Quadrennial School Review Survey
Every four years, all state schools undertake a Quadrennial School Review. This is a major review of school operations and performance in order to identify achievement and to assist with planning strategically for the future.

Information from our Discipline Audit and Teaching and Learning Audit will be used to assist in this planning process.

All of the information gathered will be presented at our Verification Meeting in November.

Thank you for participating in this process and completing this brief survey. You can view and complete the survey at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CCD88LH](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CCD88LH)

Visit Our Website
Parents and community are encouraged to visit our website: [www.upmtgravss.eq.edu.au](http://www.upmtgravss.eq.edu.au)

Our site has:
Independent Public School Application

We have consulted with the school community over the past 16 months to determine whether we should apply to become an Independent Public School. It appears that the majority of staff, the P & C and community groups are supportive of Upper Mt Gravatt submitting an application at the 5 September deadline. Details about the submission are available through the office.

Prep 2015

If your child was born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010, he/she is eligible to enrol in Prep in 2015. Enrolment forms are available from the office or our website.

Prep Open Days

Upper Mt Gravatt will hold a Prep Open Day on Wednesday 10 September. New and old families are invited to attend. A program will be sent home later. We will also hold a Prep Open Evening on Monday 8 September from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

Later in the year the Prep teachers and administration will conduct interviews with new families.

Emotional Intelligence/Adventure Based Learning

To enhance our emotional intelligence programs in the school, we will be constructing a range of outdoor equipment over the next twelve months that promotes the teaching of adventure based learning. The first stage of the project is to replace the current senior play equipment and develop a low ropes course. The following stages will look at High Ropes options and climbing walls.

Regards,
DATE CLAIMERS

**Book Week**
18th - 22nd August

**Year 6 & 7 Kindilan Camp**
Monday, 25 August to Wednesday, 27 August

**Father’s Day Stall**
Wednesday, 3rd September & Thursday 4th September

**PREP Open Night**
Monday 8 September

**PREP Open Day**
Wednesday 10 September

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK


**Music Class of the Week** – 1C & 6A

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

**Twitter**
Upper Mount Gravatt State School is now on Twitter! Follow us @UPMTGSS for the latest school communication and updates.

**Student Medication**
We are currently updating our Student Medical Records. Some parents may be asked to complete new Medication Administration forms and/or replace medication that is past the used by date. It is important for the safety of students that all medication is labelled appropriately by the pharmacist and that the Medication Administration form is signed and dated by a parent or caregiver.

YEAR 6/7 CHINESE RESTAURANT EXCURSION

Dear teachers, parents and caregivers,
This year, Years 6 and 7 went on an excursion to Yum Cha at Sunnybank. Thank you to Mr Murphy who transported us to and from the venue. Also, thank you Miss Dillon, Mr McDonald, Mrs Chan and Mrs Murphy who came along with us, putting up with our chatter and noise. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Chan who organised everything, including preparing Years 6 and 7 on how to say thank you and how to order in Chinese. Some of the foods we ate were Spring Rolls, Dim Sims, Fried Rice and Fried Noodles. Personally, my favourite dish was the Dim Sims.

Ruby D (7A)

SPORTS NEWS

Mt Gravatt Track and Field

Last Monday and Tuesday a team of 20 Upper Mt Gravatt students participated in the 2014 Mt Gravatt district track and field carnival. Over the two days of competition students competed in the various events and all students performed and competed to the best of their ability against the 30 other schools that comprise the Mt Gravatt district. There were several outstanding performances from our team of students:

Hanad (5A) 3rd in the 11yrs boys 800m final, 6th in the 200m final and 10th in the 100m final.
Ryley B (4B) 3rd in 10yrs boys shot put with a throw of 6.92m.
Dayna (5A) 3rd in 11yrs girls high jump with a height of 1.26m.
Arilarn (5A) 3rd in 11yrs girls discus with a throw of 19.12m.
Oliver (6A) who qualified for the 12yrs boys 800m final.

