

HEAD LICE

Please carefully read the 'Head Lice' brochure included in this package. Remember that schools do not get headlice - people do! Schools have an obligation to support public health measures

At Georgetown PS we have SSO staff who check children's hair regularly. All children are checked except for children whose parents do not sign consent. Those parents are required to check their own children every week and provide the school with assurance that their children were nit free. "Nit notes" will be sent home via the School Diaries when students have been checked. Parents are asked to sign the note regardless of whether nits were detected or not.

When evidence of nits is found, the school will inform parents as soon as possible. Students need to be picked up from school as soon as possible and can be treated at home and return to school on the same day. Children need to be treated for nits before they can return to school. If parents can't be contacted, students will need to work in the library for the remainder of the day to avoid spreading the infestation. Parents need to inform the school via the school diary of the treatment performed. KP24 is available from the school at parents request. A useful prevention method is written below when mixed in a spray bottle and sprayed on the hair daily. It can help prevent an infestation. In the morning while brushing hair is a good routine. We encourage girls to wear their hair tied back to lessen the chance of nit transferral.

10 ml tea tree oil

10 ml eucalyptus oil

10 ml lavender oil

Mix together in spray bottle with water to fill.



Georgetown Primary School

PO Box 51
Georgetown 5472
Ph: (08) 86624013
fax: (08) 86624002

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Georgetown Primary School. We trust that your involvement with the school will be a valuable and rewarding time for both you and your children.

At Georgetown Primary, we strive to provide a learning environment which caters for the needs of students in our care.

Our aim is to provide a challenging and relevant curriculum across the learning areas of Maths, English, Society and Environment, Design & Technology, Science, Health & PE, and The Arts as outlined in South Australian Curriculum, Standards and Accountability Framework (Australian Curriculum).

You are encouraged to play an active role in the education of your children so please contact your class teacher or myself anytime if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely

Matt Delany

Principal

STAFF

Our Staff for 2012 are listed as follows:

- Matt Delany - Principal
- Emma Lehmann - Years R-3
- Katie Deverell - Years 4-7
- Bev Hennessy - School Service Officer Front Office
- Alison Weckert - School Service Officer - Classroom Support/Library
- Sarah Hollitt - School Service Officer - Classroom Support
- Marie Brooks - School CPS Worker
- Tony Muirhead - Groundsperson
- Michelle Perry - Cleaner

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees have been set at \$190.00 and includes a stationery allocation as well as fees for consumable materials.

Fees for 3 Terms, \$142.50; 2 terms, \$95; 1 term \$47.50.

ICE BLOCKS

SRC sell 100% fruit iceblocks during the break times for 50c.

SCHOOL BANK

Bank books are collected each Tuesday morning and passed on to the BankSA at Gladstone. All students are urged to bank weekly. Student bank books are kept at home.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Lunch orders are provided on some Thursdays (three days per term) by the Upper Primary and CPS person. Orders must be given in at the office **by Tuesday** in an envelope containing the correct money if possible. Children are supervised eating for 10 minutes before being allowed to play. Our school is a health promoting school.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be sent home on alternate Fridays. Please take time to read them as they often contain information about coming events, special events at school, children's work and community news.

At the start of each term a term planner of coming events will be sent to all families.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photos are taken every year. Parents are given the option of purchasing them. We encourage students to wear school uniform on photo day.

DENTAL CLINIC

Children from our school are allocated to the Port Pirie West School Dental Clinic, 214 The Terrace, Port Pirie. This clinic is open from Monday to Friday, 8.30am through to 4.30pm. Appointments can be made by ringing Ph: (08) 8632 1926. A form to enrol is included in this package.

HEALTH

Good health is vital to school progress. We suggest that you consult your doctor concerning protection against diphtheria, whooping cough, polio, measles and tetanus.

You are required to send a note of explanation or to make a phone call to the school when your child is absent.

It is probable that at some time during your child's school career he/she will contract one of the common diseases listed below. Please notify the school immediately, and observe the following regulations:

Sufferers excluded from school for not less than:

Measles

7 days from the appearance of the rash. Suspect sufferers 3 days

German Measles (Rubella)

5 days

Mumps

10 days from onset of symptoms. Suspect sufferers 2 days.

Chicken Pox

5 days from appearance of spots. Suspect sufferers 3 days.

Impetigo (ie School Sores) and Ringworm

Exclude sufferer until sores have healed or are properly covered. This also applies to ringworm.

