

Thursday 12th October 2017

Dear Junior School Parents,

Welcome back for Term 4! We hope you and your child had a relaxing and enjoyable break and are ready for the final term for 2017.

It will be another busy term.

Independent Reading continues through teacher-directed small group book chat discussions, with a focus on comprehension using both fiction and non-fiction texts. Mathematics this term will include work on multiplication, division, fractions and location. In Writing, our focus will be on information and persuasive texts, poetry and developing the skills of planning, writing and editing texts and continuing to develop our handwriting skills.

Our Term 4 inquiry unit 'Water Works' is science based. It involves students exploring all things to do with water. The students will prepare an oral presentation throughout the unit. We will be using the Discovery Centre weekly to assist our learning and investigations and we are planning an inquiry excursion.

Junior School sport will now be on **Tuesday** morning from 9:50 – 10:40am. As part of the Sport program, the students will participate in a tennis clinic and T-ball, cricket, kickback, soccer and dance/gym activities. If your child has a GPS house colour t-shirt, it may be worn to school on Tuesdays.

All students will be involved in the Wellbeing and Buddies curriculum program which includes a focus on school values.

Look out for more information about Show and Share coming home soon. We greatly appreciate the support given to the students in preparation for Show and Share presentations during previous terms.

We value the assistance of parent helpers to support our students' learning and class programs. Parent helpers will begin in Week 3 of Term 4 or advised by your class teacher.

Special events happening this term: Year 6 Graduation for those with siblings in their final year and farewelling their Year 6 buddies, the Christmas Concert, a Junior School Council fundraiser, a twilight market run by the PFA, the 'meet the 2018 teacher' day, an inquiry excursion and much more.

Reminders for Term 4

- The school bell rings at 8:50am each morning. When this bell rings students are able to move straight into their classrooms and get organised in preparation for the start of the day. Please do not enter the corridors prior to 8:50am, unless you need to make contact with the class teacher. If you arrive after 9am, please accompany your child to the office to sign your child in.
- Greythorn PS is a SunSmart school and Term 4 is a 'hat term.' Please ensure your named child's broad-brimmed or legionnaire hat comes to school each day as it will be worn every time your child is outside the buildings.
- Please note that we continue to have students at this level with Anaphylaxis and food allergies. Please refer to '**Medical Matters**' on the GPS website here or the Parent Handbook for more information.

- Your child should continue to bring their blue satchel to school each day. Satchels are used to carry readers, yellow reading journals and important notices to and from school.
- Continue spelling and Mathematics homework tasks and complete reading journals weekly as it is part of the school's homework policy that students complete these tasks each week.
- The 'Rubbish Free Lunch' challenge continues. A rubbish free lunch is classified as a lunch with no packaging.
- The Melbourne Cup Day public holiday is on Tuesday, 7th November and a curriculum day will be held on Friday, 24th November. The school will be closed on both these days although OSHClub will be open on the curriculum day (24/11).
- Please check **Compass** regularly for information regarding upcoming events and permission/payment forms. Student absences must be recorded by parents. If you are taking your child out of school on a family holiday, also enter the dates into Compass and inform your child's teacher.
- At the end of the year all books will go home with students and teachers will need to know in advance if your child is leaving early so they can prepare their school materials.
- The final day of Term 4 is on Friday 22nd December finishing at **1:30pm**.

If you have any questions during the term, please contact your class teacher.

Yours sincerely,
Junior School Team