



13th February 2018

2018 Dates to Remember

February

- 20 GRIP Leadership conference
- 20 Launch Into Learning commences
- 21 Parent Info Session /Sausage Sizzle
- 26 Year 3-6 Athletic House Trials

March

- 1 Year 3-6 Athletic Carnival—Domain
- 7 3/4 Classes excursion—Molesworth
- 8 Kinder parent greet night 6-8pm
- 26 School Association AGM

April

- 5 Champions Athletic Carnival
- 7 School Fair

2018 TERM DATES

- Term 1** 7th Feb—12th April
- Easter—** 30 March —3rd April
- Term 2** 30th April—6th July
- Term 3** 23rd July-28th September
- Term 4** 15th October-20th December

Student Free Days

- 13th April
- 23rd July
- 26th October

THE CURRENT SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE IS DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN RECESS TIME ON FRIDAY THE 16th OF FEBRUARY.



Dear Families,

New Year – New Habits

Less than a week into the term and the staff and students of Goulburn Street Primary are creating new habits to help make a difference to the environment! Expanding on the school community's commitment to sustainability practices we have introduced additional structures to support waste management. Each classroom now has containers enabling rubbish to be sorted for recycling, composting/worm bins, soft plastics and a very tiny bin for landfill. Students and staff have taken on the challenge, reminding and helping each other to think about how we separate and dispose of waste. Already we have significantly reduced the daily amount of rubbish that goes to landfill.

School Times and Absences—Lessons begin at 9:00am with a teacher commencing duty outside and classroom doors opening at 8:30am. This allows time for students to set up for the first session and to greet teachers before heading outside to play with friends until the morning bell signals the start of school.

The school day ends at 3:00pm. If a student has not been collected by a family member by 3:10pm the class or duty teacher will accompany them to the office from where parents will be contacted. Parents are responsible for their child outside school hours unless they are booked with Lady Gowrie in the afternoon. If using school grounds out of hours it is important to play safely and to be mindful of noise levels as staff members are working nearby.

Schools are required to follow up on unexplained absences and we greatly appreciate notification of absences, by email, through our new website or with a phone call on the day to assist us in monitoring attendance. In addition if your child has an appointment, and is therefore late arriving or has an early departure, we require the adult carer to sign the child in or out at the office.

Information Session and Sausage Sizzle — An *Information Session* for parents and carers will be held on Wednesday 21st February. Teachers will each have two rostered times for parents/carers to visit classrooms. This is an opportunity to gain an overall understanding of classroom programs and expectations as well as ways you might be able to support your child's learning and wellbeing over the year.

The *Information Session* is about providing general information to parents/carers in group situations. Early in Term Two Parent/Teacher Conversations are scheduled, providing the opportunity for teachers and parents to share specific information about your child's progress and wellbeing. We welcome news from home that will help us support your child and often casual catch-ups with teachers are possible at drop off and pick up times. For more in-depth conversations parents are encouraged to arrange a time to meet with a teacher of myself and this can be done throughout the year.

Members of the School Association are organising a sausage sizzle to coincide with the *Information Session*, as a way of enabling parents and friends to meet and mingle. The barbecue will be set up in the courtyard between 3:15-5:00pm and payment can be made on the day. An order form to assist with catering can be found within the newsletter beneath the roster for the *Information Session*. We hope to have many families participate in the *Information Session* and Sausage Sizzle.

Regards,
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School Fair April 7th 2018

Donations Drop Off—We are now accepting donations of good quality bric a brac (eg. homewares, toys, games etc.), clothing and books. You can drop them off at the school anytime that the school hall is free and place them neatly on the stage area. To make it easier for sorting we ask you to place bric a brac against the back wall, clothes to the left and books to the right.

Craft, Plants and Pickles—We need plenty of gorgeous craft items to sell at our ever popular craft stall so please get knitting, sewing, sculpting, threading and creating, and we will get you to drop your goodies off at the school office next month. Also, get planting green stuff for the plant stall (plants that will be appropriate for people to plant in autumn), as well as bottling, pickling and jamming all that summer produce.

Signs—Do you have a house in a prominent location? Would you be willing to have a fair sign on your front fence? Then please get in contact with Rebecca queenripsnort@hotmail.com to arrange.

Volunteers—We will be needing plenty of people power on the day of the fair so if you can donate a few hours of your time to help with setting up, serving on a stall or packing up then please drop organiser Rebecca Thomson a message queenripsnort@hotmail.com Thank you

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Launching into Learning (LiL)

Launching into Learning (LiL) will commence on Tuesday 20th February. The program is offered for children from birth to four years of age, who are guided and supported through the activities and play opportunities by an accompanying adult/family member. Mrs Julie Lewis will co-ordinate the program to be held weekly from 9:00-10:30am in the Kinder room.



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Kinder Lewis and Kinder-Prep Evans	3:30pm	4:00pm(name)
Prep-One Talbert & Prep-One Strohfeld	3:30pm	4:00pm(name)
Two-Three Moore & Two-Three Shepherd/Mitchell	3:45pm	4:15pm(name)
Three-Four Coe/McKibben & Three-Four Smit	3:15pm	4:00pm(name)
Five-Six Brellis & Five-Six Tymms	3:15pm	3:45pm(name)

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PARENT INFORMATION SESSION/SAUSAGE SIZZLE—WEDNESDAY 21st of Feb

Please indicate how many sausages your family will require, for a gold coin donation each (payable on the day)

Name of Student/Family.....Grade

Number of sausages..... or Vegetarian sausages

I am available to assist with cooking and or setting up on the day ☐

