Dear Parents,

Our External Review last week was a very positive experience. The review panel spoke to staff, students and parent representatives and looked closely at our policies, structures and processes. Most importantly, the panel inquired about the teaching and learning at our school and reflected on our achievement data. The report from this review should arrive early in the new year and will be posted on our website.

End of Year Concert

Classes are beginning to plan their items for the 2015 end of year concert. We look forward to celebrating the year with our community at this event. Details are as follows:

Thursday 26th November
6:00pm – 7:45pm (approx.)

All students are asked to meet their teachers in classrooms at 5:30pm to prepare for their performances. Students will proceed to the concert area in time for a 6:00pm start.

All students will sit with their classes during the concert and will be dismissed from classrooms at the end of the concert.

Families are invited to bring food/drink. The canteen will be open until 6pm, and will reopen after the concert.

A Sausage Sizzle will be available from the “gate opening time” of 4:30pm. Sausages will be sold until 5:30pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

If the weather is unsuitable, alternative arrangements will be made for this event. This decision will be made on Thursday and parents will be notified of the cancellation by SMS.

2016 Staffing News

The central DECD staffing exercise for 2016 is well underway. In Term 3, two permanent teaching positions were advertised at our school. These JP positions were won by Megan Hennessey from Roseworthy PS and Alison Newman from Modbury West PS. In addition, Helenya Masen (who has been with us this year in a permanent-temporary capacity) has been appointed permanently to our school. And, Deborah Hutchens from Long Street PS in Whyalla has been appointed to our school for one year.

Our school community will soon farewell two of our highly valued staff members. Both Stephanie Portlock (Assistant Principal) and Jayne Nicholas (currently Year 5 teacher) will retire from teaching at the end of this year. Stephanie and Jayne have been an integral part of this school and have contributed positively to the schooling journeys of many, many GGPS students and families.

Kind regards,
Wendy Moore
SAPSASA Tennis
Congratulations to Ashleigh Stones on being selected to play in the State Tennis Carnival for the Tea Tree Gully District this term in Week 4 at Henley Beach. Ashleigh is in a team of 6 girls and she will play both doubles and singles matches. This is a great achievement as Ashleigh is only in Year 5. Congratulations!

All Schools Athletics Carnival
On 24th and 25th October Emilaya Ellis represented Golden Grove Primary School at the All Schools Athletics Carnival at SANTOS Stadium. She competed in the U-14 Triple Jump, Long Jump, Hurdles, 100m and 200m and gained a medal in each of these events. Emilaya won Gold medals in the Triple Jump and the Hurdles, Silver medals in the 100m and the 200m and a Bronze medal in the Long Jump. Although she was very tired after such a big weekend she was also proud of her achievements and we certainly are too. Congratulations on such a successful meet Emilaya!

Futsal and FFSA SAP programme
Well done to Calum Campbell, who like Harry Kostrzewa was shortlisted for the State Futsal team. During the final selection process the selectors realised that Calum was a year younger than all of the other shortlisted boys so he was unable to be chosen this year. Next year Calum will have the chance to be selected alongside people his own age.
Calum has also been selected for the Northern Region SAP programme. Over 50 students trialled. He is currently training with the squad and will be involved in gala days later this year. Well done Calum!

Stephanie Portlock

Golden Grove District Cricket Champions 2015
On Wednesday the 21st of October we took a team of boys and a team of girls to the District cricket championships at Tea Tree Gully oval. The girls played 3 games with one bye. They won all 3, with one of their games coming down to one run. The girls all played magnificently, smashing lots of runs. Kimberley Mumford and Sarah Fry topped the run scorers on the day. Overall, for the second year in a row, the girls finished second by one run.
The Boys played exceptionally well on the day winning all four of their games. They were crowned District Champions for the second year in a row, with an average of 220 runs per game. Jack Bastian began our first game with 6 sixes off the first over, which was a fantastic effort. The rest of the boys continued to smash lots of runs throughout our games. We also averaged 11 wickets per game, which was superb bowling.
The boys are now off to Adelaide Oval, to compete in the State Carnival on the 11th of November. The winner of the State Carnival gets to go to Melbourne and play at the MCG against all the state finalists. Special thanks to Kelly Johnson and Tammy Cooper for coaching the girls on the day. Once again they did a brilliant job and all the girls appreciated their efforts.

Mr Pearce
Golden Grove Primary School
Award Winners
This week's awards were given for our School value - Responsibility