Georgetown is a health promoting school. Children are encouraged to eat healthy food (foods low in fat, sugar and salt) while at school. At 10.00am all classes have a "healthy snack" break but only healthy, non-messy food can be eaten at this time as children often continue to work while eating. Lollies (including roll-ups) are not permitted at school.

ENROLMENT GUIDELINES

It is Education Department policy that children enrolling in government schools normally have between ten and fourteen terms in Junior Primary classes, that is Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Depending on the date of admission, the progress of children will follow these patterns:

- * children admitted at five years of age in February will have 12 terms, that is, three years in junior primary class. (3 years)
- * children admitted at the beginning of second term will have 11 terms. (2¾ years)
- * children admitted at the beginning of third term will normally have 14 terms. (3½ years)
- * children admitted at the beginning of the fourth term will normally have 13 terms. (3¼ years)

No child may enrol at school before the age of five years.

SUN SMART POLICY

With the incidence of skin cancer ever increasing, the school has adopted a "NO HAT NO PLAY" policy. Governing Council issues every student a bucket hat when they enrol at Georgetown Primary School. The hats are to be left at school and worn at all times when outside during terms 1 & 4. Children who do not have a hat need to sit in the shade. Hats are washed once a term by the school staff. Children's own hats from home are not acceptable. We also provide sunscreen in the Front Office for use by students if they choose.

TERM DATES

2012	1st Term	30th January - 5th April
	2nd Term	23rd April - 29th June
	3rd Term	16 th July - 21st September
	4th Term	8th October - 16 th December

SCHOOL TIMES

School commences at	9.00am
Lunch (Supervised eating)	11.20am - 11.30am
Lunch (play time)	11.30am - 12.00pm
Afternoon Recess	1.45pm - 2.15pm
School dismisses	3.30pm

On the last day of each term school dismisses at 2:30pm.

Students are supervised in the yard before school from 8:30am to 9 am and after school until 4pm. Students are not to arrive at school in the morning until 8:30am. If they do so they will be asked to sit outside the front office on the benches until 8:30am.

ABSENT / LATE CHILDREN

You are required to notify the school as to reasons for your child's absence from school. Children late to school need to sign in at the front office with an adult to explain why they are late. We would encourage you to avoid lateness where possible as the beginning of the day is a very important organisational and learning time for children and teachers.

LIBRARY

Children are encouraged to borrow from the library. Three books may be borrowed at a time and may be exchanged on any school day. If a book is lost a note to a teacher or a phone call would be appreciated and payment may be required.

The Flinders Mobile Library visits the school fortnightly on Wednesdays. Children can also borrow from this library. New children will need to fill out the borrowing form in this package to get a card.

WET WEATHER / HOT WEATHER POLICY

On extremely hot days and during wet weather children will be supervised in classrooms at lesson breaks. Each class has a range of games to play & activities to do at these times.

ACCIDENTS AT SCHOOL

The following steps will be taken:

1. If minor, a band-aid, icepacks and comfort will be available.
2. If we consider it necessary, we shall seek the appropriate medical attention, (eg Ambulance, doctor, hospital, dental clinic) and you will be contacted.

SPORTS DAY

A Rocky River Sports Day is held in the first half of each year involving Gladstone PS, St Josephs PS, Laura PS, Wirrabara PS and Georgetown. Children need to wear sports uniform which is the red & navy school t-shirt and blue shorts and runners.

Georgetown Primary School Sports Day is held in 4th term. Children are divided into 2 teams (Mallee Grove and Clover Hill). New teams are chosen each year.

SWIMMING

Term time swimming instruction is available as part of the physical education curriculum during Term 4 of each year. Students travel to Gladstone pool for these lessons.

S.A.P.S.A.S.A.

(South Australian Primary School Amateur Sports Association)
Representatives from this school are selected from time to time to compete for the North-Eastern Team, against other primary schools in such sports as hockey, football, netball, cricket, soccer, basketball, tennis, swimming, lawn bowls and athletics.

STUDENTS UNIFORM

Georgetown Primary School has a uniform and we encourage students to wear it. Their clothing needs to be neat, clean and comfortable.

✿ Our School colours are Navy Blue and Red. We have red school logo iron-on transfers which can be purchased from the front office for \$2.00.

✿ A Georgetown Primary School Uniform Polo Shirt is available for purchase from the Front Office for \$8. A variety of sizes are available

✿ Navy windcheaters/polar fleece jumpers, track pants & shorts can be purchased from any store and iron-on transfers ironed on.

✿ Blue and white checked dresses can also be purchased from any major store for summer.

