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27th November, 2014
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Visit Our Website
Parents and community are encouraged to visit our website: www.upmtgravss.eq.edu.au

Our site has:
- Current newsletter
- Student notices
- Enrolment Information
- Handbook
- Responsible Behaviour Plan
- School dates
- Links to YouTube with school movies
- Links to KidsMatter and You Can Do It!
- Staff information
- School profile and history
- Community information
- P&C events – tuckshop – unishop – swim club
- School Annual Report and link to My School website

Celebrations

With only two weeks to go, we start to think about holidays and Christmas celebrations. It is also time to look forward to new beginnings for 2015. This time of transition gives us a sense of renewal and a focus of happiness for the future.

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, the holiday time is a period for families to participate in the rituals that bind them together. One of the most powerful rituals is sharing food and spending time with people we love and care for.

Next Wednesday 3rd December, we welcome our 2015 Prep students when they come in for their transition morning to meet their teacher and classmates. Parents will be invited for a short meeting and morning tea in the Performing Arts Centre. On Wednesday 10th December our Prep to Year 5 students will meet their new teachers for 2015.

Successful transitions require us to be:
- Respectful and thoughtful
- Allow time for accepting change
- Have courage to accept change
- Stay resilient and calm

We have to trust our instincts.
Student Leaders 2015

Congratulations to our new leadership team for 2015:

Braydon Jimenez - Captain
Rheanna Selby-Stubbbs - Captain
Yasmin White - Vice Captain
Erin Davis - Vice Captain
Thomas Surch - Vice Captain
Michael Mendozzi - Vice Captain
Mars Kwunnuk - Klump House Captain
Zolkeve Van Deventer - Klump House Captain
Archim Henry - Kessel House Captain
Sereima McGoan - Kessel House Captain
Paige Oliver - Logan House Captain
Annellese Baranowicz - Logan House Captain

I would like to acknowledge and thank the 2014 Leadership Team for demonstrating strong leadership and a commitment to our school community.

Report cards will be sent home in the last week of school. Take the time to reflect on your child’s progress.

We would like to send a big congratulations, thank you and well wishes to Anke from the YMCA. Friday, 21st November was her last day here. Anke has been with our YMCA for 9 years and has been transferred to Gumdale. We are sad to see her go but happy for her as she continues her journey. Thank you for all your hard work! All the best and good luck for the future, Anke!

This is the final newsletter for 2014. Thank you to staff, families and students for your valuable contribution to our great school. Farewell to our Year 6 and Year 7 families. This is a part of history and we wish you all the very best. If you are leaving our community we wish you the very best for the future.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you on Tuesday 27th January.

Warm Regards
Derek Brady
Principal

DATE CLAIMERS

YR6 Boys Pizza and Games
Thursday 27 November
YR6 Girls High Tea
Friday 28 November
Prep Transition Morning
Wednesday 3 December
Prep-YR3 Swim Carnival
Friday 5 December
Last Day of Term
Friday 12 December

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Luke-8A; Alicia, Neal, Priscilla-6B; Abdihakim, Bryca-5A; Walter, Joseph-4A; Isabell-3A; Annerley, Siane-2/3C; Isabella, Jordan-2A; Divya, Chlo-3B; Andrew, Julissa-1A; Elizabeth, Ella, Alex-1B; Reza, Rachel, Mimi-1C; Darcy, Saffron, Jorawardee-PPB; Mikayla, Jake A, Jauna-PC; Cameron-4B; Libby-3A; Susie, MacKenzie-PA

Music Class - 2/3C

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

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

QSchools Mobile App
Download the QSchools App. Compatible with Android, Apple & Windows 8. Search for your school and ‘Favourite’ your school to receive updates. By ‘favouritising’ your school, you will:
- Have access to school information, newsletters, reports and more.
- Automatically receive important updates and push notifications from your school

Final Newsletter
This will be the final newsletter for 2014. We wish you a safe and happy Christmas.

CHINA TRIP
Due to low numbers, the China trip will be deferred until 2016. Thank you to everyone who attended the presentation.

CHAPPY’S CHAT

Greetings

Usually we chat about what we are doing in the Chaplain/Community Room and what our students are up to. However this newsletter, I thought we would take the opportunity to chat about who I am and what sort of things I do. I have been a ‘school mum’ for almost 5 years. My son, Ethan, is currently in Year 4. During my time at the school I’ve volunteered by assisting reading groups in the classroom, tuckshop, sports events and various activities with the P and C. It has helped me learn a bit about the school, the school community and particularly the children. It was only in March this year that I became Chaplain.

My major focus when I am with our children is to promote social and emotional health. This means that I assist our children to be strong, confident and resilient. They are encouraged to make lasting friendships. I have the pleasure of working one-on-one, in small groups and in classrooms. Through play based activities, games and craft, I encourage our children to better understand their emotions and strengths.

Am I an expert on all things social and emotional? No. But I try to show our children the lessons I have learned through University studies my grandma’s sayings and life. To be honest, I grew up quite poor. My mum did her best but struggled to raise my older sister and me. My grandparents came to live with us and stayed for many years which was the best thing that could have happened. My Gran taught me what I call ‘life skills’ and a lot of my sayings are from her.

Here are some of the things you may hear me say:

"Just because you can, doesn’t mean you should"
"Watch each other’s backs"
"Please be kind to your friends each and every day"
"Build on the things you are good at"
"Be your child’s biggest fan"

Thank you for giving me the privilege to share in the growth and development of our students. They teach me as much as I try to teach them.

All the best from your Happy Chappy
Miss Robyn

P&C NEWS

President’s Pen....
ROC Race 2014

After months and months of planning the ROC Race 2014 has been a raving success. The smiles on the kids faces said it all as they completed the 13 obstacles all varying in levels of difficulties. Every year the students of Upper Mount Gravatt State School prove that with effort and courage they can achieve anything. This effort and courage saw the students take on one of our most challenging obstacles yet, Mf ROC. They took it on with guts and determination and came through triumphant.

We are so proud of what the ROC Race has done for the school and the community. We thank all volunteers that helped make the ROC Race 2014 a lasty memory for our children.

We thank all our sponsors for 2014, our major sponsor Austrails College, Coles (Upper Mount Gravatt), Night Owl (Upper Mount Gravatt), Traxx Excavations & Civil, Fortess Pool Inspections, Woodhill Rural Fire Brigade, Baskin Robins (Upper Mount Gravatt), YMCA, Bridgestone Select (Mount Gravatt), BCF (Upper Mount Gravatt), Mr Toy World (Upper Mount Gravatt) and Buntings Warehouse.

Thank you again and see you next year.

Community Space

The P&C room is undergoing a transformation and looking to change into a Community Cafe and Relax Lounge. We now have some designers interested and some ideas are about to hatch.

Watch this space....

Canteen

The ‘Canteen’ will see the last Subway in Week 8 by Subway Coordinator – Jodi Bemrose. We want to thank Jodi for her time and effort in continuing this service for the community.

Fundraising

We are currently applying for a $35,000 grant for a low ropes course. The November submission is due in a fortnight. This initiative is for Teaching Relevant Emotional Intelligent Curriculum (TREC) as highlighted in the School Audit 2014.

Thanks heeps to our parents and community for supporting our fundraising activities for school Air Conditioning and TREC. Our last ‘PITSTOP’ Car Wash for the year finished with foam and spray last fortnight. The last Coles BBQ for Term 4 ends in a couple of weeks. We want to thank our sponsors this year for all their support in helping to resource our events and initiatives. Thanks to Shannon & Chris from Coles, the Singh family with NightOwl for your loyal
support, Rob and the team at Subway, Baskin & Robbins, Traxx, Bunnings and Australis. I know there are other supporters and sponsors that are thankful for.

We raised approximately $4000 towards the school projects so to ALL the mums, dads, teachers, students, admin staff, family, friends and sponsors for all your hard work and effort...a BIG thank you...!

Chaplaincy & Kids Hope
Thanks Robyn for your continued support with all your programs and ever comforting smile. We have approved the funding of an Electric Frying Pan and a 1SLtr Un. Congratulations on funding approval for the paint for the Chaplaincy Community Room walls. We are always appreciative of the tremendous work of Kids Hope in our school.

YMCA
We wish Anke all the best as she finds her home in the new YMCA program in Gumezdale. We are grateful for the memories and experiences you provided to a generation of young people during your time here. We acknowledge the hours, effort, projects and energy in all that you put your hand up for. Thank you and farewell, but not forgotten...!

The School Locker & schoolstuff.com.au
The Uniform Shop is now located in the 'Red Container' at the front of the school. The School Locker will service our uniform needs for the remainder of the year. Booklets - schoolstuff.com.au Please watch out for notices regarding your child's stationary requirements. Thank you again for your patience with these changes.

