On Friday 17th of May we held our Annual school Cross Country Carnival. We were blessed this year with a glorious day. Students should all be commended for their participation on the day giving, it their all. Congratulations to Macarthur the winning house. The following students will travel to Rylstone on the 6th of June to compete at the Zone Xarnival: Ruby, Hayley, Tara, Summer, Nea, Asa, Kobey, Benji, Jackson, Hunter, William, Ivy, Chloe, Jazmin, Ashanti, Matilda, Dylan, Charlie, Joe, Beau, Joey, Lilli, Shelby, Alicia, Akaisha, Arabella, Jayden, Reuben, Mason, Jackson, Brennan, Ashley, Nicola, Jazmin, Lily, Liana, Paeyton, Baden, Leo, Kaden, Harrison, Jye, Jack, Nahkiaya, Michael. Goodluck to these students.

**PSSA NETBALL TOMORROW**

Tomorrow, Tuesday 21st May, at 10.30am our girls netball team will be playing their first PSSA round game at the netball courts behind the school. We welcome any parents to come and watch and cheer on the girls.

**FIRST INSTALMENT**

Year 4 - The Great Aussie Bush Camp
Friday 31st May 2019

**SECOND INSTALMENT**

Year 6 - Canberra Excursion
Friday 24th May 2019

Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 Performance is Tomorrow Cost is $5
“My Friends & I” Anti-Bullying Performance
Last week saw the start of our SRC, with 28 eager students having their first meeting. This fits very well with this year’s Education Week theme which was announced last week by the Department of Education of Every Student, Every Voice. Our SRC aims to give students a chance to have their say. In the first week, they came up with some interesting ideas, including having a school Chicken Coop, Dance, Art and Music clubs, Water Pressure in the bubblers and getting involved in more sporting Gala Days. All ideas have been discussed with the executive and thrown back to the SRC to see which idea they most want to run with and HOW they are going to run this within our school. SRC members will also receive their badges in the following weeks when they arrive.

This week we are working on being “Responsible for our own behaviour at school”. This means owning our mistakes and trying to learn from them so we don’t do the same thing again. Ruben Farr mentioned on assembly this morning that we make the choice how we behave and we should help the teachers by making good choices. We would also be helping ourselves if we made these good choices as we would be more open to new learning and new friendships.

We have a big week at school this week. Today our school leaders are in Dubbo attending GRIP leadership days. This is to further their leadership potential. On Tuesday our girls PSSA Netball team plays CVPS at Gulgong. Best of luck girls. We also have a performance "My Friends and I" for K-2 students. Wednesday is Scarecrow making day for the Henry Lawson festival with the help of Peabody Energy. On Friday we have our boys PSSA Soccer team playing Dunedoo at Billy Dunn oval. Best of luck boys.

**It’s Wellbeing Week at GPS!**

*A time to stop and fill our cup a little.*

*There will be no homework during Wellbeing Week.*

*Enjoy some rest and time to relax together as a family.*

**What’s on at GPS during Wellbeing Week?**
- **Monday** – Mindfulness Art and Yoga
- **Tuesday** – Inside Out Short Clips and Class Discussions
- **Wednesday** – Buddy Class Activities
- **Thursday** – STEM Activities
- **Friday** – Mindful Colouring and Board Games

Thank you to Ronnie Barrass, Zac Barrass and Steven Haney for their work on the wood raffle fundraiser. They managed to raise $1600 for the Year 6 Excursion. Our students are very lucky have people give up their time for them.

**ATHLETIC’S CARNIVAL**

**FRIDAY 7th JUNE**
This semester 1 Blue has been focusing on working together.

This semester our Science Unit looked at the needs of living things. We designed a shelter for a bird and constructed it using both natural and man-made materials.

It was great fun!

We are working hard to develop our reading, writing and numeracy skills.

For Mother’s Day we made beautiful posies for our Mums, Dads and Nans. They looked beautiful! Thank you for all that you do.
4/5Q’s Afternoon At Red Hill

4/5Q had an afternoon at Red Hill cooking with Miss Quayle’s dad last Wednesday. They got to try some mulligan with white rice both cooked in the camp oven.

The students told jokes and shared stories around the fire. They had a lesson of how to make damper and some boys sampled it for the first time - they all said it was absolutely delicious.