



Dear Parents and Care Givers,

It's that time of year again! The school year is almost over. The Christmas holidays are just around the corner.

"Where did the last twelve months go?" That's the adult viewpoint. Kids think, "What took so long?"

Different ages, different perspectives!

Kids generally want to plunge into holidays, leaving schoolwork, timetables and teachers behind. That's only natural. But before they get too far into holiday mode, consider how you'll round out the year, and bring it to a close. If your child is finishing primary school then there will be a graduation ceremony that signals the end of one phase of their school lives. The greater importance given to school graduation ceremonies over the last few decades is recognition of the human need to bring closure to one stage of life, and prepare for the next.

Kids of all ages benefit from parental recognition of their achievements and successes as it sets the stage for the coming school year. Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year:

Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year just gone. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. At the year's end I would ask my school-aged kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered. These questions worked for me, but each parent needs to find their own approach.

Celebrate improvement and success:

Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognise achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It's important for kids who struggle academically to understand that you value success in a variety of areas.

Show appreciation:

Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some kids need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.

Look forward:

It may be beneficial to give your kids a chance to vent about some aspect of the year that they didn't like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn't end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.

Now relax:

It's time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous year wasn't one of your child's best, the six week break gives them a chance to make a fresh start next year.

So it's a wrap! The slate has been wiped clean. Enjoy the break – I know I will!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students and parents of Gosnells Primary School for what has been another professionally rewarding 12 months as Principal of such a great school. I have really appreciated the opportunity to work with such a committed team of teachers and support staff and as parents you should feel very comfortable that each and every child who attends Gosnells is getting the very best education possible.

I look forward to creating many more happy memories in what I am confident will be a challenging, yet rewarding, time for our school as we move into 2018.

In concluding, I would like to remind all parents to join us for our final assembly of the year on **Thursday 14 December** at 2.00pm in the Undercover Area, hosted by Room 17. Following this assembly, everyone is invited to make their way to the Muster Area for the final 'Ringing of the Bell' to signal the end of the school year. This has become a tradition at GPS, providing an opportunity for us all to farewell, not only our Year 6 graduates, but all students as they leave for Christmas.

Regards Craig

Coming Events
TERM 4

SWIMMING LESSONS

Monday 4 December to
Thursday 14 December

Tuesday 12 December

Year 6 Graduation 9.00—11.30

Wednesday 13 December

Graduation Party 9.00—11.30

Thursday 14 December

Assembly Room 17 8.45am

LAST DAY TERM 4

**TERM 1 2018 STARTS
FOR ALL STUDENTS ON
WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2018**



CONGRATULATIONS

WELL DONE!

BRONZE AWARDS

24.11.17 - Melodie and Amadeus.

01.12.17 - Jamarah and Lachlain.

SILVER AWARDS

24.11.17 - Ella, Plamedi, Trentan, Kaidence, Drake, Andreas, Joshua, Jaxon, Tanika, Mohammad, Syed Muhammad, Damien, Bella, Willow, Hugo, Jack, Nicholas, Aden, Dylon and Blake.

01.12.17 - Dylan, Pearse, Eamon, Mariah, Shartreuse and Myles.

NOT RETURNING IN 2018?

Please inform the School Office if your child will not be returning to Gosnells Primary School in 2018.

This will enable 2018 class lists to be accurately assembled.

SCHOOL DENTIST

The School Dentist will be **closed from 18 December 2017 to 21 January 2018.**

Emergency dental treatment is available at the **Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre**, 43 Mt Henry Road, Salter Point
Phone: **9313 0555** from 8.15am to 4.30pm Monday—Friday excluding public holidays.

Emergency dental treatment is available at -

Wirrabirra DTC from 18 December 2017 to 22 December 2017
Phone: 9398 1636.

Mt Henry DTC from 27 December 2017 to 26 January 2018
Phone: 9313 0555.

West Byford from 22 January 2018 to 30 January 2018
Phone 9550 6006.



GOLD AWARDS

24.11.17 - Ryan, Abang, Layla, Elisha, Natasha, Matilda, Liam, John, Norris, Zulfiqar, Jaishree, Abigail, Bradley, Avril, Shaye, Constance, Elisha, Destiny-David, Nevaya, Aida, Piper, Samuel, Evelyn, Dia, Lillie, Keenah, Logan, Fokiola, Oliver, Zak, Trent, Liane, Priyanka, Billion, Pabawath, Christine, Aidan, Chloe, Kaihla, Rhegan and Amrutha.

01.12.17 - Selina, Syed Ahmad, Montana, Damien, Jaxon, Aiden, Kayne, Daniel, William, Myles, Xavier, Bridget, Levi, Benjamin, Murthaza, Lucian, Gurveer, Mattea Ave, Luke, Kobe-Jackz and Trey.