Congratulations to Hanad, Dayna and Arilarn who by achieving the qualifying standards have been selected for the Mt Gravatt District Track and Field team to compete at the Metropolitan East carnival on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September 2014. As a school we wish these students all the best as they represent Mt Gravatt in this carnival.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week 2014: Connect To Reading. 18 – 22rd August

Each year, many schools and libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating Australian Literature. The theme for this year is “Connect to Reading”. Being connected to what you read is about using what you already know (prior knowledge) to help you understand what you’re reading. Text to Text: Connect what you’re reading about to other stories. Text to Self: Connect what you’re reading to your experiences. Text to World: Connect what you’re reading to the world around you.
You’re welcome to come into the library before or after school to read this year’s book nominations with your child. Happy connecting!

CHAPPY’S CHAT

Greetings!

Term 3 is my favourite as I often feel that our children are more settled and know the routine. One routine I am working on in our household is breakfast time. If anyone else struggles with school lunches and breakfast options I can relate!

In the playground on Wednesdays during Breakfast Club, I ask children what they like about their porridge and/or toast and some reply: “This is the only day I eat breakfast”. One morning last week, I spent some time with a young boy who was having trouble concentrating on his work and then said his tummy was sore. I thought he might have been sick and then he said it was because he was hungry.

Time is short and mornings can be a rush however if we can encourage our children to take the time to eat breakfast such as cereal, toast and fruit, they are able to concentrate in class and learn more. The good part is it is something they can actually make for themselves too!

With my son believing milo is its own food group, I’m taking another look at Smart Choices for Healthy Food and Drink Strategy by Education Queensland. The Smart Choices categorises food into green, orange and red colours. Green = have plenty, Orange = Select carefully and Red = Occasionally. For more information, please check out the following link:


Changes to the Community Room Opening Hours

We have had such fun at lunchtimes making dolls houses and Minecraft activities but the learning does not stop there. We are commencing Super Skills Squad which is an opportunity for small groups to meet and ‘show and tell’ their skills to each other and develop further friendships. These will be held in first and second break on Wednesdays. Therefore the following are the current opening hours for the Community/Chappy room at lunchtime:

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Great Clothes Swap 2014!

Wow! Yes we are hoping to have the first ever Great Clothes Swap!

What? This is where you bring in any of your children’s clothes that they may have grown out of or do not wear, and place them on the designated tables. Then, you go along and choose what clothes you would like for them
to take home.

Free? Yes- it is all free. Instead of donating clothes into the various charity bins, we thought it might be a good idea to recycle the clothes amongst our school community first.

When? When you are cleaning out your children’s wardrobes as the seasons are changing soon, please remember to keep aside their unwanted clothes to bring in on Friday 19 September, 2014 (last day of school term).

Where? We will have tables set up downstairs from the office in the outside area or undercover if it rains. Please divide your children’s clothes into boys/girls and sizing if possible.

Rock and Water Program
I know it almost sounds like a rock band however I recently had the opportunity to attend a Professional Development workshop that specialises in teaching social and emotional techniques. I have gained some valuable skills and will pass these skills on in my interactions within our school community.

Thank you
Thank you for the recent donation of oats for porridge for Breakfast Club and for some little dolls for the Community Room.

Where is Miss Robyn?
If you are unable to find me on my usual days of Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.00am until 3.00pm, please contact the office or email me on robynw@chappy.org.au

All the best from your Happy Chappy!

Miss Robyn

CANCER COUNCIL

Daffodil Day – Friday, 22nd August

Wear something yellow on Friday, 22nd August! Please support this fundraising event by donating a gold coin. Some merchandise will also be available for sale in the office.

P&C NEWS
**Trivia Night**

The Trivia Night was a fantastic success. We were overwhelmed with the community spirit as local businesses joined in on the night bringing staff and family along. Prizes such as accommodation, movie tickets, hair salon coupons, ten pin bowling & ice-cream vouchers were handed out left, right and centre. Fancy dress was won by Christian O’Dowd, Helen Cook & Tanya Green. Lucky Square – Bec Johnson and Lucky door – Fiona Kessell. Coles were the ultimate victors on the night and everyone left with a goodie bag of sponsor vouchers.

