PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Harmony Day celebrations were held last Friday and it was great to see how colourful the day was.

Harmony Day has now been running across the country for quite a few years now and seems to get a bigger profile each year.

This year it coincided with the National Day of Action Against Bullying.

We started last week with a talk for all students in the hall about being respectful towards each other at all times not just on special occasions such as Harmony Day. I feel that at GVPS we are a very safe, respectful school committed to learning, but I also believe we can always improve in whatever aspect of school if we have a deep, critical, reflective look.

One such area we need to develop in our students over the course of their years at GVPS is a stronger understanding of respect.

Respect runs much deeper than being polite and well mannered, though undoubtedly these are vital values we (school and families) instil in our students. Developing a sense of respect for and of identity and heritage is even more important. It is quite easy to be polite and well mannered, and thankfully our students are, but it is also possible to be polite and well mannered outwardly but inwardly be disrespectful.

Here at GVPS, we are represented by over 30 language groups, with a rich student heritage coming from all corners of the globe. I am proud to say that on a daily basis students get along with each other at GVPS so well and they honestly, wouldn’t even consider that they come from a different cultural background to each other. They just get on with the job of being a kid. Wouldn’t it be nice if this could continue into adult life.

Harmony Day is a day to say we are proud of our heritage and even prouder that we live in this great country as one.

Congratulations to all our students who work so well each day to build respect for each other.
K-2 ASSEMBLY
WHEN: 25th March WHERE: School Hall
HOSTED BY: 1NR TIME: 2.00pm
All parents welcome.

FITNESS CLUB
Today was the last Fitness Club for students in K-2. The last Fitness club for students in Years 3-6 is Wednesday 26th March.

RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN WORKSHOP—Reminder
WHEN: Tuesday 25th March TIME: 6.30pm—8.00pm
VENUE: Green Valley Public School Hall

ICAS COMPETITIONS
This year students from Years 3-6 have the opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments Australia (ICAS). These tests provide a comprehensive record of student’s performance. The subjects available are English, Writing, Spelling and Mathematics. Achievement certificates are awarded to all participating students at a range of levels. There is a permission note outlining the dates and fees of the tests. If you would like your child to participate in any of the tests please return the permission note to the office by Friday 11th of April. If you have any questions, please see the Mrs Cruz.

PARENT VOLUNTEER WORKING BEE
When: 1st April
Time: 9.00am—12.00pm
Venue: Staffroom

We are asking for parent volunteers to assist in creating Literacy & Numeracy resources for the classrooms. This will involve cutting, laminating and gluing. Morning Tea will be provided. A note has been sent home with this newsletter. If you can help, please return the slip to the school office.

STAGE ONE WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY FUN DAY
On Monday 7th April 2014, Stage One are having a “Workers In The Community Fun Day” to celebrate the completion of our HSIE unit for this term. Students are asked to come to school dressed as a worker in the community on this day. Throughout the morning, Stage One classes will be listening to a variety of guest speakers, such as Police Officers, Fire fighters and Surf Life Savers. All Stage One students will be having a picnic lunch under the COLA from 10.30am—11.00am. Parents are welcome to have lunch with their child at this time. A parade, which parents are also welcome to attend, will be held at 11.50am in the hall. The parade will give each student a chance to show off their outfit.

SCHOOL WALL PLANNER
A 2014-2015 wall planner has been sent home today. Please display it at home so you can keep up with all the school events planned for this year.

P&C News
President’s Report—This is my first report for the year and I would like to welcome all parents and students for 2014. If anybody has any questions about the P&C, please do not hesitate to contact me or attend the next meeting. Remember “As parents, we are the first teachers for our kids”.

At the last meeting, on the 19th March, members voted to donate $15,000 to the school for a new electronic notice board for the front of the school and new playground markings for the students.

Easter Raffle—On Wednesday 9th April, we will be having a Mufti Day (out of uniform day) and we ask students to bring in an Easter item for our raffle.

DIARY DATES
Dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, * indicates new or changed dates since last newsletter.