PLATINUM AWARDS

24.11.17 - Emily, Sayeed Khalil, Charlie, Jaren, Lochlan, Olivia, Paige, Caprice, Laralea, Georgia, Jesse, Manat, Karanvir, Hasala, Matthew and Nur Azmina.

01.12.17 - Mark, Michael, Abigail, Ishmeet Kaur, Karome, Abang, Natasha, Rylan, Sobhan, Zahra, Emily, Liane, Samuel, Logan and Fokiola.

Gosnells Primary School Student Council for 2018

Head Girl: Nanthana Navaneethakrishnan

Head Boy: Trent Zawtint

Student Leaders: Nanthethaa Navaneethakrishnan
Penny Song
Ola Piukala
Emilie Angwin
Layla Keep
Aidan Heerey

FACTION LEADERS 2018

APOLLO Chloe James
Mathew Edgelow

CENTAUR Tanika Crofts
Logan Mastalerz

PEGASUS Sheridan Clarson
Khairi Salby

THOR Stephanie Rosman
Zak Webber

Congratulations!

Uniform shop last day is December 7, 2017.

Congratulations to the canteen on having a case study of our canteen successes published on the WASCA website.

Many thanks to all our volunteers who have helped out in the canteen, uniform shop and with fundraising this year. Without all of your help we would not have been able to raise \$7500 to go towards educational needs at the school. Next year our very first fundraiser will be a sausage sizzle at Maddington Bunnings on 11 February 2018. We look forward to your help and support to make this event a success.



As with every year we will be losing some of our volunteers whose students move on from the school, we wish to thank them for all of their service. We look forward to more volunteers next year. **Remember the more people who do something, the less we each have to do.**

Our AGM will be 20 February 2018. All positions become vacant at this time. If you wish to volunteer as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or any of our subcommittees please come attend and bring a friend.

Our thanks to all of our volunteers this year, and also to the office staff, school leadership, teachers and parents who have supported us.

Natasha Coombes (Secretary)



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The Uniform Shop will be open at the following times during the first week of

Term 1, 2018:

Monday, 29 January 9:30 - 10:30am

Tuesday, 30 January 9:30 - 10:30am

Wednesday, 31 January 8:30 - 9:00am

Thursday, 1 February 8:30 - 9:00am

Friday, 2 February 8:30 - 9:00am

There will be EFTPOS available on these days ONLY.

The Top 100 students for Term 4 participated in a Colour Run on Friday as their reward. Great fun was had by all who attended!



Occupational Therapist at Gosnells

Primary School!

We now have a school-based OT Kate Haliczenko as part of our student services team one day a week. If you have any concerns about your child's development and would like to speak to the Kate please contact the school on 9398 2250.

Occupational Therapy looks at the whole child and helps with:



FINE MOTOR SKILLS
GROSS MOTOR SKILLS
STRENGTH/ ENDURANCE
VISUAL PERCEPTUAL SKILLS
MANAGING SENSATIONS
EMOTIONAL REGULATION
ATTENTION
SOCIAL SKILLS

OT TIP OF THE WEEK:

For 10 minutes every day spend time sitting in the garden or at the park and..

JUST
BE
PRESENT



Encourage your child to do the same: no i-pads, no TV, no distractions.

Ask your child to name 5 things they can hear with their eyes closed.

Do this together for a moment then chat about all the sounds you could hear.

It is in these moments of stillness that we connect and calm our anxious minds.

We invite families in Gosnells to join us on Christmas Eve for

The Really Good News of Christmas



A short (30 min) telling of the Christmas story, with a video and all your favourite carols. Costumes and masks are provided if children wish to dress up.

Each child will receive a copy of the booklet *The Really Good News of Christmas* and Saint Nicholas will appear with some Christmas goodies including lollies, cakes and soft drink.

Where and when: All Saints Anglican Church, Cnr Hicks & Dorothy Sts, Gosnells, Christmas Eve at 7pm.

Ample parking and church is air conditioned.

Other Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24 December: 9am Holy Communion

11.30pm Midnight Mass

(with Blessing of the Crib).

Christmas Day:

9am Holy Communion

Enquiries: 9490 1971

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

*Christmas is a time of giving gifts,
tree decorations,
lights,
carol singing
& feasting!*

*It is also a time to renew friendships,
a time to give, especially to those who are in
need.*

*But most importantly, Christmas carries with it,
the message of peace & goodwill
that begun over 2000 years ago.*

*Wishing you and your family
a wonderful Christmas
full of God's greatest blessings!*

*Merry Christmas
Grace Munnee
School Chaplain*

Luke 2:10,11