The Trivia Night raised approximately $3000 for the school. Thank you to all who were involved from start to finish. A special thanks goes to Simon Bingley who compiled the trivia questions and compered the evening.

We’d like to offer a big THANKS to the following sponsors and supporters of this year’s event:-

Special Guests – Coles - The Village

Platinum Sponsors: Sewco - Kessels Rd Macgregor, Ray White – The Village, McDonalds – Logan Rd UMG, YMCA OSHC, Asahi Breweries, Baskin Robbins – The Village

**Pitstop Car Wash**

The Car Wash is on a winter break, but keep a lookout for notices in the next few weeks. We are going to restart the Pitstop Car Wash on 6 September.

Special thanks to Andrew Watson, our valued and amazing parents and a number of our awesome teachers and the Principal who have been INVOLVED through our PITSTOP car washes and COLES Sizzlers. We appreciate your time and energy in 'serving to excel' in our community. The word is out and the community has been engaging these initiatives through generous donations, words of encouragement and hope for the future.

**ATTENTION:** We have also produced a **TERM NEWSLETTER** to inform you of our activities.

INVOLVE - Team Member Carl Toma

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**UMGoSSIP**

This August, the Ekka holiday brought some late winter cheer to the students of Upper Mount Gravatt State School.

The iconic Brisbane show is a place to ride the coolest new rollercoasters; to get the raddest new showbag gear; to get a free vaccination against the latest bout of - never mind. I won't say it, I am a proud Brisbanite!

A lot of UMGSS kids managed to drag Mum and/or Dad along to the Ekka this year. Jolie's favourite ride was the rollercoaster Extreme.

"It was amazing!" she said.

"Was it scary?" I asked.

"Nah."

"Did you scream?"

"Of course!"

Eve loved the rides as well. "We went on this spinning pink one. I loved it! But my brother Flynn almost puked," she alleged. Flynn could not be reached for comment (I'll assume that comment would be a big 'Nuh-uh!).

Not everyone made it to the show.

Willy and Michael were among those that used their day off to play video games. Grace was just glad for 'some
time with the family, and to sort things out.’

Kira stayed at home sick (Mum thinks they caught something from the Mt Gravatt show. You just can't win.)

Leo Campbell
Teacher Aide

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

To make an appointment with the Metro South Health School Dental Service

PHONE 1300 300 850

(Monday to Friday – 7:30 to 4:00).

Have your Medicare Card and Health Care Card (if you have one) with you when you call.

For further information, please visit www.health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth/
$20,000 staffroom makeover. With the competition kicking off on Monday 18 August we are trying to encourage as many staff, parents and friends as possible to vote for our school in the hope of taking out the top honours in 2014. While the ultimate prize of a $20,000 staffroom makeover will undoubtedly be appreciated by our school staff, there is also a chance for individual voters to win daily prizes just for voting. Plus this year, they have introduced the People’s Choice Award – giving the first 10 runners up the chance to win $10,000.

QT Mutual Bank CEO Steve Targett said this year’s competition was shaping up to be the most exciting yet, especially with the introduction of the People’s Choice award.

“Over the years we have seen some really deserving schools try so hard but just miss taking out top honours. So we thought by giving the top 10 runners up a second chance to win, and letting individual voters decide the final outcome, it added an exciting twist to the competition” Mr Targett said.

To be crowned the 2014 winners we will need as much support as possible so make sure you register for this year’s competition and read the terms and conditions at www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au


HOLLAND PARK JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Holland Park Junior Cricket Club (HPJCC)
Boys and Girls Ages 5-16

Registrations Open 1st-31st August!

Join Online: www.hpjcc.qld.cricket.com.au

Cricket with HPJCC

Ages 5 to 7: ‘In2Cricket Skills’ – Learn the basic skills required to play cricket through fun, skill-based activities with club cricket coaches and parent support.

Ages 8 to 16: Play real matches against other clubs with progressive game structures starting from U9.

Need Assistance: Call Jo 0418 97 67 97

KIDS KARATE

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