Term 3 Week 7

Dates to Remember

2015 Excursions:
Stage 1  4/9
Yr 5 Lake Keepit 13-16/10

Assemblies (Term 3)
Week 7:  No assembly
Week 8:  Infants (KM)
Week 9:  Primary (5/6G)
Week 10: Infants (2H)

Grandparents’ Day + Book Fair 28/8
Father’s Day Stall  3/9
Infants’ Frolic 16/9

Enrol for Kinder 2016 from 10/8/15

Kinder Orientation 9/11
Kinder 2016 Smoothstart
23/11, 30/11, 7/12

Presentation Night:  9/12
Year 6 Farewell:   15/12

Canteen Roster
26/8/15
Tracey Bignell
Susanna Jackson
28/8/15
Hannah Murray
Ange Parish
31/8/15
Ruth Edwards
Evelyn Vallins
2/9/15
Leanne Kearney
Liz Davis
4/9/15
Robyn Beggs
Tim Norrie
From Mrs Wakefield -

Grandparents' Day
We would ask that all families donate a slice or a cake to help cater for a morning tea for our grandparents and special older friends this Friday. Please bring all donations to the canteen this Friday morning before 10.30am. We look forward to a great day. Please read the newsletter further to gain more information about the day. Thank you.

Book Fair
As we have grown as a school and now have 343 students, each student will create a wishlist for their grandparents and hand it to them in their classrooms.
If as a grandparent/special older friend, you would like to purchase a book for your grandchild or donate a book to our library, you may like to visit the library and make your purchases. Your grandchild will not be attending the library with you as the library has restricted space and cannot hold grandparents, parents and lots of students. We do hope you understand, as we love seeing our grandparents, we just can’t all be in the one place at the one time. Thank you for your understanding.

Leanne Wakefield, Principal

Invitation
Preschool Information Evening

Preschool parents are invited to attend an information session regarding their child/ren who are ready to make the transition into Kindergarten in 2016.

Gloucester Preschool and Barrington Street Preschool will provide some information regarding school readiness and then a variety of primary school teachers from the Gloucester area will be there to answer any questions about the transition process.

Where: Senior Citizens Centre
When: Thursday 3 September
Time: 6pm

Nibbles will be provided. We hope to see you there!
New Sounds: Revision of Zz, Xx, Cc, Yy, Ww

New Sight Words: play, home, been

Numeracy: counting forwards to 200, backwards from 50, writing and reading numbers to 100 (and beyond), and counting by 2s, 5s and 10s.

Maths Concepts: addition, subtraction, patterns, 2D shapes, volume and capacity, and time.

KM Assembly: KM will be presenting their assembly in week 10 instead of week 8 due to a clash with the stage one excursion.

Grandparents Day: KM and KS will be presenting an item together during the special concert for our loved ones. If available, students are asked to bring in a bike helmet on Friday for the performance.

Mirabai Carruthers & Sophie Keen
Kindergarten Teachers

Class Awards (Week 6)

KM
- Reannah Yates
- Hailee Labry
- Nash Griffin
- Lacey Wall (E)

KS
- Juliette Webb
- Amy Fry
- Ethan Blanchard
- Jaxon Galvin (E)

1B
- Travis Allardice
- Nicholas Maggs
- Tristan Young-Longmire
- Mackenzie Hardy (E)

1S
- Casey Archer
- Bodhi Ashby
- Ale’andra Parks
- Kailee Hogan (E)

2H
- Michael Borradaile
- Jackson Speering
- Olivia Kearney
- Kelsey Wood (E)

2M
- Ibrahim Khalid
- Abbigale Ellis
- Ruby Tonks
- Amelia Parish (E)

Infants' Frolic
This week infants' students have been given a note to invite parents/caregivers to the frolic on Wednesday 16th September from 5pm - 7pm. Infants' students have been learning a variety of dances from around the world during sport this term and are putting together a showcase of traditional dances. The frolic will be held in the middle playground and a sausage sizzle will be provided for families to enjoy together. Please return the bottom section of the note as soon as possible.

Sophie Keen
Kindergarten Teacher

Years 1 & 2 -
Costume for Grandparents' Day
Could Years 1 & 2 students please bring in a coloured shirt to change into for our zumba performance.
Students should come to school dressed in full school uniform.

Amy Schafer
Assistant Principal
The Scholastic book fair runs every year at GPS. Book Week (when the kids dress up) runs during even years and Grandparents’ Day during odd years. So this year is Grandparents’ Day. This means no dressing up this year.

The book fair will be open in the library on Friday 28th from 8am until 2 pm.

Students will have the opportunity to create a wish list to take home on Thursday 27th August; however, there is no obligation to buy books for your children or grandchildren.

If you would like to donate a book to the library in honour of your family this would be much appreciated.

Posters and stationary items will be available to purchase outside the library from between $1.00 - $6.00.

There will be so many great new books to browse in the library and order should you wish. Orders are placed on the day and will arrive back at school within a few weeks for collection.

Payments via cash or credit card are appreciated.

