Sports Captains for 2015

Barwon - Caleb Withers and Gwydir - Tilly Barwick

S.R.C for 2015

Flo Armstrong, Os van Velthuizen, Sam Kirkby, Blake Brennan, Wally Foreman and Isaac Armstrong

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We have had a hectic start to 2015. Swimming lessons are going well. All the students are demonstrating daily progress. Thank you to Gail Lysaght, Lorraine Barrington and Toy Barwick for helping with transport and to Gail for assisting in the pool with Mrs Motley’s group.

Attached to this newsletter is Gravesend School’s Homework Policy that has been reviewed by the staff. Also a “Frequently Asked Questions and Answers” sheet for your information. Could you please read and contact the school if you have any comments about this policy.

Last Monday we were lucky to host a visit from some of the footy players from the Manly footy team. Jesse, Justin and Jayden were very positive about healthy eating, being active and always working hard at learning – do your personal best. Thank you to Peter Stevens for organising this visit.

Congratulations to the House Captains and SRC members who were elected to their positions this week by the student body. House Captains are Tilly Barwick for Gwydir and Caleb Withers for Barwon. SRC members are Isaac Armstrong, Sam Kirkby, Flo Armstrong, Wally Foreman, Os van Velthuizen and Blake Brennan.

Hope to see you all at the Carnival tomorrow afternoon. After discussing the starting time with St Joseph’s it has been decided to CHANGE the starting time from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. With daylight saving it is still too hot at 2.00pm. We will need help from parents with time keeping, setting up the shade, helping with the BBQ and cheering the kids.

Have a great week,

Kris Pagett
WHAT'S ON

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Permission notes will be sent home today for the carnival tomorrow afternoon. Please ensure that they are returned to school tomorrow morning.

The carnival will be from 3 - 7pm at the Warialda Pool in conjunction with St Josephs. Please pack extra food for afternoon tea from 2-3pm. There will be a BBQ available.

It would be great if the P&C could assist in the setting up of the shade shelter and with timing and recording of events.

There will be NO BUS after the swimming lessons. Parents need to collect their children from the pool after the carnival.

WALLANGRA COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

20th February - Artist Workshop at the school from 9 - 11 am.

27th & 28th March - It was decided at the P&C meeting that the bus will transport the students on the Friday for the art and music workshops. It will be up to the parents to transport their children to Wallangra on the Saturday night for the concert.

ENROLMENT FORMS

Could you please ensure that your child’s enrolment form is returned to school along with their Birth Certificate and Immunisation Record. Thank you to the parents who have already returned them.

NAME LABELS

Please ensure your child has their name on all of their belongings. This includes lunch boxes, drink bottles and uniforms.

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ASSEMBLY
The first assembly for the year will be held on Friday 20th February. This will be followed by a Thank You morning tea for the businesses and private people who donated the new tables and chairs for the playground. Thank you to the P&C who organised this for us.

CANTEEN
There was no one available to take on the role of Canteen Coordinator so the P&C are talking with the Gravesend Shop to provide the canteen for our students. This will mean that the school no longer receives the small amount of fundraising from the canteen. Last year the profits from the canteen enabled the school to purchase a new laptop for our students to use.

Orders will have to be placed on the Tuesday for Thursday’s canteen. Watch this space for more information. Jody van Velthuizen and Justine Maunder are on the P&C Canteen Committee so if you are able to help please contact them.

THE ART BIRD PROJECT
This is a three day in-school art experience with artist/educator Christine Porter that will be held at our school in May. Participants will create a suite of dry point etchings about the bird life within the geographic area of the school.

A big thank you to Treen Barwick for putting together and organising the submission for the Country Art Support Program funding so that our students are able to have such an experience.

HOMEWORK GUIDELINES
The homework policy has been reviewed by the teaching staff and is attached to this Newsletter to give everyone a chance to have their say.

An information sheet from the Department of Education will also be sent home today. If you have any queries in regards to what homework your child should be doing, please feel free to contact the school.