Carla Toma
President

ROC RACE
This year saw the introduction of four new obstacles (MT Roc, Roc n Roll, Roc Dunies and the ROC Wall) to test our students as they participated in the second ROC race. The introduction of these new obstacles bought a new level of enthusiasm and challenge to this event as students crawled, climbed, clambered, jumped and slid down, over and under numerous obstacles. It was amazing to see so many students from all year levels participate in this event and enjoying themselves as they completed the various obstacles placed around the course and challenge and test themselves to complete all obstacles. Feedback from students and parents was that this was a great event with MT Roc, ROC wall, ROC slide and the ROC pit proving to be the most enjoyable obstacles.

Another new concept introduced this year was the teacher mud challenge where students were able to decide which teacher would be going down the Roc slide, crawling through the ROC tunnels and then into the ROC pit. Remarkably all teachers that were nominated received an equal number of votes so all were forced to complete all three obstacles much to the delight of all spectators.

As part of the organising team I would like to thank Fiona Kessel and Kerry Abbott for their help in organising, coordinating and bring this event together, Carla Toma and Alan Good for their help in constructing and assembling the various obstacles. On behalf of the students I would like to thank all of the volunteers who gave up their time to assist with setting up, supervising and helping wherever they could to ensure that this event was a huge success. Thank you to Mr Campbell for all his time and effort to ensure that we had everything we needed. Again thank you to everyone for their incredible support and help to ensure that this event was a huge success.

Thanks to the following business and services Mr Toys Toyworld, Bunnings Warehouse, Coles, YMCA, Australia College, Night Owl, BSC, Traxx Excavations & Civil, B Select, Baskin & Robbins, Fortress Pool Inspections, Woodhill Fire Brigade and Print Alliance for their wonderful support of this event.

Parents we kindly ask if we are able to have a copy of any photos or video taken by yourselves throughout the day so that we are able to create a digital record of the event. Please burn and test footage onto a disc as it will be difficult to return any other devices and send this to school with your child. Your help regarding this matter is greatly appreciated. Remember participation in the ROC race may cause the following side effects: confidence, persistence, resilience and awesomeness.

"Orah!" shouted Steve Good, Sports Coordinator of Upper Mt Gravatt State School.

"Orah!" the students screamed back. And so began the second annual UMGSS 'ROC' (Resilience Obstacle Challenge) Race.

Started by the school's P&C in 2013, the Race pits students against climbing walls, slip'n'slides, obstacles and the dreaded mud pit.

I got mud in my underpants, 8-year-old student Sarah Pluckrose said proudly.

Even Deputy Principal Phil Guy faced the mud.

The event, organised by staff and over 40 parent volunteers, raised $3,900 for school projects last year. But it’s not just fundraising.

“We wanted to challenge the kids to go beyond what they thought was possible,” said one of the founding volunteers Karyn Abbott.

"It's about teaching kids that when facing adversity you can step up and excel," added Principal Derek Brady.

Messages from the Team: Anke has transferred to YMCA Gumezdale OSHC and Jamie Nunn is now the Coordinator for YMCA Upper Mt Gravatt. Exciting times! Jamie is well qualified, has a teaching background and is very motivated.

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Summer Vacation Care: Booking forms are available and can be submitted with your completed 2015 enrolment form. Excursions include a fishing trip to Main Beach, Ultimate Video game truck, movies and luncheon at Montezuma's. We have Mini Golf visiting, Despicable Me Dance Club, a Christmas Show and a BBQ for last day in December. We are also lucky enough to have use of the school pool. Staff have the appropriate Lifesaving and CPR certificates to ensure that all children have a fun and safe time in the pool.

Join us for: Vacation Care 14th Dec-24th Dec
Reopens on 6th Jan 2016

CITIPONTE CHURCH CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Christmas is coming and Citiponte Church provides an awesome Christmas family concert every year. The quality is excellent. It is one of the biggest Christmas concerts in Brisbane. It is on the 13th and 14th of December and Jethro and Joel will be appearing in one of the items.

We are very happy and excited about it and we would like to invite our whole school to come and join us.

http://bris.citipontechurch.com/events/christmas-lights-family-concert-13-12-14

Also in the last week of the school holidays Citiponte Church will have a Summer Kidfest for 5 days. It starts at 8.30am and finishes at 4.30pm. Food and drinks are provided during the day.

The cost is only $60.00 per child aged from Prep to Year 6.

We know from experience how good these programs are, so we want to invite everyone from our school.

http://bris.citipontechurch.com/summer-kidfest