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The Values We Share
The following students are to be congratulated for receiving values awards in the last fortnight.

**Term 4 Week 2 – Integrity**
- KP Timothy
- 3P Xanthe
- KS Alexia
- 3N Giovanni
- KM Elliot
- 3/4E Rocco
- KL Jack
- 4G Leo
- 1L Zak
- 4M Ebru
- 1D James
- 5/6R Conner
- 1F Joel
- 5/6N Lewis
- 2T Costa
- 5/6G Tamzyn
- 2F Carter
- 5/6S Yianni
- 2M Lachlan

**Term 4 Week 3 – Care & Compassion**
- KP Sabine
- 3P Bill
- KS Cara
- 3N Bianca
- KM Xavier
- 3/4E Naomi
- KL Alix
- 4G Lucy
- 1L Adelle
- 4M Harry
- 1D Meghann
- 5/6R Rose
- 1F Joshua
- 5/6N Maggie
- 2T Bella
- 5/6G Isabella
- 2F Rachel
- 5/6S Spiro
- 2M Tom

Student Congratulations
We have some great sporting achievements to acknowledge this week. Congratulations to Hannah, Jordan and Maxine who competed at the State Athletics Carnival recently. Hannah is thrilled to be continuing her journey by representing her state at National level in November in both shot put and discus events. Jordan also recently participated in the State Boys Touch Football Carnival. Lilly D represented Northern Sydney at the State Girls Cricket carnival in Nowra last week. Connor and Jack will be travelling to Bathurst representing Northern Sydney at the Boys Cricket Carnival next week.

Fabulous achievements – well done!
Thank you to everyone who has supported these students by purchasing raffle tickets.

SRC Bush Fire Mufti Day Appeal – Thursday 31 October
The SRC is holding a Mufti Day on Thursday 31 October to raise funds for the victims of the current bushfire crisis. Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin (or more) donation for the opportunity to leave their school uniform at home! All monies will be donated to the Salvation Army Bushfire Appeal so please be generous.

A Celebration of Music at GPS
We will be holding a special evening of music at GPS on Tuesday 5 November. The Year 2, Junior and Senior choirs will be performing from 6.00pm followed by our traditional Soiree at 7.00pm with the Training Band, Concert Band, Pizzicatos and Arpeggios all performing. Separate notes have been sent home to each group with performance details.
Planning 2014
Thank you to all families who have returned their notes indicating a return or otherwise to GPS in 2014. For those families who have not returned notes, please do so asap or we will assume you are not coming back in 2014.

Every School, Every Student (ESES) - Reminder
As you would be aware, the staff at GPS participated in intensive professional learning during Term 3 focussing on receptive and expressive language delay and how to assist students with language difficulties in their class, as part of the ESES grant we received. We have been guided through this process by Speech Pathologist Lauren Rheinhardt who has been team teaching with GPS staff and conducting demonstration lessons across all grades. As a culmination to this project, Lauren will be presenting a general information session for parents at 7.00pm on Thursday 21 November in the School Hall. Please note this date in your diaries, RSVP’s will be called for later in the term. An information session for the Kindergarten 2014 parents has also been scheduled as part of the orientation program.

Stepping Stones –Transition to High School Parent Forum
Parents of students in Years 3-6 are warmly invited to attend a Transition to High School Parent Forum, hosted by Hunters Hill High School on Thursday 31 October starting at 8.00am.
Keynote speaker Angie Wilcox (author of ‘The Transition Tightrope’) will be addressing and responding to parent concerns regarding their child’s transition to high school. Breakfast will be provided. Please note this forum is for all parents, regardless of where your child is intending to go to high school.

Library News
Our wonderful library snake is looking sad and tired of late and we are hoping to either recover him or replace him altogether –if any parent has a contact in this area of unique haberdashery, please contact Mrs Goodfellow.
All parents are invited to view the detailed and varied Year 6 Heritage Projects that are currently on display in the library.

Judi Partland
Principal

P&C News
GPS Twilight Markets
This year’s Twilight Markets will be held on Friday, November 15, 2013 from 2-8pm.
This is a great opportunity to get together with family & friends for an evening of pre-Christmas shopping & fun!!
Keep the kids occupied with sand art whilst you browse the stalls ranging from handbags, clothing, jewellery, skincare, arts, craft & much more...and have a bite to eat afterwards at one of our food stalls. - Seeking Help!! - If you are able & interested in helping distribute flyers in your area &/or can help out on the night at the gelato bar, please advise the P&C committee.

A Worthy Cause
Some of our enthusiastic mums (and GPS champion school fundraisers) have entered the Sydney Coastrek and will be trekking 100km along the beautiful coastline on 28th February and 1st March 2014 to raise funds for The Fred Hollows Foundation. Did you know that 4 out of 5 people who are blind in the developing world do not need to be? Funds raised will be put towards providing the treatment they so desperately need. You can make a donation via: