

Week 10 Term 2 2017

Calendar of Events

Thursday 22 June	Monthly Munchies
Friday 23 June	Last day Term 2
Monday 10 July	School Resumes Term 3
	Prep Vision Screening
	P&C Association meeting 6pm
Tuesday 11 July	NAIDOC performance - Kadul
	No assembly
Tuesday 11 - 14 July	Beginners Instrumental Music Camp
Tuesday 18 July	Assembly 2:15pm

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Class	13 June	19 June
Prep A	Cheyenne	Luke
Prep B	Poppie	Lena
Prep/1A	Kaylah	Jason
1B	Jake, Kade, Deqaun	Dima
1/2A	Kadel	Malakai
2B	Jenisha	Chelsea
2/3A	Ella	Nicholas
3/4B	Leo	Amir
4A	Mia	Bridget
4/5B	Hanna	Kobe
5/6A	Kowsar	Jordan
5/6B	Amy	Isaak

Positive Behaviour for Learning



Congratulations to the following students who received a Positive Behaviour for Learning wristband over the last two weeks:

Prep A	Isabella, Braxton
Prep B	Charlotte, Katherine, Tama, Ethan, Thomas, Grace, Salvatore, Poppie, Soulara, Tahlia, Maryam, Ameerah, Paria, Poppie, Carol-Anne
P/1A	Bianca, Sierra, Haji
1B	Kate, Meena, Ella, Lehan
1/2A	Sienna, Isata, Miki, Olivia, Dylan, Jaylen, Sophie, Anthony
2B	Vincent, Madina
3/4B	Amelia
4A	Marwa, Bloom
5/6A	Elim
5/6B	Luke, Ella, Shriya, Tulloolah, Avikash, Melanie, Isabelle, Amy



Congratulations to all students who participated in the Athletics Carnival last Friday. Pelican was the overall winner! Our age champions are as follows:

Age	Boy	Girl
10 years	Mwema	Lateesha
11 years	Jesus	Isabelle
12 years	Marley	Elim

Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Cleaners' Day – thank you to our cleaners!

Thursday 15 June, was School Cleaners' Day for 2017, which provided us all with the opportunity to acknowledge our wonderful team of cleaners. On behalf of the Mount Gravatt East community, thank you to all our cleaners for the work they do in our school – we greatly appreciate it!



Thank You!

2016 School Annual Report

Our school's 2016 School Annual Report, summarising our achievements last year, is now available via our school's website. A paper copy can be made available for families who do not have access to the internet – please enquire at administration.

Prep Year in 2018 – enrol now!

Children are eligible for Prep in 2018 if they are born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013. If you have a child due to start Prep in 2018, or know someone else who does, please contact the office to register your details. Interviews for enrolment will begin next term and all those on the database will be contacted to arrange a suitable time.

Report Cards

Tomorrow afternoon all students will be issued with their Semester One report card. This will provide an overview of where your child sits in relation to the year level standard expected of them. It is important to remember that all children learn and develop at different rates, so comparing one report card to another can be futile. Please discuss their achievements with your child and praise them for all the progress they have made so far this year. It is also important to note which areas may require some additional work. Perhaps you could set some reachable goals to work towards in semester two. If you have any questions regarding the information in report cards, please direct them to your child's teacher.

Wear Something Blue Day

Thank you to all families who supported our fundraiser for Police Legacy and the family of

Brett Forte. We made a decision very quickly to have this day and we were delighted to raise \$257.20 to assist a family in need.

Sports Day

The rain stayed away and the sun shone through the clouds but we managed to run through all events on Friday. Thanks to Mrs Wixted for her organisation prior to this event. The staff did a fantastic job of running events and activities and I thank them for their efforts. It was wonderful to see so many parents and supporters cheering on the students. Thanks for your support. Our P&C Association provided some much needed sustenance through their sausage sizzle and the money raised will go towards helping them reach fundraising goals for this year.

End of Semester Celebration

This Friday we will celebrate the great work of each and every Mount Gravatt East student at a celebration disco. This event is our way of saying thank you to all students for the great effort they have put into their academic work, behaviour and support of others. P-2 will have their disco from 10.00-10.45am. Years 3-6 will have their disco from 11.45-12.30pm. Students are required to wear their school uniform on this day. This will be a wonderful way to end the term.

Farewell and Thank You

Sadly, this is the final newsletter I will write as Acting Principal of Mount Gravatt East. I have found the last fifteen months to be rewarding, challenging and satisfying. I have been privileged to work with so many extraordinary staff and unique and beautiful children. Mount Gravatt East State School is a very special place and the future is looking very bright for this community. There are too many people to try and thank individually, but I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to all of you that have supported me during my time here. I have tried to express my thoughts in the words below:

An Ode to the East

*It was back in April 2016
They asked me to come to the East
It was just going to be for a term or two
After that, I would be released.*

*As is often the case, two terms became more
I was starting to feel at ease.
This great little school, unique as it is
Took over me like a disease.*

*I've been heard to speak about the East staff,
And say they are 'second to none'.*

*This isn't lip service, they are just the best
Their work here is never quite done.*

*The teachers and aides are a magical group
To help teach and learn is their game
It's not very personal to thank you this way, but
There's too many of you to name.*

*The four office staff are simply the best
Day in and day out, they amaze.
To Marie and Leith and Keryn and Sue
I offer you all of my praise.*

*Schools Officer, Kevin, the hard work you do
Is done without fear or favour
A talented man, we've all heard him sing
And his dancing is something to savour.*

*The cleaners are next, this hard working group,
They're tough and not one is a quitter.
There's Linda and Robyn and Jody and Kim
Please remember their first love is glitter.*

*The P&L are a talented bunch
They are putting our school on the map
Tammy and Jayne, Mel, Tracey and Bill
Are never caught having a nap.*

*To the Leadership team I can never repay
The unending support you have given
The hours above and beyond that you do
You are friendly, professional and driven.*

*To Mrs Chris Barker, there are not enough words
To describe your unending support
For this I will always be in your debt
And these words will only fall short.*

*And lastly the students of Mount Gravatt East
You have given me so much to treasure.
Your smiling faces and friendly 'Hellos'
Have provided me no end of pleasure.*

*To last year's graduates I did share a quote
And I'd like to share it with you.*

*Dr Suess was the author, a wise man was he
And the message it does ring true.*

*You have brains in your head
You have feet in your shoes
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you know what you know.
You are the guy who'll decide where to go.*

*So to all of the students of Mount Gravatt East
I thank you for playing your part
In making our school the great place it is
You all have a place in my heart.*

*Those two terms are over and quite a few more
It's almost the time for goodbyes
So stay strong and honest, believe in yourselves,*

And remember to reach for the skies.

Have a wonderful holiday. Best wishes.

Mrs Rachel Korst
Principal

Curriculum Corner

Year 5 Achievement Standard- English

Receptive modes (listening, reading and viewing)

By the end of Year 5, students explain how text structures assist in understanding the text. They understand how language features, images and vocabulary influence interpretations of characters, settings and events.

They analyse and explain literal and implied information from a variety of texts. They describe how events, characters and settings in texts are depicted and explain their own responses to them. They listen and ask questions to clarify content.

Productive modes (speaking, writing and creating)

Students use language features to show how ideas can be extended. They develop and explain a point of view about a text, selecting information, ideas and images from a range of resources.

Students create a variety of sequenced texts for different purposes and audiences. They make presentations and contribute actively to class and group discussions, taking into account other perspectives. When writing, they demonstrate understanding of grammar, select specific vocabulary and use accurate spelling and punctuation, editing their work to provide structure and meaning.

I AM THE MAN OF THE FUTURE

I am a child.
I am all the things of my past
I have inherited my dad's blue eyes.
I have the same curly hair as my brother.
I have inherited my musical abilities from my ancestors.

I am all I hear
The praise "you are great" after a musical performance
The call "diners ready" when we're having my favourite meal

I am all I feel and taste
The spicy taste of Bean Curd sliding down my throat
The feel of a soft bed after a tiring day

And all I remember
My first Age of Empires II computer game
My first meal at East Taste

I am all I have been taught
To play the cello well
To be polite.

