**Term 1 events**

**Friday 5th February**  
Gymnastic program starts  
Assembly 2.30pm including the presentation of House Captain and Vice-Captain badges

**Tuesday 9th February**  
P&C AGM and meeting 7pm in library

**Friday 12th February**  
School Swimming Carnival  
All Yrs 3-6 and Yr 2 students who turn 8 in 2016 and can swim 50m

**Tuesday 16th February**  
Book Club orders due

**Wednesday 17th February**  
Parent/Teacher Information Evening and BBQ  
5pm start for Kindergarten parents in classroom  
5.30pm for Year 1-6 parents in courtyard

**Wednesday 2nd March**  
GCOPS Combined Choir Rehearsal at Bradfordville PS 10.30-2pm

**Thursday 3rd March**  
Clean Up Australia

**Wednesday 23rd March**  
School Athletics Carnival

**Thursday 24th March**  
Easter Activities

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**Term 1 3rd February 2016 Week 2**

Our new kindergarten students have been settling in over the last couple of days – learning to negotiate a busy playground, making new friends and knowing what to do when one of the many bells sounds! Our experienced Goulburn East students have been helping to make them feel at home. Welcome to new students and their families in the other classes too.

The staff love coming to work here but we do not take our lovely school for granted. Together with the support of our parents and students, we embrace the challenge of creating a positive, engaging and supportive environment for your children.

Quality leadership from within the student body is part of our strong school culture. At the end of last year, I had the pleasure of announcing our school leaders for 2016. Ava Gilbert and Dylan Downey are our school captains, ably assisted by Sophie Hughes and Archie Wearne as our Vice-Captains.

At Friday’s assembly our House Captains and Vice-Captains will be presented with their badges. They were elected by their Houses last Friday to lead Hume and Hovell in 2016. Hume voted for Grace Downey as Captain and Brendon Loiterton as Vice-Captain. Hovell voted for Abbey Noble as Captain and Allanah Waters as Vice-Captain.

The first of our fortnightly assemblies will be on this Friday. If your child is receiving a class award, a note will be sent home a couple of days before the assembly to let you know. Families are very welcome to join us for our assemblies although I do ask that younger children are as quiet as possible during the assembly. Easier said than done, I know, but it makes it much easier for the students presenting and performing.

Charmian Cribb

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**GEPS Playgroup**

Every second Monday 9:25 - 11:00am in the School Hall

Please phone the Goulburn Art Gallery for further information on 4823 4494

Playgroup dates for Term 1  
Monday 15th February 2016  
Monday 29th February 2016  
Monday 14th March 2016

Please note there will be no playgroup on Monday 28th March due to Easter holidays.

Outreach Playgroups are also held at Goulburn Public School every Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30 to approximately 11am.
School Banking 2016 is set for the Outback. Join the Dollarmites as they venture through the Canyon of Savings.

Since 1931, the School Banking program has been introducing interactive and exciting new ways to teach students lifelong money skills.

Eight New Reward Items. The School Banking program continues to encourage good savings behaviour by rewarding students with thrilling reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from the Outback Savers range. The first two reward items released in Term 1 include Flying Snake Tails and Wildlife Writer Sets.

Parents Packs will be sent home to all children with information on how to get started, if you have not received one please ask the Front Office.

Win a Family Wildlife Adventure Holiday and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin at Australia Zoo. This year, we’re giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three kids to explore Australia Zoo, plus a full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you’ll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every incredible moment. Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast, Qld, 4 nights’ accommodation, 5 days’ car hire and $1,000 spending money. How to enter: Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information please contact the Front Office or our School Banking Specialist Jo on 0475821274.

Banking Day is every Thursday

GEPS Breakfast Club
Starting the day with food and friends!
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
8:15am – 8:50am in the school library
Our Breakfast Club is run by the school and a gold coin donation is appreciated.

There is NO supervision prior to 8:15am
Please do not send your child early.

Mitch, Jhett and Riley at Breakfast Club 2015

Goulburn East P&C
2nd hand School Uniform Stall
Friday, 5th February
9am
In the school hall

Full Library Stocktake
Thank you for tracking down any overdue library books. Teachers will let students know when library borrowing will start for 2016. Make sure you have a library bag ready!!
**Crunch and Sip**

This year the children and staff at GEPS will participate in the Crunch and Sip program.

Crunch and Sip is a primary school program that gets children eating vegetables and fruit and drinking water in the classroom. It encourages children to choose vegetables and fruit as the first choice snack and water as a thirst quencher.

This program will commence from Week 3 on a daily basis. Each class will decide the exact time during the morning session that Crunch and Sip will be implemented in their classroom. Crunch and Sip will take about 10 minutes per day.

The children will be learning about the health benefits of eating fruits and vegetables as part of the PD Health and PE curriculum. Discussions about the program will be addressed in each classroom during week 2.

What does this mean for you as a parent?

You are asked to pack a small snack of vegetables and/or fruit that is **already cut into bite size pieces and a drink bottle filled with water.**

Some examples include: a few carrot sticks, snow peas, cherry tomatoes, pieces of mandarin. Your child will only need enough food for a quick snack.

Your child will not be able to eat any non-fruit or vegetable snack from their lunch boxes during this time.

