

## What's Happening At Our School .....

### TERM 4 WEEK 8

<b>Monday 22 November</b>	2022 Captain's Speeches & Voting
<b>Wednesday 24 November</b>	Term 2 Hat Count BBQ for 5/6S
<b>Thursday 25 November</b>	Kindergarten Farm Incursion
<b>Friday 26 November</b>	Last Captain's Assembly

### TERM 4 WEEK 9

<b>Tuesday 30 November</b>	P&C Ice Block Day
<b>Friday 3 December</b>	Gateway Xmas Hamper Donations Due
<b>Saturday 4 December</b>	Local Government Elections

### TERM 4 WEEK 10

<b>Wednesday 8 December</b>	Presentation Day
<b>Friday 10 December</b>	Student Reports sent home

### TERM 4 WEEK 11

<b>Monday 13 December</b>	Year 6 Graduation Assembly (TBC)
<b>Monday 13 December</b>	Year 6 Farewell
<b>Wednesday 15 December</b>	Christmas Mufti & Movie Day
<b>Thursday 16 December</b>	Last Day for Students & Teachers
<b>Friday 17 December</b>	Last Day for Admin Staff



Dear parents/carers,

As we approach December and the end of the year, school life can become less routine-like, particularly when we hold special events, and this may impact on your child's wellbeing. We find it is important to explain changes to children so they can understand what to expect, but sometimes changes happen without notice. Our staff will aim to keep classroom and playground activities as routine as possible throughout the final weeks of the term. We have been running any assemblies outdoors in the COLA with students seated in chairs so they can get used to this new practice, as it will be needed for any special end of year assemblies. Class timetables are primarily focused on teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy skills. We have employed additional staff to be supporting students and teachers in class and in the playground. However, these strategies don't always work for every child.

If your child is struggling with issues at school or having difficulties coming to school, please contact their class teacher to discuss this. It is important that we understand what they are experiencing so we can put supports in place for them. If you would like to access support services outside of school, 'Kids Helpline' offers a range of resources and consultation options that you may find useful. The website is:

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

We hope your child is able to enjoy these final weeks of the school year!

Yours sincerely,

*Elise Berwick*  
Principal



## **Presentation Day Assembly**

We have been working on our plan for this important end of year event and considered the current operational guidelines in schools. As a school on Level 3 restrictions, we are permitted to hold our presentation day assembly outdoors as long as we keep our cohorts physically distanced. However, we cannot accommodate the attendance of visitors for this assembly. The current guidelines are expected to remain in place for the rest of Term 4. This unfortunately means we will not be able to invite parents to join us for presentation day. If your child is receiving an award, you will be notified by letter. We trust you will want to know in advance so you can be prepared to celebrate with them after school. We will take photos of all award recipients on the day and share these with you on Facebook or by email. We are disappointed about having to make this decision and appreciate your understanding about the ongoing difficulties experienced this year.

## **P&C Activities**

Our P&C have returned to some of their usual activities to support our school. The canteen has reopened but will only be operating until current stock runs out. Information about canteen days and the restricted menu is sent out on Skoolbag so keep an eye out.

The uniform shop is being sorted in preparation for orders in 2022. However, if you have an urgent need, please make contact and they will try to accommodate needs of families where possible.

The P&C are working on plans to complete the door renovations in our student toilet blocks and the installation of our anniversary paver pathway and seating area. COVID lockdown interrupted both of these projects but we are hoping to have them finished in time for the start of next year.

At the last meeting, P&C decided to offer a Zooper Dooper gift to every student in our school as recognition of the wonderful efforts they put into learning from home this year. The plan is to hold this ice block day on Tuesday 30 November. There will be no cost to students.

















## **New Playground Equipment**

The design of our new playground equipment has been selected. It includes a large network of components and some stand-alone components as well. This design was chosen based on the recommendations of the builder and on the budget available. Our school has contributed \$50,000 to this project and the NSW Department of Education has shared the cost by contributing the same amount. Last week our students and staff considered a range of possible colour schemes and voted on their top preferences. I can confirm that the final selection is a 'blue' colour scheme. Here is an image of our playground equipment design and the chosen colour scheme. The installation location will be between the complex and the small oval, where it will be easily accessible by students and visible to staff. The students appear very excited about the prospect of having some new equipment!



