Welcome back everyone. This Term is shaping up to be busy already with a lot of things happening at GPS.

MRS McGEE MATERNITY LEAVE
I would like to wish Mrs McGee all the best for the birth of her second child some time soon! Miss McKernan now teaches the class while Mrs McGee is on Maternity Leave.

NEW DEMOUNTABLE
You may have noticed that our new demountable is now ready for use. 2/3A have moved into the demountable and K/1H have moved next to 1J (Mr Jennings).

FRIDAY SPORT
The senior children really enjoyed the Yoga session last week. We are fortunate this term to be able to offer the children a range of activities for Friday Sport. It would be appreciated however if the students that made a commitment to attend Yoga sessions still attend, as a teacher has been employed. Also, it would assist our organisation on a Friday morning if children that intend to go to the Yoga sessions could pay the lump sum of $28 to cover the rest of the Term.

FUNDRAISING
We are excited about our new Fundraising adventure. Attached to the Newsletter you will find information on how to purchase your Entertainment Book to support our school. The books will be sent home on Friday for you to peruse over the weekend. I’m sure that you will find the books value for money. There is no obligation to purchase the book. If you don’t wish to buy it, simply return the book to school.
REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent & Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court Action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual schools P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
Our District Cross Country was recently held at the Kembla Joggers Complex. We had approximately 45 students compete. Conditions were perfect for running and the course was in excellent condition. Although we didn’t have any students going on to the regional carnival we did have quite a few who finished in the top twenty and everyone is to be commended for their excellent sportsmanship.

I would also like to thank Oliver, Rupyll and Brodee who were carnival helpers on the day. You all did a fantastic job. Both Mrs Devlin and Mrs Colquhoun were very appreciative at how you worked non stop all day.

GARDEN SCULPTURES
Throughout Term 2 Mrs Hancock and Mrs Devlin will be working with 3/4L and 4M to create some recycled garden sculptures. We will be making our sculptures out of plastic lids. We need the coloured ones that are on our juice, milk and cordial bottles. If you could start collecting these at home (making sure that they have been washed and the white insert in the lid removed) they can then be given to either Mrs Hancock or Mrs Devlin. Thank You.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM
This Term’s Sport will be Baseball / T.ball. If you are interested please be sure to complete the expression of interest and return to Mrs Devlin by Friday, 16th May, as we hope to start the program on Tuesday, 25th May, for Years 1 and 2 and Wednesday, 26th May, for Years 3 – 6.

SCHOOL SPORT
During Term 2, Stage 3 Years 5 and 6 girls and boys will have the option of participating in Yoga (at the school) or Tag Rugby for Friday Sport. The Tag Rugby will be at the University of Wollongong and run by Sean Barrett, our Rugby Development Officer.

Girls in Year 3 and 4 will have the option of doing Yoga (at school) or Soccer this term with Miss Leddy at Beaton Park. If any parents are able to help with the girls soccer it would be greatly appreciated.

Boys in Year 3 and 4 will be doing Badminton and Tennis in the School Hall.

STATE KNOCKOUT SOCCER
On Friday our school will be playing Fairy Meadow Demonstration School at 11.30 am in the first round of the state knockout. Mr Jennings has been training the boys over the past couple of weeks. Good Luck boys from all at Gwynneville.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our school Athletics Carnival was held in Week 1. What a fantastic day we had. It was great to see the whole school participating in track, field and novelty events. I was very impressed with the sportsmanship displayed by all students encouraging all athletes.

A team will be selected to attend the District Carnival early next term. Ribbons will be given out in the next few weeks.

A big thank you to Mr Burns for his organisation on the day.
### AWARDS

**Congratulations to the following students**

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### STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM UPDATE

Last week we harvested radishes from our garden. After discussion and looking at numerous recipes we decided to pickle our radishes. This enabled the students to practise their cutting skills.

Next week will be our first kitchen garden lesson where we will be making rice paper rolls.

Any donation of spare seedlings (winter vegetables and herbs) would be greatly appreciated.

### ARCHIBULL PRIZE 2014

It has finally started for 2014 - we have been given our primary industry which this year is “GRAINS” and our cow should also arrive soon. Keep your eyes out for a white fibreglass cow in the playground.

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 23rd May is National “Walk Safely to School Day”. This day is one that promotes the initiative “Active Kids are Healthy Kids” - let’s see how many children / families we have walking to school on the day!
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Contact Lindi Jamieson-Brown, your local Saver Plus Worker: (02) 4254 4505 / 0427 439 234
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THE ILLAWARRA ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE
DENTAL CLINIC HAS A DENTAL THERAPIST TREATING CHILDREN TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY. WE ARE ALSO NOW SET UP TO CLAIM THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEME SO PLEASE CALL US TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT AND HELP KEEP FUNDS IN OUR SERVICE TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO TREAT OUR COMMUNITY.

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WE HAVE A SHORT WAIT TIME SO PLEASE CALL US FOR YOUR DENTAL CHECK APPOINTMENT TO GO ON OUR LIST.

OUR DENTAL THERAPIST IS VERY FRIENDLY AND DEDICATED IN LOOKING AFTER THE CHILDREN OF THIS COMMUNITY AND CAN TREAT CHILDREN 0-17 YEARS OF AGE.

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