Geraldton Primary School Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2019

EARLY CLOSE DAY

PP to YEAR 6 STUDENT LED CONFERENCES ARE ON NEXT TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER AFTERNOON

Kindy have their normal program

Notes attached with the newsletter re permission to go home

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3:
• Early Close Day Student Led Conferences – Tues 10 September
• Pop Up Parliament for Yr 5/6s – Thurs 12 September
• Jazz Performance and Workshop – Thurs 12 September
• Interschool Cross Country – Fri 13 Sept
• Fathering Project Campout – Fri 13 Sept
• Numero Challenge – Tues 17 September
• Interschool Carnival – Fri 20 September
• Room 6 Assembly – Thurs 26 September
• Crazy Hair and Casual Dress Day – Fri 27 September (last day of term)

TERM 4:
• School Commences – Tues 15 Oct
• Colour Fun Run – Fri 25 Oct
• End of Year Celebrations – Fri 29 Nov
• Yr 6 Grad Dinner and Assembly – 10 Dec

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

CELEBRATING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS:

You know we love to celebrate our students and their families and our staff achievements in all fields. Congratulations firstly to Mr Jason Bradley who was awarded the Outstanding Instructor award by the International Taekwon-Do Federation. We are incredibly proud of his achievements.

RANDOLPH STOW YOUNG WRITERS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students pictured on the front page for their achievements in the Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards.

Ruben received 2nd place for his Lower Primary Prose titled "The Crystal Skull".
Eddy received 3rd place for his Upper Primary Poetry piece titled "A Pilot's Story".
Martha - received a Highly Commenced for her Upper Primary Poetry piece titled "A Perfect Cup of Tea".

Their entries are in the Randolph Stow Young Writers Award book which will be placed in the Library next week.

There were 595 entries from over 20 schools in the Midwest.

MIDWEST MASSED CHOIR EVENING OF SONG

What a wonderful evening of song last night at the Midwest Massed Choir Evening. Congratulations to our Senior Choir, Miss Goddard, Mrs Gough and parent/carers. It was wonderful to hear, not only other school choirs but of course, the brightest and bestest choir - GPS of course. We are all very proud of them. We were not permitted to take photos or videos on the evening but Mrs Gough took some of the choir singing at rehearsal and on the bus. These are posted on the school Facebook page.
DADS AND KIDS CAMPOUT – REGISTRATIONS DUE ON MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER AT THE LATEST

A reminder that the registration for the Fathering Project Dads and Kids Campout on September 13 closes tomorrow. Please find attached the Flier and Registration. Please bring in your registration form and the $30 to the Front Office by close of business tomorrow – Monday 9 September. Registration from available from the Front Office and is also on the GPS Facebook page.

Public School Review Results

As you may be aware, our school participated in the Public School Review process on July 30. The review has been completed and we have received and endorsed by the Acting Deputy Director General, Stephen Baxter. The review was received on the 26 of August 2019.

Our school performance rating determined by our self-assessment submission has been validated by the review team and we have been rated as Effective. There are only two ratings available – Effective or Ineffective.

In our submissions, we identified:

1. How are we going? (judgement)
2. How do we know? (evidence)
3. How are we going to improve? (planning)

We are very pleased with the feedback received by the review team.

The letter and report are attached here as pdf documents, will be placed on our website and Facebook page and has been placed on Schools Online. The School Council has received the documents and the P & C will be provided with copies also. Hard copies of the review are also available from the Front Office. The next review is in 2022.
P & C NEWS

Congratulations to Amanda Batchelor who won the Car Park Space Raffle.

The P & C Father's Day Raffle was drawn at the assembly last Friday and the winners and prizes were:

1st Prize $100 Cobra Fitness Voucher - Carter Family

2nd Prize $100 Cobra Fitness Voucher - Aasta Abbott

3rd Prize Pack from Sun City Solar - Jemma Franklin

4th Prize Pack from Super Cheap Auto Geraldton - Penny McDermott

5th Prize Lunch for Two at Go Health - Anna Mckenzie

6th Prize 6530 Shirt from Hopkinson Painting - Jemma Franklin

Thank you to all school community members that sold or bought tickets to the raffle. You have helped fund new playground equipment for our school.

The Annual Colour Fun Run is coming up pretty soon. The P & C is arranging all the information about this and it will be sent out closer to the end of term. Mark the date on your calendar – Friday 25 October.

Here’s a few photos to remind you from last year’s Colour Fun Run.

