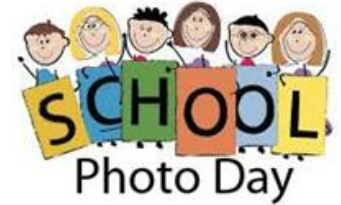


7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Week 2 Term 2

Dear Families,

### **School Photographs – Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May (Week 3)**

School photographs will be taken on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. Photo envelopes have been given to all students. Each child received their own personalised photo envelope (**please do not lose this envelope**) return the envelope to school before or on photo day. Sibling envelopes are available from the school office.



### **Opportunity Class Testing and assessment**

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test.

Students who wish to be considered for placement are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024**.

How to apply for Opportunity Class placement Parents/carers must apply online between **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024** at:

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

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

An email has been sent from the school to all parents/carers of Year 4 students with more information. Late applications are not usually accepted.

### **Mother's Day Stall**

We will be running a Mother's Day stall for students who would like to purchase a gift for Mother's Day from the Canteen next week from Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May to Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. Gifts range from \$3.00 to \$12.00.

### **Gold and Silver Award Presentations**

As the Week 10 Assembly was unable to take place due to the intensive swimming program, we will be presenting the Gold and Silver Awards at the Stage Assemblies.

Children who are eligible for these awards have already handed their awards to the office. This means that children can continue to work to achieve the next level of their achievement and be presented at the next K-6 Assembly.

The K-6 Assemblies for Term 2 will be scheduled for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July @9.20am in the school hall.

### **Updating contact details**

Sometimes we will need to contact you, including on the day that your child is absent and if you haven't notified the school with a reason for your child being away.

If your contact details are out of date or if you're not sure, please contact us on 02 6624 1444 so we can update our records and can contact you quickly when we need to.

Please include parent/carers name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change. This is particularly important so we can work together to protect the wellbeing of our students through the reporting and monitoring of student absences.

*Warren Rhijaan,  
Relieving Principal*

### Scholastic BookClub – Issue 3

Book Club has arrived! Look out for your copy of Book Club coming home in your child's schoolbag!

If you would like to order, you can return the catalogue and money to the school office by Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. Or you can order online by using this link:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>



### GPS Sports News – by Mr Holmes

#### Zone Sport Trials

Term 2 will see students from Stage 3 being able to try out at Zone Sports Trials for a number of sports.

Coming up in the next few weeks we have:

- Rugby -Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Wollongbar
- Touch Football - (Girls & Boys Teams to be selected) Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Evans Head
- Netball- 5<sup>th</sup> June, Lismore

Permission notes will be handed out this week. They need to be returned to the school office ASAP. **These Zone Trials are for students who are very talented in these chosen sports as there will be lots of students competing for positions.**

#### Sports Captains: Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their peers to be the captains at the upcoming Cross Country Carnival.

**Banksia** - Oliver Rhijaan & Bella Smith-Green **Wattle** - Liam Daley & Mereiana Cawa

**Jarra** - Izack Yates & Alicia Fogarty



#### GPS Sporting Legends

##### Grant Pearce (5/6 Purple)

Grant plays for U/12 Easts Hockey team. This is his second year playing hockey and he loves to play as the goalkeeper which you can see by the kit that he is wearing. Easts colours are Yellow and Blue as you can see in the warmup photo but the shirt that the Goalie wears for that team is green. This year they are playing on the full length of the field. Most of the games are at the Goonellabah aqua turf hockey fields but sometimes



he plays at the Ballina field as well. Grant is currently participating in the Hockey camp at the Goonellabah hockey fields these holidays.

## Sporting Photos

This term, I would like to highlight the students in our school who play different sports after school or on the weekends. Each week in the newsletter, I would like to put in some photos of students in their sporting uniform with a short blurb about the sport/club they play for. You can send these through to me at [jason.holmes13@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jason.holmes13@det.nsw.edu.au)

## School Cross Country Carnival 2024 – Wednesday, 15th May

The annual school Cross Country Carnival will be held Term 2 Week 3 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

The backup date (in case of wet weather) is Week 4 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Children will run in age divisions - **the age they turn this year.**

- Children 8, 9 and 10 years will compete over 2000 metres (4 laps)
- 11, 12 and 13 years will compete over 3000 metres (6 laps).
- K & Y1 (5&6 year olds) will run in appropriate mixed age groups on a 500m track (1 lap)
- Yr1/2 (7 year olds) will run 1 000m (2 laps)



## Canteen on the Day of Cross Country

The canteen will be open for lunch orders as usual but **will not** be accepting recess orders. The canteen will open during the carnival for snacks and drinks and parents/carers/visitors will be able to purchase Nachos, Hotdogs and Sausage Sandwiches throughout the afternoon.

The Zone Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May at Corndale.

Our staff will determine the students who place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> with a reasonable time to attend the next level at the Zone Cross Country Carnival.

## School Cross Country Program

11:20am	LUNCH under the Performance COLA
12:00nn	Walk course (8-13yrs) 1 lap - rules explained
12:30pm	10 years boys
12:40pm	10 years girls
12:50pm	8/9 years boys
1:00pm	8/9 years girls
1:10pm	11 years boys
1:20pm	11 years girls
1:30pm	12/13 years boys & girls
1:40pm	RECESS Infants assemble under GREEN COLA and eat RECESS Students to be seated in the Green COLA in their age lines boys & girls
2:00pm	Infants walk the course with an older buddy and class teacher lines
2:10pm	7 year old boys and girls (2 laps)
2:30pm	5&6 year old boys and girls (1 lap) with a Primary Buddy
2:40pm	Championship Races All 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place getters compete in a 1 lap championship race
2:50pm	Clean up – and pack away equipment

## Desktop Computers

Our school has three (3) pre-loved desktop computers that we would like to donate to our families. They run on a Chrome Operating System. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 6624 1444. They are ready for collection.