## Fun Kids

Before and after school care continues to be offered each day for our families. The last day for these services this term is Thursday 16 December. The vacation care program starts on Monday 10 January. An outline of the vacation care program is included below.

Fun Kids OSHC Vacation Care Program		Monday 10 Jan – Monday 31 Jan		7:00am - 6:30pm		0403 908 607 mtriv@funkids.com.au									
Monday Theme Day	Tuesday Incursions	Wednesday Incursions	Thursday Theme Day	Friday Theme Day											
<b>10/01/2022</b> <b>Sensational Summer Science</b> Come along and enjoy a hands-on day filled with water, ice and bubble science experiments. 	<b>11/01/2022</b> <b>Slimy &amp; Sensory</b> The children will be involved in a slime making workshop creating galaxy and tuffly slime. The afternoon filled with other sensory fun. 	<b>12/01/2022</b> <b>Rainbow Warriors</b> Red and Yellow and Pink and Green, Purple and Orange and Blue. Join us as we participate in coloured themed activities eg tie dyeing face washers. Make sure you wear or bring white clothes for the colour run and games with Active Attitudes. 	<b>13/01/2022</b> <b>Paint Slurp and Create</b> Calling all budding artists! The children will create 2 canvases to take home whilst slurping on cool drinks and enjoying some tasty snacks. We will also create with air drying clay. 	<b>14/01/2022</b> <b>Water Wars</b> It's time for a water fight! Wear or bring your swimmers and rashie and prepare to get wet. Get your friends together and make a base to hold your water balloons, sponges and squirters. Be prepared to get wet! 											
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<b>17/01/2022</b> <b>Sandtastic Sand</b> The children will get creative and make Sand art pictures, coloured sand jar plus other fun creative activities involving sand. 	<b>18/01/2022</b> <b>Slip n Slide Water Fun</b> Join us for a splashastic day of fun on the 9 metre long inflatable slip and slide. Don't forget your swimmers and Rashie / T-shirt. 	<b>19/01/2022</b> <b>Cool Kids First Aid</b> An interactive, fun and age appropriate workshop where the children will learn basic first aid from trained First Aider. Then in the afternoon we will practice our new skills on our teddies at the Mt Riv Hospital we create. 	<b>20/01/2022</b> <b>Under the Sea</b> Let's dive and into the ocean as we examine marine animals, specimens, and artifacts. We will also learn about the impact we have on our oceans. 	<b>21/01/2022</b> <b>Mad Hatters Tea Party</b> You're late, you're late for a very important date! Bring a plate of food to share as we join Alice at the Mad Hatters Tea Party and follow her journey through wonderland. 											
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<b>24/01/2022</b> <b>Challenge Accepted Water day</b> Challenge yourself, challenge your friends and challenge your Carers in the water themed minute to win it games. Bring or wear your swimmers and Rashie. 	<b>25/01/2022</b> <b>At Glenbrook Cinema</b> Let's see what Buster, Ash, Rosta and Johnny are up to in their new musical movie. We will enjoy a drink and some popcorn whilst watching the movie. 	<b>26/01/2022</b> <b>CENTRE CLOSED</b> <b>AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>27/01/2022</b> <b>Beautiful Bugs</b> Let's investigate some insect friends in this hands-on workshop. We will also make a bug catcher to take home to explore the outside environment for bugs. 	<b>28/01/2022</b> <b>Sports gone Wacky</b> In the morning we will get physically active playing some sports with a difference such as pool noodle hockey, balloon volleyball and hover soccer. We will also make a wooden sling disc game that each child will be able to take home. 											
Monday Theme Day	<b>We are located at the school's OSHC room</b> <b>To book, please contact us for an enrolment form</b> <b>0403 908 607 mtriv@funkids.com.au</b>		<b>Government Fee Rebates</b> Most families are eligible for Centrelink rebates on our fees. Please ensure your child is registered and assessed by Centrelink.												
<b>31/01/2022</b>  <b>KIDS BINGO!</b> 51,27,3,10,39 ..... BINGO!!! Prizes to be won during our games of Bingo, Kids Trivia and Hoi.	<b>What we provide:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast and afternoon tea</li> </ul> <b>What to bring:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning tea and lunch</li> <li>• Water bottle</li> <li>• Hat and an extra layer of clothes for outside play</li> </ul> 		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Our Fee excluding excursion and incursion costs</th> <th>You Only Pay after 85% rebates</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Full Day 7am to 6:30pm</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Free breakfast and afternoon tea</td> <td>\$55.00</td> <td>\$10.54</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Our Fee excluding excursion and incursion costs	You Only Pay after 85% rebates	Full Day 7am to 6:30pm			Free breakfast and afternoon tea	\$55.00	\$10.54			
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## Traffic Issue