Did you know that the GPS Canteen now has online ordering facilities. Online Canteen Orders can down be done online at www.quickcliq.com.au. Very easy to set up and use.

The next P & C Meeting is on Monday 9 September at 3.30pm in the Art Room at school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
Immunisation requirements for children enrolling in Kindergarten (No Jab, No Play)
Recent legislative changes to the Public Health Act 2016 and School Education Act 1999 state that to enrol a child in Kindergarten, parents/carers must supply an Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) history statement showing a status of ‘up to date’ and dated within two months of enrolment.
This change will take effect from the date the regulations commence, which was the start of Term 3.
**KISS and DRIVE**

Your co-operation and patience when using the Kiss and Drive system will provide your children with a safer, less traumatic environment.

We know parking is at a premium at all three schools - GPS, Nagle and GSHS and often frustrating to parent/carers

**How the Kiss and Drive works:**

- Move as near to the front of the Kiss & Drive bays as possible.
- Always be courteous to other road users.
- Children will wait in the school grounds near the Kiss & Drive bays.
- Bays to be used only for set down and pick up of students.
- If your child is not ready don’t stop – drive around the block and try again.
- No parking permitted in the pick-up bays.
- Always indicate to enter and leave the Kiss & Drive bays.
- Ensure children entering the vehicle put on their seat restraint.

Car park duty staff will approach parent/carers who misuse the Kiss and Drive rules and ask them to follow the rules. Please understand that this is not personal and in the interests of ensuring a smooth flow of traffic.

**A reminder that staff will be on Car Park Duty until 3.15pm. After this time, students will need to wait at the Front Office where they will be supervised until collected by their parent/carers.**

**FUTURE PLANNING TO FIND WAYS TO INCREASE PARKING – YOUR INPUT APPRECIATED**

We are currently examining ways in which we can possibly increase the amount of car parking for our parent/carers. Katie Taylor and I have met with Building, Maintenance and Works personnel last week to look at the area behind the Kindergarten becoming more efficiently organised with marked bays to increase the organisation and number of bays.

This is a long process and the first couple of things we need to go is get in touch with the City of Greater Geraldton Roadwise contact person to get drawn up an efficient plan for parking. We then approach our Department of Education to get quotes for the works and then put in an application to get this done. Previous other schools’ attempts to get this done suggests it can be a long process and schools are generally required to share funding of this. We are looking at around the $10000 plus shared costs to get this done.

In the mean time I have met with Kate McKonkey, Roadwise Committee Chair to discuss the congestion issue at drop off and pick up times for GPS and surrounding schools. One of the strategies is to survey the key stakeholders, that is, parent/carers, staff and students, cross walk attendants, etc about what they see as the key issues about the current congestion issues.

A survey will be developed and sent out to you before the end of term.
FOTOWORKS DELAY

As you may be aware, there has been a delay in getting school photos back to you. The delay has been caused by our dissatisfaction about the quality of photographs taken and the time it has taken to identify and rectify the issues. A final approval for the photos to be completed was done on Monday and we should shortly be receiving your photo orders.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – Parent and Community Representative Required

Please find attached a nomination form for a Parent/Community Representative on the GPS School Council. Please return by Friday 27 September to the Front Office or email directly to Jacqui.Quartermaine@education.wa.edu.au

Current parent representatives on the School Council are: Craig Palmer (Chair), Mick Gibberd, Chad Butler-Henderson, Cameron Todd, Bradley Mitchell and Sherry Datta.

Nomination for a Parent/Community Representative on the Geraldton PS School Council

Do you know of any teachers looking for relief work? If so, please direct them to contact the school on 9921 2311 or email Judith.Duff@education.wa.edu.au.

STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to Rachel Rutter who has been successful in winning a Fixed Term appointment as principal of Holland Street School until the end of the year. The position may also extend to the end of Semester 1, 2020, that is July 2020.

We are happy for Rachel as we know that she will be (and already is) a highly effective and respected school leader. We will put in place a recruitment process to replace Rachel for Term 4, and possibly Semester 1 in 2020 and this will be completed by the end of term.

Please welcome Archana (Archie) Mohan who has won the position of IT Officer. Archie works on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and replaces Linda Luckhurst who has taken up a position at the Midwest Regional Education Office. Linda still works at GPS on Mondays in a School Officer role.

Judith Duff will be taking LSL for the last 2 weeks of Term 3 and Mrs Angelatos, Mrs Wilson and other aspiring in school leaders will be working in her role.