I am all I think and dream
To become a palaeontologist and dig up dinosaur bones
Own my own castle with a drawbridge and a moat

I am all those things like
An unopened book waiting on the shelf
A magician in the middle of his best act

Because I'm the Man of the Future.

a musical performance.
Uses language features appropriate for a poetic text.
Uses noun group/phrase to provide descriptions, for example, 'my dad's blue eyes'.
Joins clauses to develop and expand ideas, for example, 'I am all I think and dream'.
Uses the lead line and subsequent lines to develop ideas, for example, 'I am...'
Uses precise vocabulary to develop ideas, for example, 'musical abilities', 'dinosaur bones'.
Uses imagery including metaphor to develop a picture of the poet, for example, 'I am ... an unopened book waiting on the shelf'.

Have a great week.

Christine Barker, Head of Curriculum

Chaplaincy News

Holidays are just around the corner, and another semester is drawing to a close. I am so blessed to be a part of this school community. When I first started in this role and met Chappy Jess, I knew I had some big loving shoes to fill. As time has gone by, I realize now that I never had to fill someone else's shoes. I have been encouraged to 'wear my own shoes' and use my own skills and passions, and because of that this school community has welcomed me with open arms. I have had so much fun spending time with the students in class, skipping, doing arts and crafts, and serving food to everyone at breakfast club.

Sports day was a great success, and I am so proud of the students who gave it their all.

I wish all students, families and staff a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term.

No Breakfast Club in Term 3. Breakfast Club will resume Term 4.

P&C Association News

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What a great Term 2 we have had; from our Mother's Day stall and High Tea to the sports day and all the fun in between. We have managed to raise \$1487.00! If we keep going like this we will be able to meet our fundraising goal by October and purchase the 6 new laptops for Learning Support.

We would like to acknowledge Bill Hooper Real Estate for the generous donation of \$1000 to the school P&C Association. It was a wonderful surprise donation and is being added to the above total in helping with our new Laptops.

Congratulations to the winner of the MKR Raffle, Joy! When Joy purchased her tickets she was so confident that she was going to win! She is a huge fan of the show and we are so pleased she won the raffle. We look forward to hearing about your yummy dinner cooked by Valerie.

Here are some dates you might like to pop in your calendars for Term 3:-

10th July - P&C Association meeting (2nd Monday of each month)
 28th July - Lapathon
 26th August - Family Fun day
 1st August - Pie drive starts
 31st August and 1st September - Father's Day stall

1st September - Father's Day BBQ breakfast
 Don't forget the Uniform Shop is open Wednesday afternoons 3pm – 3:30pm and Friday mornings 8:15am – 9:00am. We also have Shop-online available. Come and collect a flyer on how it all works.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support this term. The families and our volunteers have been so helpful and amazing - we couldn't do this without you, thank you!

Lastly, we would like to acknowledge the hard work of our Principal, Rachel Korst who leaves this week. We started our journey on the executive team with Rachel over 12 months ago. We have been through a lot together and it's been a fun ride. Rachel's dedication to our school, the teachers, the students and the executive team has made our job a lot easier. Thank you Rachel! We wish you all the best in your new endeavour.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Tam, Mel, Jayne & Bill
 P&C Association Executive Team

Congratulations to our fantastic readers who have accomplished reading 50 books!



PB	<i>Amberlee, Urvari, Poppie</i>
P/1A	<i>Jade, Abhijot</i>
2B	<i>Oliver, Mostafa, Bahara</i>
2/3A	<i>Ella, Sienna</i>
3/4B	<i>Lilly, Samuel</i>
4/5B	<i>Isobel, Rayan</i>

We also would like to congratulate the first of our students who have accomplished reading 100 books! Well done:



Prep A	
Prep B	<i>Elwood, Katherine, Tama, Thomas, Ethan, Tahlia, Charlotte</i>
P/1A	<i>Sierra</i>
1/2A	<i>Lee-Anne</i>
2/3A	<i>Isabelle, Sienna</i>
3/4B	<i>Abigail, Bareen</i>
5/6B	<i>Luke</i>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Has your child had a free dental check-up this year? Metro South Oral Health is committed to improving the oral health of our children. Simply call 1300 300 850, to arrange a free dental appointment. In busy times you can leave a voice message or request a Call Back. Our dental clinics are open over the school holidays so call to arrange a dental appointment today. Who is eligible for free dental care? _ All children age 4 through to grade 10 with a current Medicare Card_ 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule_ Adults & children who hold a current:
 • Centrelink Card, • Health Care Card, • Pension Concession Card, • Seniors card