Well the Room 5 students have settled back into school and have been working very hard in and out of the classroom. They have been working on completing their Occupational Health and Safety to be able to go out on work experience. As a part of this, we have been discussing the hazards that may be around the school. This has meant that they have inspected different areas of the school and have gone about trying to rectify the problems. These have included such things as:

*Sweeping the footpaths and walkways to clean off any slipping or tripping hazards.

*Using the blower around the front entrance and driveway to alleviate anything that may have blown there which could cause a slip or trip.

*Pruning the fruit trees so as the lower branches don’t cause anyone to be poked in the eye.

*Cleaning up the playgrounds of sticks and other rubbish that may be lying around.

*Mulching and watering the garden beds.

They have all done a wonderful job and worked hard not only cleaning up the grounds, but to alleviate any problems which they may have observed.

Sharon Richards
Back to School asthma spike

Every year there is a well-documented rise in asthma flare-ups and hospitalisations when students return to school after the Christmas break. Asthma Australia has information for parents of students with asthma to help them prepare for school. Asthma Australia’s website and social media provide the latest information, including a checklist of what to do to help your child and a survey to complete to determine the impacts for parents/careers.

Asthma Australia recommends that you talk to school staff about your child’s asthma and the school’s medication policy, provide an Asthma Plan from the doctor and supply a spare reliever puffer and spacer for your child’s use at school.

For **primary** aged students:

**Asthma Kids**

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester’s Asthma Trail. There are prizes to win too!

[www.asthmakids.org.au](http://www.asthmakids.org.au)

For **secondary** aged students:

**Young People and Asthma**

Asthma Australia is working with key organisations supporting young people’s health to help improve asthma health outcomes for 12-25 year olds. A Facebook page, Young People with Asthma - Australia, provides a range of information for these young people and their supporters. Every two months Asthma Australia will also run a Question and Answer session that is proving very popular. Check out the page for our posts and promotion for upcoming Q and A sessions.

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**Student Information Details:**

Please send back your child’s student information details ASAP. Thankyou.

**Swimming:**

Please remember to send back your child’s swimming permission form to the office.

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**South Gippsland Carers - Leongatha**

South Gippsland Carers is a group of carers and families of people with additional needs and frail aged.

We are there for all carers who live in the South Gippsland region, and we provide support, social get-togethers, information sharing and regular meetings.

Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month from Feb - Nov.

**10am – 12 noon**

Memorial Hall Meeting Room 2
Michael Place Leongatha
(opposite the Post Office)

For more information please contact Heather: 56 688 243


All welcome
This week's Award Winners

Room 1: Blake for sharing with his friends.

Room 2: Will for trying his best in all activities. Thomas for trying new activities. Corey for working hard on his lapbook.

Room 3: Brock Ac for settling into Room 3 so well.

Room 4: Alex for working on building his resilience.

Room 5: Jordan for transitioning into Room 5 and making friends.
EVENTS THIS TERM

$7905 raised so far

PARENTS & FRIENDS
President: Kris Vallay  Secretary: Jodie Lennon  Treasurer: Tona O'Connor

Next meeting: Monday 21st March, 2016 @ 10.30am at SGSS for a coffee and chat. New members needed. Please contact Jodie via the office if you are interested. All Welcome

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SPECIALIST SCHOOL: BUS CHAPERONE/DRIVER CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATED: 2015

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Next weeks Award Winners for assembly on Monday 22nd February at 10.30am. All parents and carers welcome.

Room 1: **Kye** for good participation and waiting during class. **Wyatt** and **James** for great work in art.
Room 2: **Tina** for making a friendly and safe return to school and learning well.
Room 3: **Mikey** for calming down and joining in when reluctant to participate in an activity.
Room 4: **Sam** for making good choices in class.
Room 5: All of **Room 5** students for their hard work in the OHS Course.
Words From The Office

Another busy week at South Gippsland Specialist school with students working towards establishing their understanding of our school rules and routines. Some students have settled in really smoothly whilst others are finding it a little more challenging. Staff are working hard in all classrooms on reinforcing our three school rules of Friendly, Safe and Learn.

Emergency Contact Information Update
Please remember to return updated student contact details forms as soon as possible so we can ensure that our emergency evacuation procedures are efficient in the event of an emergency.

School Council
School Council will meet on Monday for our final meeting for 2015. Nomination forms will be out in the next newsletter and I encourage any interested parents to nominate for a position on school council. We meet twice a term from 12-2pm. Please contact the office if you would like to discuss the role of school council.

SunSmart
Reminder to all families that Term 1 and 4 are our SunSmart terms, where all students are required to wear sunscreen and a broad rimmed hat.

Disabled Car Park
Reminder to those using the disabled car park that we ask you to park parallel to the building so no cars are reversing into the driveway. Cars can then exit via the bus shelter and follow the bus route out to the exit.

State Schools Relief
It is compulsory for students to wear school uniform. If any families are suffering from financial hardship and are struggling to pay for a school uniform then please contact Michelle Ward our Welfare Officer who will discuss how to access State Schools Relief Services.

Headlice
A friendly reminder for all families that a weekly check of your child's hair to see if there are any headlice that need to be treated is a good way to keep on top of this annoying critter. School procedures are: If headlice is found in your child's hair, then parents will be called to take the child home and treat them before they can be returned to school. Eggs can hatch within 7 days of being laid so another treatment is recommended 7 and 14 days after initial treatment. Please discuss with Michelle Ward.

New Students
Five new students have joined Room one this year and are settling into routine very well. The group have been working on listening to and following instructions, sitting, waiting, turn taking and sharing. I am very impressed with the progress being made at this time and am very happy with the participation and engagement of all students. Keep up the good work!

Have a great weekend

Heather Braden
Principal

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