I will be taking two weeks LSL in the first two weeks of Term 4 and Judith Duff will be principal in my absence.

As you may be aware I have been out of the school a little in the first 4 weeks of term and my trusty ute has been clocking up the kilometres. I am a judge for the WA Education Awards and have been conducting site visits to 4 different schools as well as attending judging panel meetings in Perth as part of the process. Additionally, I attended the annual WAPPA (WA Primary Principal’s Conference) in Week 4 and will also be away on the last day of term in
Perth as part of a group of principals providing feedback to our Director General, Lisa Rogers about the DOE Strategic Plan.

THINGS WE’VE NOTICED AND WANT TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO ABOUT STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

Not so great...

We’ve noticed that a group of upper primary students are trading bubble and normal chewing gum at school and also bringing in lollies, e.g. Skittles to trade with each other. Enterprising as it may be, we’ve told students to stop this enterprise and would appreciate you reminding them that lollies and gum are not permitted at school.

Every year, around Springtime, we also notice a bit of a rise in our Year 6 students’ behaviour in regards to a bit of back chatting and ignoring of instructions. Don’t know if you have noticed this at home also? We will be reminding students of our REACH (Respectful and Responsible, Encouraging Achievers who are Caring and Helpful) values and students who choose to continue in repeated minor behaviours will be receiving consequences commensurate with what they are doing.

And wonderful...

Our PBS (Positive Behaviour in Schools) focus these last few weeks has been “Be Proactive and Responsible”.

We have noticed students helping each other in the playground, for example, two Year 4 boys who helped teach a Year 4 girl how to climb up and down the playground equipment.

A PP student who found an earring of a staff member and returned it to her.

A Year 3 girl who found $5 in the playground and brought it up to the Front Office.

We received congratulations from the GSHS Secondary teachers who all commented upon how fantastic our Year 6 learning behaviours and manners were at the Transition Program excursions last and this week.

Here is the Be Proactive and Responsible power point we shared with the students at last week’s PBS Assembly.

Images September 2019\Be Proactive and Responsible ppt.xps

Please remain outside the Lesser and Main Hall prior to the end of the school day.

A reminder please – parent/carers are please remain outside the Main Hall classroom areas (Rooms 9, 10, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 and the Music Room) prior to the end of the school day as we use the Lesser and Main Halls as classroom areas and it’s sort of like walking into our lessons whilst we are doing them which can cause minor disruptions. Thanking you in advance.
Some highlights from this week:

The 2018 Annual Report is available on Schools Online, on the school Facebook page and from the Front Office.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next assembly on Thursday (not Friday) 26 September with the Room 6, Year 6 students.

The last day of school is a Free Dress, Crazy Hair day with a coin donation to raise funds for playground equipment.

Regards

Jacqui Quartermaine
Principal
Looking for something different for your kids to get into this year?

SCOUTS - WOORREE Group – MORRIS STREET BLUFF POINT.

Scouting is for both Boys and Girls. Come along for three weeks’ trial to check it out before joining up.

Joey’s 6-7yrs. Wednesdays 4.00pm-5.15pm.
Cubs 8-10yrs. Tuesdays 4.30pm-5.50pm
Scouts 11-14yrs. Tuesdays 5.30pm-7.30pm.
Venturers 15-18yrs. Mondays 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Contact Group Leader /Lorraine Bowen 0438909446 or email: gl.woorree@scoutswa.com.au

VACSWIM

With swimming pools and beaches a part of our Western Australian lifestyle, it is vital that every child has the opportunity to learn essential swimming and water safety skills.

VacSwim provides children aged five to 17 years with the opportunity to learn to swim during the school holidays at many locations across the State.

Enrolments for VacSwim are now open and families can enrol online. Further information and details of fees, locations and how to enrol are on our website.
Prepping for your baby

For expecting dads and mums. Join us for a four-week series about preparing for your new baby.

Guest speakers covering: sleep, your physical well-being, breastfeeding, self-care, brain development, caring for a newborn.

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To book, call 9221 6814 or email rangeway@ngala.com.au

www.childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au/rangeway

Ngala Parenting Line 9358 9358 or 1800 111 546 (country callers)

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**Blokes & Kids**

For dads/father figures with children from birth to 8 years

Involved dads make a real difference to their children.

A free, casual play area for dads to spend time with their children in a stimulating environment, while getting to know other dads in the community.

**Time:** 9.00am to 11.00am

**Day:** First Saturday of the month

**Venue:** Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway, on Howe Street