



# THE WALLUMETTA NEWS

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## *The Values We Share*

### **Term 4 Week 7– Compassion**

KP	Jack	2/3KM	Max
KCW	Lizzy	3F	Amelia
KH	Rafaela	3/4R	Eadie
1P	Jazmin	4P	Olivia
1S	Hine	4C	Samantha
1B	Evie	5L	Matthew
1F	Ava	5E	Sophia
2J	Lennart	5/6C	Chloe
2C	Jacinta	6M	Daniel
2H	Owen	6G	Benjamin

### **Term 4 Week 8 – Fair Go**

KP	Mia	2/3KM	George
KCW	Charlie	3F	Justin
KH	Ben	3/4R	Joel
1P	Georgia	4P	Shyan
1S	Ryan	4C	Nirvan
1B	Jonte	5L	Edward
1F	Luke	5E	Bill
2J	Skye	5/6C	Nicole
2C	Harper	6M	Imogen
2H	Hamish	6G	Sinead

Our Values Award acknowledgement is finished for 2015. Congratulations to all students who continue to demonstrate our school values on a daily basis. You are what makes our school such a happy and safe place!

## **Student Congratulations**

Thank you to all members of the Training Band, Concert Band, Pizzicatos and Arpeggios for a very entertaining Soiree that was held on Tuesday evening. It was wonderful to see how confidently the students performed, and to see many students playing more than one instrument. Thank you to Mr Gav, Mr Owen, Mr Alistair and all the tutors, for their ongoing hard work supporting the school music program during 2015.

## **P&C Annual General Meeting**

A huge thank you to our wonderful P&C who have worked tirelessly all year. I would especially like to acknowledge the P&C Executive for 2015, led by President Ali Andrews, for their support in my school leadership and their overall support of all students and staff.  
In a change this year, the Annual General Meeting was held in November with all positions declared vacant.

The following parents were elected into Executive positions for 2016.

President – Ali Andrews

Vice Presidents- Emma Paxton & Katie Schofield

Secretary – Marinella Messina

Treasurer – Vacant

Communications- Daniel Cohen

Uniform Shop – Lauren Bond, Fiona Camp, Ellen Knoblanche

Events- Sarah Hyland

Grounds – Vacant

Band – Vacant

Strings – Simone Dixon

GOOSH – Lauren Cook

As you can see, there are three positions that remain unfilled – Treasurer, Grounds Co-ordinator and Band Co-ordinator. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions so we can start 2016 with a fully functioning and operational P&C. **The rewards of being involved in the parent organisation associated with your child's school are profound.** If you have any questions regarding what these roles entail, please contact either myself or the P&C president, Ali Andrews.

### **Traffic and Pedestrian Safety**

We are experiencing ongoing issues at the Kiss and Drop Zone in Linsley St, particularly in the afternoon. Information sheets will be going home next week, coinciding with an increased Ranger and Police presence. We are particularly concerned about, and ask you to be mindful of the following:

- Use the Pedestrian crossings to cross Linsley St
- Do not leave your car unattended
- Time limit of 2 minutes
- Children enter the car from the kerb side
- Put bags in the seating area of the car, not the boot
- Continuous traffic flow in Linsley St

**Additionally, if your children walk home, please remind them to use pedestrian crossings and to cross on the green walk sign at traffic lights.**

### **Late to School Notes**

A reminder to parents/carers that if your child is late to school for any reason you need to bring them to the office and sign them in before they go to class. Many thanks.

### **GPS Premier's Reading Challenge - 2015**

This year GPS entered the Premier's Reading Challenge with enthusiasm. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and enables the students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read more and read more widely.

Congratulations to the 184 students who completed the Challenge in 2015 including many students who have accomplished their Gold certificate. These incredible challengers have been completing the PRC for four years and have earned a Gold certificate and after seven years the Certificate will be Platinum.

An extra congratulations must also go to 6G who were the proud winners of the cupcake morning tea for being the only class to have each student complete the reading challenge.

Students can begin reading now for the 2016 challenge

Inez Goodfellow  
Teacher Librarian

## **Sports News**

Last Friday PSSA Summer Finals were held at Meadowbank Park. Our Senior Cricketers had a resounding victory over Boronia Park with Ryan S and Tully S starring with the bat. The scores were Gladesville 4/82 def Boronia Park 4/49. Congratulations to all the team.

The Junior Boys T- Ball team played a very exciting final against Meadowbank. In the final innings the scores were locked at 8-8 but Meadowbank had runners on base and looked highly likely to win. However, Harvey P pulled off an exciting double play to end the match, meaning Gladesville and Meadowbank were declared Joint Premiers. Great result. Well done.

Last Tuesday our Boys Knockout Cricket team were defeated in a very close match against The Junction Public School. Our boys batted first and scored 6/99 with Ryan S top scoring with 40 runs. In reply The Junction batted steadily and managed to pass our team total with three balls remaining in the match. Our boys were fantastic ambassadors for our school throughout the whole competition, demonstrating great team spirit and sportsmanship at all times. Special thanks are extended to our parent drivers who willingly volunteered their time throughout the competition, often transporting students large distances to play games. Thanks to everyone for a great season.

David Roberts  
Coordinator

## **Talent Quest 2015**

This years GPS talent quest will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 16 December from 9.10am – 11.10am. Parents are welcome.

## **SRC**

The SRC “Fitness Program” run over the past two weeks has been fun for all involved, with the SRC members doing a great job at leading the sessions. We have had Yoga, Aerobics, Zumba and Core Strength workouts.

Thanks to all the students who have regularly arrived at school earlier to participate and a special thanks to all the SRC members who helped make it happen.

SRC Committee

## **On-line Payments**

Thank you to all parents and carers who are using the new “Make a Payment” on-line option for school payments. It is a very user friendly way of processing payments for the office and an easy way to provide refunds if necessary. To use this option simply click on the “**\$ Make a Payment**” heading on the home page of our website.

## **Uniform Donations**

If any Year 6 parents have any clothing in good condition or parents in other years whose children have outgrown their uniforms and would like to donate to the second hand clothing pool of the Uniform Shop – that would be much appreciated. Please drop off directly to the Uniform Shop on open days or to the school office. Many thanks.

## Student Work

4C have been experimenting with figurative writing during their poetry lessons. Here is a sneak peak of some of their brilliant work.

### The Wild Bushfire

I watched intently as the pretty, baby blue sky rapidly turned to a dark, deep orange. What was happening? Smoke was swiftly pouring into the sky, and I darkened my harsh gaze. The fire spat coal-black embers at me, licking up all my confidence. I could still hear the extreme roar of the fire as I raced like a cheetah to my warm, safe home.

I gasped desperately, trying to free myself from those despicable, dark fingers as they lunged horribly close to me. I started breathing heavily, my weak lungs powerless against the hefty smokes' glare.

The sound of deep trouble howled around me, embracing me with its firm, cold squeeze. I clenched my teeth, but it was no use. I felt my legs buckle under me as I crumpled in a heap, my defenseless little body flopping like saggy, wet washing on a cool day.

I trod carefully around the debris, sorrowfully inspecting my burnt, melted belongings with a distressed, brief gaze. I had nothing. And from this day on, I knew nothing would ever be the same again.

By Harriet J