SOUTH GIPPSLAND SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Term 1
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Room 3

2016 Term Dates
Term 1:
28/1—24/3
Term 2:
11/4—24/6
Term 3:
11/7—16/9
Term 4:
3/10—20/12
Hello! It is great to be welcomed into SGSS. This year we will be running music therapy sessions for the classrooms on Wednesdays. Music therapy uses music to help achieve non-musical goals like language development, social goals, physical and emotional development. Music can be a great motivator for engaging students, offers repetition and rehearsal of goals. Students will be offered a range of musical experiences that include active instrument playing, singing, creating, movement and sensory activities. I am looking forward to getting to know the school community and music-making.

Letitia

School Uniforms:
All orders need to be in by Thursday 11th February 2016.

Swimming:
Please remember to send back your child’s swimming permission form ASAP.
This week's Award Winners

Room 1: Blake for offering to be helpful.

Room 2: Saxon for having a friendly telephone voice.
Room 4: All room 4 students for adjusting to change.

Room 3: Liam for proudly wearing his uniform.

Room 5: Jayden for looking after the chicken, rabbits and garden beds over the holidays.
EVENTS THIS TERM

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

Next meeting: Tuesday February 9th 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 8th February at 10.30am.
All parents and carers welcome.

Room 1: Jack, Nethli, Kye, Isaac, Jaylen for all settling in so well.
Room 2: Will for trying his best in all activities.
Room 3: Haylea for settling into Room 3 so well.
Room 4: Matherson for his enthusiastic attitude in the gardening program.
Room 5: All of Room 5 for working hard around the school grounds.
Room 4 students have started work on their recycled art piece which is to be submitted to the Recycled Art Exhibition run by South Gippsland Sustainability Festival, which kicks off in March. The art pieces need to be made from at least 80% recycled materials and must embody this year’s theme: Plastic does not go away! Through the art piece we will be highlighting how we can reduce the impact of plastic on the natural environment to protect our marine environment, food system and water supplies from large and micro plastic contamination. Art work will be displayed at the Coal Creek Gallery from the 12th of March until the 17th of April. Make sure you visit and vote on your favourite piece or if you are unable to visit, place your "like" on the South Gippsland Sustainability Festival Facebook page. The most votes and "likes" will be awarded a People's Choice Award.

Tracy Lehman
Words From The Office

Our first full week and there are already some highlights to talk about.
Room 1 students have been working so hard this week that they fell asleep during our mindfulness session.
Room 2 students have started a new sport program with the Leongatha Gymnastics Club and are working their way up to being able to walk up to the gymnasium in Nereena Rd.
Room 3 students have welcomed two new students into their classroom this year—Haylea and Brock.
Room 4 students have happily settled into their routines and are enjoying their new courtyard space with the pod chair and hammock swing that they can use all year round.
Room 5 students have been helping to clean up the school yard by doing pruning of our fruit trees and keeping our paths clean. We also welcome Jordan, a new student.

Welcome Day
On Thursday February 11th, at 11.30 am we would like to invite all our parents to join us for a lovely lunch prepared and presented by our students. This day is held to welcome our new families into the school so they can meet some of our other parents and carers. During the luncheon we will also be having a Duke of Ed Awards ceremony for some of our students who have received awards. Please return the RSVP so we know how many people to cater for.

Reminder
Please remember to return your student information details form so that we have the most up to date information on our system so parents can be contacted if there is an emergency. Please also return the Camps, Sports and Excursion Form so the money is allocated to the school in term 1, otherwise families will be invoiced.

SSG meetings
Teachers are currently calling parents/carers to arrange for a Student Support Group (SSG) meeting. This is a very important meeting where you have the chance to set goals for your child. The process is that parents/carers are asked or contacted three times to organise a meeting. If parents/carers fail to attend after the third contact then teachers will set goals for the child without parent/carer input. Please ensure you arrange a suitable meeting time with your child’s teacher.

Enclosed in this newsletter is our new parent handbook. Please take the time to read through it so you familiarise yourself with school procedures.

Have a great weekend
Heather Braden
Principal

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