✿ A navy blue bucket hat is provided by the Governing Council to each student when they enrol at school. It is to remain at school and be worn for any outdoor activity.

✿ A Lost Property Bin is kept in the office at school for any clothing that is found around the school.

✿ Thongs, slip on shoes & shoes with high heels are not acceptable footwear as they are unsafe for children at play & are easily broken. Suitable footwear must be worn (runners, boots, sandals)

✿ Children should not wear excessive or large jewellery to school as it can cause injury. The school is not responsible for lost or broken jewellery.

✿ Face make up of any sort is not permitted to be worn to school.

✿ Young children may need to have a 'spare' set of underclothes in case of accidents. The school has spare clothing in case of unexpected accidents.

We ask that ALL removable clothing be labelled with the child's full name.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

4 School captains & 2 students from each class are elected to form an SRC. Classes have regular meetings to discuss issues that their SRC representative then takes to the SRC meeting. This group meets regularly with the Principal to discuss school issues and participate in decision-making. They organise fundraising events for charity & to raise money for the school. These children are a role model of the whole school and as such are expected to behave in a responsible manner.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council meets regularly with the Annual General Meeting being held early in Term 1. The Governing Council represents the school community. Members are elected to serve on the council for a 2 year term. The Principal & a staff member attend council meetings. Meetings are held twice a term.

The Governing Council has a joint responsibility with the Principal for the governance of the school by:

- Providing a focus and a forum for the involvement of parents & the school community
- Gauging the educational needs & attitudes toward educational developments of the local community
- Ensuring that the cultural & social diversity of the community is considered & needs are identified

Involvement in Governing Council and its sub committees, (Finance, Fundraising and Grounds) provides parents with an opportunity to have an active role in making decisions that affect the school. We encourage all parents to become involved & welcome those who wish to serve on the Governing Council or one of its committees.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Link Books/Student Diaries: All children have a diary that goes between home and school every day. It is used by parents, teachers & children to communicate with each other. It often contains children's work, reviews & notes. Please ensure that it comes to school everyday & check for notes each evening.

Welcome BBQ: We have a family BBQ early in term 1 for families and staff to get to know each other in an informal setting. This is an enjoyable and important evening which starts the year off well.

Interviews: Teachers will have formal interviews with parents at the end of term 1 and if requested at the end of term 3.

Written Reports: Reports are sent home at the end of terms 2 and 4.

Student Portfolios: These folders will be sent home at the end of each term. Their aim is to communicate student learning, progress and achievement.

VOLUNTEERS/PARENTAL ASSISTANCE

Parents are welcome in our school and we value their assistance. Help is appreciated in the classrooms to hear children read or support students in learning and creative activities. Please talk with the class teacher to arrange a time that suits you both. From time to time you will be advised of special ways in which you can assist. If you are interested please talk to a teacher.

ASSEMBLIES

Whole school assemblies are held regularly throughout the year, the times and dates are published in the school newsletter. Classes take turns in hosting the assembly and children are given opportunities to share work they have created in class. We encourage parents to attend. Children enjoy seeing their parents at school and it gives all children an audience for their presentations. Awards are presented at assemblies including the school Get Up and Go award.

SCHOOL BUS

Information regarding routes and pick-up times are available from the school. Bus transport is provided for students who live over 5km from the school. Bus vouchers need to be filled out and are available from the school for those needing to travel by bus on a one-off occasion. We currently have a DECS bus that does the Clover Hill route & Hanleys of Gladstone run the Gulnare/Yacka bus route.

ROAD SAFETY

It is parents' responsibility to remind their children of road safety rules. You can help your child by advising him/her of the safest route to and from school.

There is a 25km speed limit approaching and outside the school grounds. There is a 10km limit within school grounds including the carpark.

Please warn your child against:

- ⇒ Loitering on the way home.
- ⇒ Visiting friends without permission.
- ⇒ Going anywhere with strangers.
- ⇒ Using footpaths & not the road to walk on.

PARKING AT SCHOOL

The car park on school grounds is for staff cars & buses only. Parents are asked to park at the front of the school at all times. An area marked with a yellow painted line is the drop off zone for parents who are not planning to stay at school for any length of time. Children are to depart from the vehicle and enter the school ground via the small front entrance gate. Parents & visitors who are wishing to stay at school for some time are asked to angle park in front of the school.

Children walking & riding bikes home are to enter & exit via the western front gate. Children are to push their bikes while on school grounds. A bike rack is supplied for children's bikes. Children are not permitted to walk through the car park unaccompanied at any time.

WELCOME TO GEORGETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

