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The Values We Share
The following students are to be congratulated for receiving values awards.

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Education Week 2013 ‘NSW Public Schools – Creating the Future’
GPS family and friends are invited to visit the school during Education Week 29 July – 2 August. Please see flyer on the school website for scheduled activities.

Every School Every Student
As part of receiving an Every Student, Every School government grant we have organised a speech therapist (Lauren Reinhardt and her associate) to visit our school every Monday this term beginning in Week 4. They will be working with class teachers to give them strategies to support students with Receptive, Expressive and Social Language difficulties. This will be both a great professional learning opportunity for our staff and of great benefit to our students.

Student Attendance – A Message from the Home School Liaison Officer
The Home School Liaison Officer has recently conducted an audit of class rolls at GPS. It was noted that many students are arriving at school late, which is disruptive to them, the other class members and the teaching / learning program. Lateness to school is recorded as a partial absence and is noted on both the student record card and student academic reports.

If a student is late or absent, we appreciate an explanatory note being sent to the class teacher as soon as possible after the absence has occurred.

Absences after 7 days without a note are recorded as unjustified.

Judi Partland
Principal
School Photos
All classes have now received the school photos. If you have any enquiries, please contact the photographer on 9674 9824. Year 6 and School Executive photos are available for purchase, envelopes can be collected from the school office.

Book Club
Please assist the parents who volunteer their time to organise the book club and ensure all orders are returned by Friday 26 July.

Music Groups
The Amazing Arpeggios and the school’s Concert Band will be performing in the 2013 Ryde Eisteddfod (6 August and 29 July respectively). We wish both groups the best of luck.
The school is also hosting a Strings Workshop on 11 August between 10.30am and 3.30pm. Students from four local schools will be attending, and will have the opportunity to learn from professional musicians.

P&C Country Fair and Bush Dance
Hay, hay, hay….
Want to teach the kids the meaning of philanthropy? Then here’s the perfect opportunity!!
The P&C will be supplying hay bales for the upcoming Bush Dance which are available to purchase for $20. Hay is great for mulch, cage liners for guinea pigs or chooks or feed for animals. This year we are proud to again support Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA, Ryde NSW) & donate a portion of our hay for their horses.
RDA is a voluntarily run, non-profit organisation which enables children, young people & adults with disabilities to experience enjoyment & to achieve physical, social, psychological & educational progress through participation in therapeutic horse riding programs & activities. RDA receives no recurrent funding & are reliant on the generosity of individuals, grants, community groups, local businesses & schools like us!!
Not only does the school community support worthwhile charities it gives us the opportunity to teach our children the essence of giving.
Complete an order form today or purchase from the stall in the playground!!