Term 2 Week 9, 30th June 2016

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of term, teachers are preparing student reports which will be distributed on Wednesday of Week 10. We have had a very busy and productive term despite high numbers of student and staff illnesses. We hope the coming school holidays will provide an opportunity to stay warm and fight the winter colds and flus.

When you receive your child’s report next week, you will notice a difference with regards to the grading. Of the 8 learning areas, all will be ‘graded’ with regards to student effort yet only 4 learning areas will have achievement grades. This is due to the way the learning areas are described in the Australian Curriculum which has reached its final stage of implementation. The most current version of the Australian Curriculum requires each learning area to be graded twice during a “band” which is the period during which the learning area is required to be taught. Four of the learning bands are described over a one year band or time period and the other four are described over a two year band.

This means that the four learning areas with a one year band will be graded halfway through the band (middle of a school year) and at the end of the one year band (end of a school year). These areas are English, Mathematics, Science and HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences).

The remaining four areas with a two year band will also be graded halfway through the band and at the end of the band but this will mean grading at the end of each school year only. As with our normal procedures, we encourage parents to make contact with class teachers or specialist teachers if they have queries about their child’s progress.

Key date reminders:

- **Sausage Sizzle Tuesday 5th July**
- **Reports sent home Wednesday 6th July**
- **Early Dismissal & Casual Clothes Friday 8th July**
- **Term 3 Pupil Free Day – Monday 25th July**
- **School resumes – Tuesday 26th July**

Wishing all families a safe and happy school holiday.

Kind regards,

Wendy Moore
MEDICATION MANAGEMENT POLICY

DECD First Aid and Medication Management Policies require schools to store or supply medication to students only if the following important conditions are met:

- All medications to be administered at school must be accompanied by a Medication Authority form and a Health Care Plan for each medical condition. Forms are available from the school or Health Care professionals.
- All medications require a separate Medication Authority form. (Only one medication per authority)
- All Health Care Plans and Medication Authorities are current for 12 months only and are reviewed annually. (Although every effort is made to contact parents if medications/plans are due to be updated, this is the parents’ responsibility.)
- All medications to be administered at school must be in the original medication bottle or container and clearly labelled. Labelling must include the name of the student, dosage and time to be administered.
- The first dose of new medication should not be administered at school. The student should be supervised by an adult family member or a health professional when the first dose is administered in case of allergic reactions.
- Medication to be administered at school must not have passed the expiry date (under no circumstances will expired medication be administered). If a child presents with an emergency and the medication or plan is out of date, an ambulance will be called.

All of the above conditions are required to be met for any and all medications. This includes but is not limited to:

- Prescription medications such as Antibiotics, EpiPens, Asthma medication etc.
- ‘Over the counter’ medications such as analgesics (panadol, heron etc), anti-inflammatory medication (ibuprofen, nurofen etc), as well as vitamins, supplements, topical creams/lotions etc.

Please note: Except for diagnosed conditions that require regular medication (asthma, allergies etc), most medical conditions/complaints will not require the administration of medication during school hours. For example, medication that is required to be taken 3 times per day can be taken before school, after school and at bedtime. For short term medical conditions (cold/flu, virus/bacterial infections etc.) we ask parents to give careful thought as to whether or not their child requires medication to be taken at school, and if they are unwell enough to require medication, consider if they are in fact well enough to be at school at all. If it is decided that it is in the best interest of the child that medication is required then Medication Authorities and any relevant care plans must accompany the medication to school.

This above information also applies for all camps and excursions.
SPORTS NEWS

Soccer

Four boys and one girl from our Middle School were chosen to represent the District of Tea Tree Gully during week 8 at the State Soccer Carnival. They battled against the strong winds and the constant rain every day. Congratulations to Georgia A, Lachie H, Harry J, James W (Joint Captain of the team) and Calum C.

Hockey

Congratulations also to Jodie D, Dkota K, Emma D and Ryan S for representing the District of Tea Tree Gully at the SAPSASA State Hockey Carnival during week 8. These students also had an awful week of weather, however they battled hard each day against other teams from across the state.
Also, a massive congratulations to Emma D from HB22 who has been selected in the State team. A huge achievement and we wish her lots of luck for the future.

Becky Jones

Golden Grove Kindergarten

Quiz night

Saturday 6th August at 7pm
$10 per person, tables of 10
See Kindy Staff for more information
Golden Grove Primary School
Award Winners
This week’s awards were given for
Trust and Growth Mindset