

George Street Primary School Newsletter



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Acting Principal's Message

It's exciting to see all the students settle into Term Two. We have had some changes with staffing with Mr Barking changing his days of work and Mr Fry covering Mondays in the Grade ½ class. Ms Eales is by now a friendly face to all the students and is jumping into classes to cover gaps when staff are away. We have had a few weeks now to experience the new 3 break days and I look forward to hearing any feedback parents and students have about the new structure. From my point of view there has been some great benefits of the new program and students have adapted well.

Please remember that as the weather gets colder that students need to dress warmly and if you are in need of any uniform items, please contact the office or Megan Obrien who can help with State School Relief Fund.

By now you may have seen that Carly and Mrs Smith have started their maternity leave. We welcome onboard Maddy Saunders who is working in the general office in an admin position.

Please remember that the Mothers' Day Stall is on Friday and there will be a number of items for students to purchase. We also invite Mothers into the school for a Morning Tea. This will take place in the Kitchen space between 10:10 and 10:25am.

Interschool cross country is also on this week. Mr Barker will have made contact with the students involved. Please remember that if your child is participating, that we kindly ask you collect them from the track at the lake at the end of the day.

Finally, you may notice some small changes taking place in the yard. We have begun a small amount of planting. Over the last break grounds works were completed and this included the removal of vegetation that was coming to the end of its natural life or that had not received the proper care or maintenance. A number of grasses and trees have been planted. This is a great opportunity for parents to teach their child about respecting the gardens and allowing our plants the best opportunity to survive. We are delighted to have planted 5 Jacaranda trees on the back play space. The 5 trees represent each of our classes. Additionally a Plane tree has been planted at the rear of the school and is dedicated to the past and future principals of George Street Primary School.



From the classroom

Grade Prep

We're thrilled to share the wonderful start our Preps have had this term!

Exploring Fiction in Reading

In our reading sessions, Preps are delving into the magical world of fiction. They're learning that fiction stories are products of imagination, even when they feature talking animals. It's incredible to see their creativity flourish!

Mastering Sentences in Writing

In writing, Preps are mastering the art of crafting sentences. They understand that a sentence is a complete thought that makes sense, requiring a subject and a verb. Moreover, they're actively practicing writing these sentences, honing their skills with each word they pen.

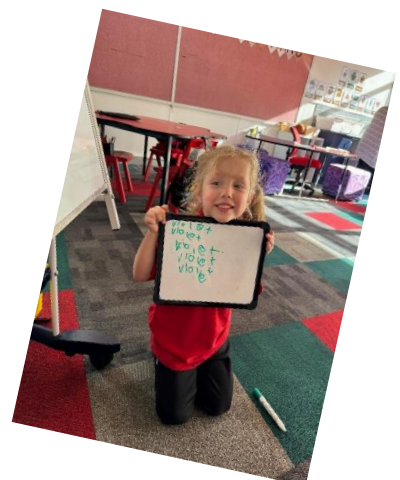
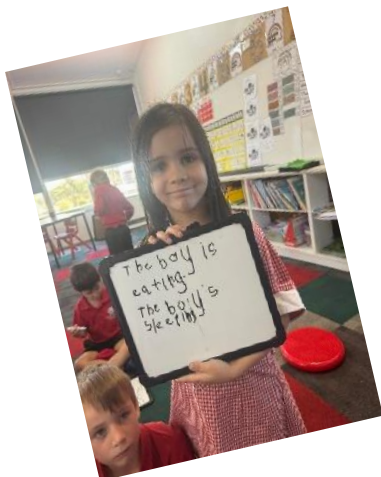
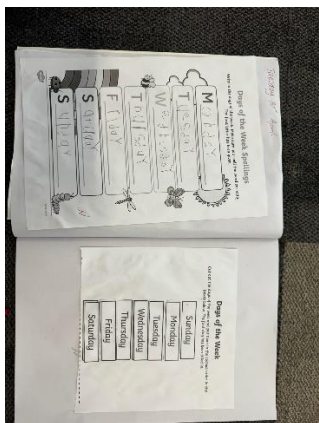
Navigating Math Concepts

In maths, Preps are tackling the sequencing of events and mastering the days of the week. They're adept at identifying what comes first, next, and last, showcasing their growing understanding of order and progression.

Exploring First Nations Australians in Inquiry

In our inquiry sessions, Preps have embarked on an exciting journey to learn about First Nations Australians. Their curiosity knows no bounds as they eagerly delve into the rich history and culture of Australia's indigenous peoples. We're looking forward to witnessing their continued exploration and understanding in the coming weeks.

We're immensely proud of the enthusiasm and dedication our Preps are showing in their learning journey. Here's to a term filled with growth, discovery, and endless possibilities!



