Welcome back. I hope the children enjoyed a fun and relaxing break and are ready for a very busy term.

**Cultural Day**
Shortly we will be sending home invitations to our Cultural Celebration Day. Last year’s was a huge success with both parents and children enjoying a lunch of beautiful foods from around the world. This year we will be entertained by African Drummers in the afternoon to culminate this special day.

**Chinese Sister School**
This year senior students have been communicating with a primary school that is based at the Sichuan Normal University, China. The Chinese school has indicated a great interest in coming to visit our school. This would be a very valuable experience for all students.

*If any parents would be interested in hosting 1 or 2 of the students or one of the teachers* would you please indicate on the reply slip on page 3. They would possibly be here for 2 weeks.

**Mind Matters Program**
Staff are currently undertaking training ready for implementation in Term 1 next year. Mind Matters is a mental health initiative for schools that aims to improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people. We call it a ‘framework’, in that it provides structure, guidance and support while enabling schools to build their own mental health strategy to suit their unique circumstances. Mind Matters provides school staff with blended professional learning that includes online resources, face-to-face events, webinars and support. All content has been informed by strong evidence in the area of school mental health and wellbeing. The use of Mind Matters’ comprehensive...
resources has mental health benefits for the entire school community—including students, families and school staff.

**ETHICS EDUCATION**

Parents or community members interested in becoming an Ethics Teacher and teaching philosophical ethics, on a voluntary basis, are invited to complete an online application form after reading the following selection criteria:

Interested persons must:

1. Satisfy the following essential selection criteria:
   - be comfortable working with and able to engage with children
   - have an interest in helping young people to think about ethics, using our curriculum
   - have an open-minded, inquiring outlook and
   - have excellent communication skills: both effective listening skills and fluency in English.

2. Have time to volunteer for this role.

Ethics Teachers are expected to commit time during the interview process, attend two days of face-to-face training, as well as undertake a few hours of an online introductory course. They also have to complete an online child protection module that takes 30 minutes before they can go into a classroom. Teachers will also need to make time for any additional training provided by Primary Ethics, including compulsory refresher training on classroom management and child protection.

Ethics Teachers are required to attend their class each week during the allotted time period, usually 30 to 45 minutes. There are ten weeks each school term and four terms every school year. Preparation time for each class is likely to be about the same time period as the class itself, plus another few hours every month to review a new topic.

Mrs Flannery is currently teaching Ethics at our school, however, she has just taken on a full time position and soon will not be able to continue the program. I’m sure she wouldn’t mind speaking with any interested parents.

**PARENTING IDEAS SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

We have just signed up for this program. It is a website full of great ideas for teachers and parents to encourage effective communication between both parties. The website also contains many different interesting articles and videos that are changed on a regular basis. The username is GwynnevillePS and password is 2500.

**LEAVE**

I will be on leave from next Wednesday and will return the following Thursday. Mrs Ahearn will be relieving for me and she is happy to assist you with any matters that may arise.

**Friday's Assembly** will be presented by Stage 2 in the hall at 2:15pm. All welcome.

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APPLICATION FOR YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT IN 2017

Parents need to apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between October 13 and November 16 2015.

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday, March 10 2016.

96.5 WAVE FM APPLE FOR THE TEACHER 2015

A class can win a share in over $14,000 of Apple products including a Macbook Pro, iPod Shuffles and iPad Minis with other schools.

If you have a great teacher at your school, nominate them now at wavefm.com.au.

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Chinese Sister School—Parents Interested In Hosting Students or Teacher

☐ I am interested in hosting a Chinese student

☐ I am interested in hosting a Chinese teacher

Parent/Caregiver name: ____________________________

Parent/Caregiver signature: ________________________

Date: ____________________________

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Please for this program fill up quickly! Please distribute this information to students which you think would benefit from the program as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Go4Fun® is a healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children. The program is for 7-13 year olds who are above their ideal weight. Sessions run for two hours after school or on a Saturday and include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion sizes plus much more!

A program will be running on Saturdays from 9.00-11.00am at University of Wollongong Sports Hub during Term 4.

To book in to a program call 1800 780 900 or visit www.go4fun.com.au

Yoga for Kids Starts week 2 of term 4 (14th October)

**Wednesday Afternoons:**
- 4-7 year olds – 3:45-4:30
- 8-12 year olds – 4:30-5:30
- Teens – 5:30-6:30
At St Brigids School Hall
Gipps Rd, Gwynneville

**Friday Afternoons:**
- Mixed age Class
- 4-12 year olds -3:45-4:30pm
At Fairy Meadow Demonstration School
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