**Principal’s Message**

We are into our third week of the Anti-Bullying program. This week we are talking about ‘put downs’. A ‘put down’ is a statement or comment meant to disparage, humiliate or deflate a person. ‘Put downs’ are known to be a pre-cursor to bullying. A nasty comment here or there can grow into constant harassment, in other words bullying. The lessons this week aim to address this and make students aware that ‘put downs’ are hurtful and shouldn’t be used.

Students this week are completing the NAPLAN tests. The tests are a snapshot of where a student is at in Literacy and Numeracy. Most schools use the results of NAPLAN to review their own practice to determine what areas need to be prioritised to improve student performance.

Leonie Pearson
Principal

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**Absent from School**

If your child is going to be absent from school it is a requirement of the Education Department that you inform the school office of the reason: sickness, doctor’s or dentist’s appointments or unforeseen circumstances.

If your child is absent could you please telephone 48213838 before 9:30am otherwise the office personnel will be calling to enquire where your child is.

It is the policy of Goulburn North Public School to know where every child is every school day.

**National Walk Safely to School Day**

Walk Safely to School Day is being held on Friday 22nd May and this is an event that Goulburn North Public School will be a part of! Parents should talk to their children about stranger danger, road rules and even walking with a friend because groups are better than being alone.

If your child walks safely of Friday 22nd May they will receive a sticker at the gate promoting the day.

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**REMINDER**

If your child wants noodles for lunch they are to purchase them from the canteen. The office does not heat any type of food up for the children.
Well done to all the students receiving awards at assembly last week.

Listening Award: 4/5A, 3/4L, 1B
Mrs O’Connell’s Award: Zarah Ledlie
Mathletics Gold Award: Caolon Hazell, Tara Mercer, Nate Constable

KH: Emerson Anable, Jhayelon Bembridge
KM: Shelby Cooper, Victoria Fowosere
1B: Jonathan Carney, Millie Dean
1: Olivia Caldwell, Rohan Coughlan
2O: Charli Rowsell, Angus Hazell
2/3M: Dylan Peterson, Cooper Vucko
3/4R: Blake Webster, Zoe Greaves, Darcy Hyde-Liddell
3/4W: Sam Smith, Josh Urquhart-Hallam, Matthew Ireland
4/5 A: Declan McDa de, Trent Jeffrey, Julia Apps, Claudia Shirley, Brandon Moore
5/6G: Jayde Howard, Eloise Sinclair, Emily Keith
5/6T: Isabella Preston, Jaseta Stevenson, Riley Webb, Michael Chintis, Lilly Harris Byron, Connor Nolan

Remember to have your best behaviour in class and you too could have a Merit Award.
Congratulations to our elected Library Monitors for this year Felicity Gouvas, Chris Marks, Trent Jeffrey, Ben Jones and Sasha Wood.

We remind parents that while we try to keep our calendar as accurately as we can, there are some changes that occur that are beyond our control.

**Week 5**
- Mon, 18th May: District Cross Country
- Fri, 22nd May: Walk Safely to School Day

**Week 7**
- Wed, 3rd June: GCOPS choir rehearsal
  - GNPS 12 – 1:30PM

**Week 8**
- Mon, 8th June: Queens Birthday

Assembly last week was presented by class 1B and they showed us some fabulous drawings of fireworks and recited a poem by Marie Thom called ‘Crackle! Spit!’
Transfer of Student Information

Parents are reminded that it is the policy of this school and indeed all NSW Public Schools that, should children transfer to another Department of Education Training school, records kept by the STLA are forwarded to the new school. This includes student moving on to High School. It is our aim to ensure that moves to new schools are as smooth as possible and that new teaching personnel have all the information they need to meet the needs of our children straight away. If you do not wish us to transfer your child’s information you need to contact the school as soon as possible. Call the school if you need to discuss this matter further on 4821 3838.

Miss Morgan’s Class

Miss Morgan’s class have been working very hard on a project writing their names with crayons.

They all look fantastic!

District Cross Country Rescheduled

Due to bad weather this week our District Cross Country has been rescheduled for Monday 18th May 2015, the race will still be located at Wollondilly Public School.

If it is raining Monday morning please listen to 2GN for an announcement if the District Cross Country is going ahead.

Goulburn North Public School will be having a guessing competition to support Convoy for Kids Goulburn.

Pay $1 and guess how many items are in a very large container of Lollies. S.R.C. members will be selling tickets from Monday next week.

Stewart House Donations

Remember to return your Stewart House envelopes back to school ASAP so you have a chance to win a fantastic family holiday valued at $4000. This Friday 15th May is the very last day to return your donation for a very worthy cause.