Welcome to GGSS 2016. We are pleased to have your children returning and welcome new families to our school. Students have settled in well to the school in the 3 days last week.

Our enrolments currently sit at 123 and on those numbers we have staffing for 5 classes. Day 8 is on Friday when we have enrolment numbers collected and our staffing and funding is based on these. If your child is going to be away please ring the school to let us know. If any changes need to be made it will be made after this date and parents will be informed.

All families should have received a school pack last week. This contained GGSS Responsible Behaviour Plan and the updated Parent Handbook. If you have any queries please contact your classroom teacher or the front office. I have included a term calendar for you to put on the fridge, please check your newsletter and add to it new events as they arise.

Renée Heathwood
Principal

Senior students took home nomination forms last week; these are due back on Tuesday 2nd February. I will be short-listing students they will make their speeches and have elections after parade the following week – Monday 8th.

School camp is on this term! Year 4, 5 & 6 will be eligible to attend this camp this year. Camp is in Week 6 from Wednesday 2nd March to Friday 4th. Students will go to Carrumbin Community Farm. Students will learn about leadership, farming sustainability and improve teamwork. As there is such a short time until camp, we are asking parents to pay a non-refundable deposit of $50 by Wednesday 10th February, paying half the remaining amount before camp and then the outstanding balance by the end of the term. Mt Sylvia will also be attending this camp with us again this year. Parents should be aware that we are limited in numbers and may only fit up to 40 students on the bus. If you wish for your child to attend please return your camp forms and money by the due date. Students also need to display the school-wide expectations in order to attend camp.

Books

We have 2 books that you may need to purchase from the office. One is for Spelling Mastery, our students have all completed a placement test and we will use this to form our groups. Spelling Mastery will begin in Week 3 so please ensure you have paid the office by the end of this week. Home reading will also start at the beginning of week 3.

Students can return books Monday to Thursday, but they are able to keep them longer than one night to build fluency with further practice.

Assembly

Assembly is held on Monday mornings from 8:45 in the Library. At assembly we hand out certificates to students and do any important notices for the week. If your child is to receive a certificate a staff member will contact you the week before to let you know so you can attend if you are available.
PBL
GGSS is a PBL school. We have 3 school wide expectations; Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe. Students have been looking at these expectations this week and also learning about our matrix. You will find this matrix The Responsible Behaviour Plan that was sent home last week. Students earn bees as rewards throughout the school and these bees can be used to ‘purchase’ rewards and earn badges. Details are also included in The Responsible Behaviour Plan.

Chappy Corner
‘Welcome!’ to all our new families and ‘Welcome back!’ to our returning families. I hope you all have a wonderful year ahead at our lovely school. I have been the School Chaplain for the last 18 months and have really enjoyed getting to know the wonderful kids, parents and Staff at our school. My role at school is to support students emotionally, socially and spiritually. So, please feel free to have a chat with me at any time. I am at school on Thursdays and Fridays.
‘I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.’
G.K. Chesterton
Keep Smiling,
Chappy Christina

P&C News
The P&C committee would like to welcome all the new families to our school. We are sure you and your children will love it here. We would also like to welcome back all of the other families from the previous year.

Easter Raffle
Our first fundraiser for the year is our Easter raffle. Tickets will be going home the first week of March. The raffle will be drawn on the 24th of March at the Easter Bonnet parade which is the last day of school before holidays. If you need extra tickets, they will be available from the office. We are asking for donations of Easter eggs which can be left up at the office up until the Tuesday the 22nd of March. We would really appreciate your support in this fundraiser.

House Keeping
Your Contact Details
Please keep your contact details up to date via Phone, Email or forms are available in the office.

Absences
Please contact the office and leave a message on 5466 6160 if your child is away. Week 4 and Week 8 of each term we will be sending a note home with any unexplained absences, it is really important to update absences as this information is printed on the students report card.

Office Hours
The school office is open from 8:15am to 3:15pm Monday to Friday. If you need us outside of these hours please call and leave a message, we will return your call as soon as possible.

Student Devices/Toys
If your child brings electronic devices to school, please remind them they need to be signed in and kept in the office where they are safe, devices in school bags can go missing. Toys should be left at home.
Class Awards

Academic Awards
- P/1: Kayla
- 1/2: Dylan
- 3/4: Lucas T
- 4/5: Josh N
- 5/6: Xzavier

Beehaviour Awards
- P/1: Riley D
- 1/2: Nyleigh
- 3/4: Ashley
- 4/5: Jake
- 5/6: Symantha

100 Bees Awards
Watch this space

Principals Award
- Rhiannon

Buzzy of the Month
Watch this Space

QSchools App
Stay in touch with the QSchools app. The QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device including emergency alerts and important updates. Find out more on the DETE apps page.

Uniform Shop
Open Tues & Thurs
8:15am to 9:15am
Make this year your child's best ever at school

A new school year means a clean slate for students. Here are 7 ideas to help you make the most of the fresh start and make this year your child’s best year ever at school.

1. **Commit to your child going to school every day on time**
   One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day — and gets there on time. Kids spend more time asleep than at school, so we need to maximise every day to get full value.

2. **Help kids start each day well**
   A good night’s sleep, a healthy breakfast and some words of encouragement from you will help set a positive tone for a day of learning. This may mean that you adjust your morning routine so that kids have plenty of time get up, eat and get ready for the day.

3. **Establish work & study habits**
   The most successful students are those that develop regular study habits that suit their lifestyle, their study style and their school’s expectations. Find out the work expectations from your child’s or young person’s school and help them establish a work routine that matches.

4. **Make sure your child gets enough sleep**
   Many children and young people are sleep-deprived, which impacts on their wellbeing and their learning. A good night’s sleep consolidates learning, as well as assisting future learning. Children need between 10-12 hours of sleep each day, while teens need a minimum of nine hours. Help kids get sufficient sleep by having a regular bedtime and get-up time each day. Have a 45-minute wind-down time each night, and remove screens and mobile phones from bedrooms.

5. **Insist kids exercise**
   The old saying about ‘a healthy body and a healthy mind’ is so true. Exercise releases the chemicals needed for learning and wellbeing. Yet kids today get less exercise than those of past generations, which is an impediment to learning and mental health. Health professionals recommend a minimum of 60 minutes of exercise per day for kids of all ages. Encourage your child to play sport; promote free and active play and look for ways to make moving part of their daily lives.

6. **Focus on being friendly**
   Schools are very social places requiring kids to negotiate many different social situations each day. Yet we often only focus on academic learning. There are strong links between social success, and academic success and wellbeing. Encourage kids to be open and tolerant; to be friendly; to be sensitive to others; to be involved in plenty of activities and to be social risk-takers. These are all characteristics of socially successful kids. At the same time discourage anti-social behaviours such as over-competitiveness, self-centredness and lack of sharing.

7. **Develop self-help skills**
   Successful students are often well organised, self-directed and self-motivated. Personal organisation seems to come more naturally to girls than boys, however both genders benefit from coaching in this important area. You can foster organisational skills and self-direction by developing simple, age-appropriate self-help skills related to their every day lives. Such skills as making lunches, packing school bags, and organising after school schedules can be great lessons that impact on how kids perform at school.

At the start of the school year kids are likely to adopt changes than at any other time. Make the most of the opportunity by focusing on two or three areas to really focus on and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place.

Want more ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my FREE weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You’ll be so glad you did.
# Glenore Grove SS Term 1
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## School Holidays

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