A local community member has raised concerns about the driving and parking behaviour of our parents/carers using Student Lane. I ask that you please be considerate of the local residents of Student Lane, making sure that you are abiding by road and parking rules, and driving safely when entering and exiting this area. There are many students and community members around at the start and end of our school day so your vigilance in keeping others safe is most appreciated.





## 'Them From Me' Parent Survey

A HUGE 'thank you' to the 62 parents who completed this survey. The analysis of survey responses has shown some trends which align with 2020 data. The suggestions made in response to the optional open-ended questions were particularly insightful and showed some common themes. These include parents wanting:

- to know more about their child's learning progress.
- to be aware of their child's learning goals.
- more regular communication with their child's teacher.
- more information about the curriculum focus areas of their child's learning.
- suggestions for how they can help their child at home with their learning.

The forms of communication parents appear to want most from teachers are:

- regular phone calls
- emails
- feedback about student work
- face-to-face meetings/interviews
- personalised report comments
- sharing of student work

These responses will be used by staff in the development of our Strategic Improvement Plan initiatives for 2022 and the refinement of our school procedures. We will share with you in Term 1 more specific detail about these changes. We are definitely aiming to improve our level and manner of communication with parents about student learning in 2022.

## Christmas Hamper Appeal

We will be participating in the Gateway Christmas Food Hamper Appeal this year. It is an important way for us to contribute to our local charity organisation and support those in need over Christmas. We will be collecting donations from next Monday - 29 November to Friday 3 December. A list of required items is shown here. We just ask that you do not send any glass bottles or jars to school please.

## Christmas Mufti and Movie Day

Our students have earned a whole school PBL reward for their safe, respectful learner behaviour. In Week 11, we will be inviting students to wear Christmas mufti clothes, bring some special snacks and share in a Christmas movie with their class. A message will be sent out on Skoolbag closer to the date (15 December).



The poster features a festive design with a red and black striped border. At the top, there are illustrations of a snowman, a Christmas tree, and a hamper. The Gateway Family Services logo is prominently displayed. Below the logo, the text reads '2021 CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL'. A paragraph explains that the list is a guide and that food is given to families through an emergency relief program. A section titled 'This is what we need the most to make up the 400 boxes of food:' lists various food items with radio button options. At the bottom, contact information for Heather Gwilliam is provided, along with illustrations of gingerbread men, a jelly, and a turkey.

**Gateway**  
FAMILY SERVICES

### 2021 CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

This list is not exhaustive but just intended as a guide as to what we like to collect. Food that is contributed that we don't use in hampers, is given out to families through our Essentials (*emergency relief*) program, so all food regardless of its suitability for a hamper, is useful and greatly appreciated.

*This is what we need the most to make up the 400 boxes of food:*

<input type="radio"/> Christmas Fruit Mince Pies	<input type="radio"/> Breakfast Cereals ie. Coco Pops, Sultana Bran and other 'kid' favourites
<input type="radio"/> Christmas Cakes or Puddings	<input type="radio"/> Salmon or Tuna - large tins
<input type="radio"/> Shortbread	<input type="radio"/> Coffee - instant, in jars
<input type="radio"/> Savoury Biscuits - any sort	<input type="radio"/> Lollies
<input type="radio"/> Juice - 1 ltr Long Life cartons	<input type="radio"/> Dried Fruit Snacks
<input type="radio"/> Soft Drinks - cans/ small bottles	<input type="radio"/> Tins Pineapple or Fruit Salad
<input type="radio"/> Tins Vegetables ie. Carrots, Peas, Corn, Beans, Potatoes, Beetroot, etc	<input type="radio"/> Long Life Custard
<input type="radio"/> Sauces, Chutneys & Salad Dressings	<input type="radio"/> Jelly Crystals

**FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT:**  
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Mobile: 0425 391 193

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