed in hot water and detergent. Combs and brushes should also be washed in hot soapy water.

Chalk & Parent Direct Fund Raising

Thank you to the many families and Mel O'Donoghue who supported this fund raiser. We now have an additional \$170 to spend on student resources.

School Uniform Shop

Every Monday, Susan O'Shea opens the uniform shop from 8.30am – 9.00am. Due to work commitments Susan is unable to open the shop on Tuesday 18 following the student free day.

Now is the time to start organising uniforms for the new year. Please avoid purchases on the Prep orientation day as it is a very busy time for our volunteer staff.

Well Women's Health Clinic

at Edmonton Community Health for Medicare eligible clients.

Monday 10 October 2016

For appointments phone 4226 4900



Term Four Key Dates

Mon	Oct 17	Student Free Day
Fri	Oct 21	School Performance Tour
Wed	Oct 26	Swimming lessons P-2 for 6 wks
Fri	Oct 28	Halloween Disco
Fri	Nov 11	Pine Car Derby
Tue	Nov 22	School Leadership Day— Holloway's Beach
Fri	Nov 25	Prep Orientation Morning GSHS Orientation
Tue	Nov 29	RI Christmas Service
Tue	Dec 6	Swimming Carnival
Wed	Dec 7	Christmas Concert
Fri	Dec 9	Last Day of School 2016

Tuckshop Roster

Date	Tuckshop	Home Bake
7 Oct	Susan O'Shea Tania Cotterell	Lisa Atkinson Marin Haldane