Key Dates – Term

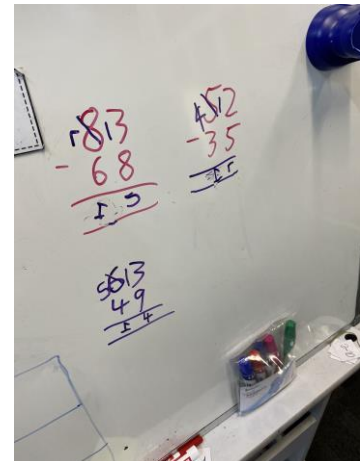
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- Monday 15th April – First day Term 2, Students return
- Friday 19th April – Curriculum Day – Student Free Day
- Tuesday 23rd April – School Council Meeting
- Thursday 25th April – ANZAC day – Student Free Day
- Thursday 2nd May – School Photos
- Friday 10th May – Mother's Day stall
- Friday 10th May – Assembly at 3:00pm
- Mon 13th May – Fri 17th May – Education Week
- Mon 13th May – Wed 22nd May – Book Fair
- Friday 31st May – Assembly at 3:00pm
- Monday 10th June – Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Grade 1/2

In Reading, students have continued working on identifying parts of speech. This week, students looked at adjectives, then identified ways on how they could use them in their writing to add more detail. Types of adjectives included how things may feel – smooth, soft or rough or the colour of them – red, green, yellow or orange.

In Maths, we have looked at addition and subtraction strategies. We have investigated the use of concrete materials to assist with keeping track while adding and also extended our knowledge to use the carrying method in addition and the regrouping method in subtraction.



Grade 3

This week Grade 3 students have revisited multiplication. They explored different strategies for solving multiplication problems, including skip counting and using arrays. They also learned how to write equivalent number sentences that represent an array. Next week students will be using manipulatives and arrays to solve division problems.

In Literacy, students continued to learn the different vowel teams that can represent long vowel sounds, focusing on the long vowel 'u'. They located words in a passage with the sound and then practised reading these words in the passages in fluency pairs. Next week students will be focusing on sentence and text structures in narrative writing.

Students also took some time out to have a little dance party!



Grade 4/5

The 4/5's are settling well into the start of this term and change.

In Literacy they have been reading and writing a form of different text types such as informative and narratives. Students have also been performing plays that they have engaged in reading and showcasing to the class.

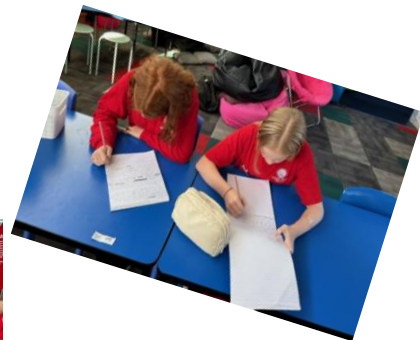
In Maths this week the 4/5's have been delving into the world of fractions. We have been working on mixed and improper fractions as well as how to convert between them. The class even made a number line from 0 to 1 and everyone was a fraction or number on the number line.



Grade 5/6

What a busy few weeks we have had in Grade 5/6! Students are continuing to delve deeper into our whole class text, *Our Race for Reconciliation*, including continuing to explore the effect that the first person narration of the young, female, Indigenous character has on the story. Our History lessons have tied in well to our text, as we have been exploring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives, along with the rights women and Indigenous people had to fight for. Within Writing, students have continued producing quality texts and ensuring their persuasive texts are following the PEEL structure.

Within Mathematics, students have continued to wow me with their knowledge! We have been exploring fractions, including adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominators, converting between mixed numeral and improper fractions, and ordering fractions with related denominators. We will continue extending our knowledge in the coming week to add and subtract fractions with related denominators, and connecting fractions, decimals and percentages.



Get to know our staff!

Gabby Watson Prep Teacher



Where is the coolest place you've travelled? On a boat to Vanuatu

What is the first thing you do upon arriving home from work? Get changed into comfy clothes

What is your guilty pleasure? Chocolate and lollies

What is your favourite season? Summer, only because I hate the cold

Do you have any pets? Two dogs, Cruiser and Tilly

What is your greatest accomplishment? Finishing university and becoming a teacher

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
GSPS BOOKFAIR



We are seeking parent volunteers to help with the running of our bookfair from Monday 13th May - Wednesday 22nd May.

If you have spare time and are willing to lend a hand, please contact our office with your availabilities.

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Reminder

GSPS Mother's day
stall + Morning tea

Friday 10th May

Gifts ranging from \$1 to \$10. Please send students in with cash

We will also be hosting a morning tea at 10:10am - 10:25 for any mothers / grandmothers / special people wanting to come in.