Yours in Education,

Hayley Watts
Teacher/Librarian

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Grandparent’s Day – Friday 28th August

This coming Friday we welcome grandparents and special relatives to our school, as our annual Book Week activity. Being the ‘odd year’, the students will not be having a parade, but will be performing for the school and community.

8am - the day will commences with the Book Fair opening in the Library
10am - open classrooms, when you can visit your children and watch or take part in an activity
10:45 - P & C Morning Tea for visitors; recess with your children; open Library for adults only
11:30 - Hall open for visitors to be seated for the students’ performance
12:40 - shared lunch with your children

Berrill Ley
Assistant Principal

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Concert Program

11.30am - visitors to take a seat in the hall ready for the students’ performances.

The order will be as follows:

1) School Choir
2) Kindergarten
3) Year 1
4) Year 4
5) Year 2
6) Year 5
7) Year 3
8) Year 5/6G & Y6

Berrill Ley
Assistant Principal
Year 4 Dubbo Excursion

Well, we made it!
After an early start last Monday, we boarded the bus and headed west for Dubbo with great excitement.
Our first big stop was Old Dubbo Gaol which was certainly an interesting step back in time and a little eye-opening as to how people were treated in the old days. We spent some time in solitary confinement and the stocks before heading to Wambangalang.
The next day was our trip to Taronga Western Plains Zoo. We saw meerkats, lions, rhino, Happy the hippo, tigers climbing huge poles, and so much more.
Day 3 was at Wambangalang itself participating in a variety of fun outdoor programs. We tried orienteering, archery, digital photography and ropes courses. We followed up with marshmallows around the campfire at night with a singalong and some really bad jokes!
Before heading home we popped in to the Royal Flying Doctor Service to learn about the beginnings of this wonderful service. We then headed home after morning tea.
Here is a few of the highlights....

Bella - My favourite part was the archery and helping in the kitchen to cook and clean up.

Curtis - Old Dubbo Gaol was great because we learnt about how they exercised and the pitch black room and the games they played in there.

Ryan - It was funny when Kelly dropped his wallet in the water at the zoo and when the lady got it for him, he opened up the wallet and his coins fell back in the water!

Lilly - I liked the food. My favourite was the spaghetti bolognase!

Sarah - My favourite part was the zoo. The meerkats were cuddly and fluffy and cute!

Byran - I loved the lion cubs. They were cute!

Declan - The zoo was fantastic! So many interesting animals like otters, rhinos, tigers and lions.

Jessica - At the zoo, it was amazing - we got to pat about 5 animals they had in the special education classroom.

Many thanks must go to our incredible accompanying parents who worked tirelessly on the excursion to make it all run so smoothly. To Mr Maslen, Mrs Fry and Mr Bignell - thank you so much! Thank you also to Mrs McLeod who was also an amazing support in the lead up to, and during, the excursion.
A special thanks must go to all of our families who managed without us while we were away taking these wonderful kids on this special trip.
Some more photos are available on the website. Be sure to check them out!

Rod Maggs,
Year 4 Teacher/Assistant Principal

Math Olympiad
A continuing strong showing from the Collins and Channon families, with the correct answer of 43. Well done!
This week:

At the right is a 3 by 3 cube. Not all of the cubes are visible. Suppose the entire outside of the cube is painted red including the bottom. How many different 2 by 2 by 2 cubes with exactly three red faces can be found in the shown cube?

Good luck.

Eve Green
Math Olympiad Coordinator
LAKE KEEPIT – October – Year 5
Lake Keepit excursion for Year 5 is in Term 4 and we thank you for the payments received so far for your child to attend this great centre. Please continue to make part payments, to ease the burden of larger amounts nearer the excursion.
For those students who have yet to commit, just a reminder that the bus is filling fast and if you don’t bring your permission note and money in, then you may miss out.

Students not attending the excursion are expected to attend school every day as there will be work left for you. If not in attendance, your record will be marked as unacceptable absence.
Looking forward to a great time,

Berrill Ley & Eve Green
Year 5 Teachers

Dungog School Horse Sports
Friday 18th September
Hosted by St Joseph’s Primary School, Dungog
and supported by Dungog Pony Club

Gloucester Public School will be participating in the Dungog School Horse Sports Day. There are only eight places on our horse sports team. Entry forms are available from the school office and should be returned together with the entry fees to the team manager, Mrs Margaret Wilson by Monday 31st August.
There is no personal injury insurance cover provided by NSW DEC for students. Parents/caregivers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child’s involvement and acquire their own insurance.
Any questions or enquiries please contact Mrs Wilson.

"EAT FRESH AND WIN"

It’s great to see the kids getting behind the "Eat Fresh and Win" campaign. Keep up the good work - we have a range of fruit and vegies to choose from starting from only 10c and you get the chance to win some awesome prizes thanks to the Sydney Fruit Market.

Don’t forget Grandparents Day is on this Friday. Once again we’re asking for volunteers to help on the day as well as donations of cakes and slices from parents or carers. So please help out and support your school P & C. Your donations will be much appreciated.

Lisa Norrie
Canteen Supervisor
Does It Look Right