MARCH
25 Raising Resilient Children Workshop 6.30-8pm
26 Last Fitness Club 3-6
28 PSSA Round 5

APRIL
1 Homework Kit—Working Bee 9-1pm
4 K-6 Assembly
5 PSSA Round 6
7 Stage 1 Workers in the Community Fun Day
8 Parent/Teacher Interviews
9 Buzz Day
9 P&C Mufti Day & Working Bee 1.00pm
7 Easter Hat Parade
10 P&C Easter Raffle
11 PSSA Round 7
12 Last day of Term 1
28 Staff Development Day
29 Students return for Term 2
30 ANZAC Service

MAY
2 PSSA Round 8
7 P&C Meeting
7 Mother’s Day Working Bee 2.00pm
8 Mothers’ Day Stall
7 PSSA Round 9
8 Parent Working Bee—Gardens
13 NAPLAN
14 NAPLAN
15 NAPLAN
16 PSSA Round 10
23 GVPSSA Cross Country Carnival
28 Stewart House Clothing Appeal
30 K-6 Assembly

JUNE
6 PSSA Trials
11 P&C Meeting
12 SWZ Cross Country Carnival
13 PSSA Round 1
16 ICAS Writing Competition
17 ICAS Spelling Competition
20 PSSA Round 2
25 Buzz Day
27 K-6 Assembly

Gate locked between 9.15 & 2.50 each day.
Between these hours all visitors please report to the office.

Next P&C
Wednesday 7th May
9.00am in the school Staffroom
All Welcome.
Tickets for the raffle will be sent home on Monday 24th March. Tickets are $1.00 each. Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on the 10th April.

**Easter Raffle Working Bee**—On Wednesday 9th April, we will be holding a working bee at 1.00pm in the school hall to help make the raffle prize hampers. All parents are welcome to come along and help.

**Mother’s Day Stall**—On Wednesday 7th May, we will be having another working bee at 2.00pm in the school hall to prepare gifts for the stall. All parents are welcome. The Mother’s Day Stall will be in Term 2 on Thursday 8th May. Items will range from $5.00 to $10.00.

**Vacant Positions**—As from 19th March 2014, we have two vacant positions within the P&C Committee, the Secretary and Vice President. If you are a financial member of the P&C Committee you can come along to the next meeting and nominate someone or volunteer yourself for a position. We invite everyone to show their support.

**Next Meeting Date**—7th May. Please come along and join in. Everyone is welcome.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

It’s that time again! The Premier’s Reading Challenge has begun for 2014. So start reading. The library has many PRC books that are marked with the appropriate stickers for each stage - red stickers for K-2, green for 3-4 and purple for readers in Years 5-6. Some keen students are already well on their way to reading the required 20 books that the challenge sets for stages 2 & 3. Students have till the end of August to complete the required reading. Don’t forget to ask Mrs Reardon or Mrs Whittle if your child has difficulty selecting books to read.

Kindergarten parents don’t forget to drop in with your child to borrow a Bedtime Bag. Get them on the road to being life-long readers and learners.

Mrs Whittle.

**SPORT**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sara Draskic 5/6C, Honeyleen Bohol 6W and Tahlia Galea 5L who have made it in to the Zone GVPSSA Girls Soccer Team.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Connor Moore 5P who has made it in to the Zone GVPSSA Boys Rugby league Team.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mark Parlapiana 5/6C, Lauchlan Croft 5/6C, Brayden Walsh 6W, Malekai Moutrage 6W and Kieran Brook 6K who have made it into the Zone GVPSSA Boys Basketball Team.

**LAST CHANCE TO AUDITION FOR THE CHOIR** **Voices of Sydney**

Voices of Sydney Choir (formerly Sydney Region Choir) is an auditioned and official DEC choir for public school students from Years 5 – 12, with great performance opportunities.

- If you like to sing, and would like to sing in a choir, and
- If you would like to perform in great events (including the 2014 Schools Spectacular)

Then come along to a weekly rehearsal before the end of this term and join the rehearsal.

- Tuesday afternoons at Sutherland Public School. 4.00pm-5.30pm (Deb and Therese)
- Thursday afternoons at Darlington Public School 4.30pm – 5.45pm (Kipi and Helen)

Please ring, text or email to find out more - or turn up to a rehearsal and meet the choir.

Heather Causley Manager- 0400 808 603  causleys@bigpond.net.au

More information on the website [www.sydneyregionarts.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sydneyregionarts.det.nsw.edu.au) – Music Programs- Sydney Region Choir (the 2013 information is still current for this year).
HARMONY DAY

Last Friday, we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day for us to appreciate the many different cultures in our community. The SRC hosted a special assembly where we were treated to fantastic cultural dances from Callum (5L), Nadia (5/6C) and Christie (6W), and also a special magic performance from Mrs Balati. Many students wore orange or a national costume and it was fantastic to see so many people taking part in the celebrations.

Our school was also invited to a Harmony Day soccer clinic run by Liverpool Council and the Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club. Forty-five students from Years 3-6 participated in the event and learnt many different skills from the WSW training team. They were also lucky enough to meet three of the Wanderers players. Thank you to Miss Weeks and Miss Planes for accompanying the students. The students represented the school with pride and had a great time.
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