Please read the information pamphlet that was sent home with the school newsletter.

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**What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?**

It is important to let the school know when your child will be away and why your child is absent. Parents have several options of notifying the school of their child’s absence:

- by ringing the school on the morning of each day’s absence
- by emailing through an explanation of the absence
- by sending in a *Reason for Absence* form on the first day the student returns to school after an absence.

Any note of explanation forwarded to school should contain:

- Your child’s name and class
- The day(s) and date(s) that your child was absent from school
- The reason the child was absent
- The signature of the child’s parent or caregiver

An Application for Extended Leave (Travel) must be completed PRIOR to leave being taken for approval to be considered, otherwise the absences will be marked as unjustified.

If your child is seeing a Doctor due to illness, please request a Medical Certificate covering the date(s) of the absence(s). Absences due to illness are eligible for an *Exemption from School* if a Doctor’s Certificate is provided for the entire period of illness.

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**SKOOLBAG**

Our school now has our own Skoolbag Smartphone App which we will be using to send you important information. Skoolbag provides effective and immediate two-way communication between the school and parents for notifications such as excursions, incursions, absences and alerts. Please contact the office for further information.
PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS (POP)

Have you tried out our Parent Online Payment (POP) system yet? Why not log on to the school website and take a look. Click on the ‘Make a Payment’ tab to get started. Points to remember:

• You only need to enter information on the sections marked with a green asterisk, starting with your child’s name and date of birth
• Multiple payments can be made in one transaction (ie you can pay for sport, an excursion, and a voluntary contribution by clicking on the appropriate payment descriptions), but please complete a separate transaction for each child
• Write your receipt number on the permission note and return it to school as usual

Questions? No problem, just give the office a call!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS REGARDING PERMISSION NOTES

• Please check your child’s bag EVERY day for notes
• A separate note should be filled out for each student
• Permission notes can also be submitted via the Skoolbag app
• Remember to write your child’s FULL name on permission notes. Many notes are coming in with a first name only written on them
• If your child uses a surname other than their legal name, please put BOTH names on the permission note ie Joe Jones (Smith)
• Notes should not be put into home reader folders as they can get caught up with home reader sheets and books

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

• To take your child early, or for an appointment, you must sign them out first and then take the yellow slip given to you by the office staff to your child’s teacher. You are not permitted to collect your child until the yellow slip has been handed to the teacher.
• If your child is arriving late to school or returning from an appointment, you must accompany them to the school office to sign them in and receive a yellow slip to give to your child’s teacher.

It is very important that these procedures are followed so all students are accounted for in the event of an emergency.

SHINE for Kids began operating from Goulburn last year. We offer support to children and their families that have been, are currently, or are at risk of being impacted by the criminal justice system.

Programs offered: * Education *Mentoring *Carer Support * Prison in-visits

Please contact the local office for more information on 4821 2317 or 4821 2300
Administering Medicines At School

Any student requiring medication at school will need to have a Request for the Administration of a Prescribed Medicine form filled out by their parent/carer prior to staff administering the prescribed medicine. This form must be completed whether the medication is required for a short time only or on an on-going basis for a long-term condition.

Medicines MUST be brought to school sealed in the original packaging/container which clearly shows the prescription which will include:
- The child’s name
- The name and strength of the medication
- The prescribed dosage
- How frequently the medicine must be administered and at what time
- Any special storage instructions (such as antibiotics to be refrigerated)
- The name of the doctor who prescribed the medication

Please note that we DO NOT administer non-prescription medicines such as Panadol, Nurofen or cough medicine.

If your child requires an Asthma puffer (such as Asmol or Ventolin) you will also need to provide a spacer to the school for your child’s personal use. Also, please ensure that your child’s doctor completes an Asthma Management Plan, even if your child’s asthma is only occasional. This plan assists us to effectively care for your child during asthmatic episodes.

PIE DRIVE

Pie drive order forms are attached to this newsletter. Your order benefits our school and allows us to subsidise whole-school events, such as this term’s gymnastics program. We have extended the length of time for orders to be returned to school to enable as many families as possible to participate in the pie drive fundraiser. Don’t forget that orders can also be placed for friends and family.

Please remember:
- Order forms and correct money should be placed in a separate envelope clearly marked ‘Pie Drive’
- Online payments cannot be made for pie orders
- Items that are sold in 1 dozen batches cannot be split
- Order forms and payment MUST be received at the office by Thursday morning 3rd March 2016. NO late orders can be accepted
- Orders are due to be delivered back to school the following week on Wednesday 9th March. Delivery time is usually before midday. Please organise collection of your order as early as possible
- Spare order forms are available from the school office

Canteen Meal Deals for Friday 5th February 2016

All meal deals are $5 and include a yoghurt with berries and a drink (water, juice, or flavoured milk)

Meal Deal 1: Bryant’s pie with sauce
Meal Deal 2: Bryant’s sausage roll with sauce

Orders should be written on a paper bag and include name, class, order and correct money. Students should place their lunch order in the box outside Mrs Robinson’s room on Friday morning.

This week’s canteen helpers are: Vicky Noble and Heather Clifford
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NAME: ___________________________ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: ____________

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: ________________________________