**Year 7 entry into selective high school in 2015**

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the education needs of gifted and talented students. One

strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educational enriched environment for gifted and talented students. Offer for selective high school placement will be determined mainly onthe basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday, 13 March 2014. If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015, you need to do so soon. Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from15 October,201 3 at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement).

Online applications close on 18 November, 2013.If parents do not have internet access, commercially printed application forms become available from the school on 22 October, 2013. They must be completed and returned to the school by 18 November, 2013

**STAR STRUCK VOCAL AUDITIONS 2014**

Applications are now open for Star Struck 2014 Vocal Auditions.

This is an external process and parents need to complete the appropriate application forms.

These can be either downloaded from the NEW Star Struck website:

[www.starstruck.schools.nsw..edu.au](http://www.starstruck.schools.nsw..edu.au)

EFTPOS AND SCHOOL TRANSACTIONS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL’S EFTPOS SYSTEM WILL BE UNAVAILABLE BETWEEN 1ST NOVEMEBR AND 18TH NOVEMBER DUE TO UPGRADES TO OUR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROCESS ANY TRANSACTIONS OF ANY DESCRIPTION BETWEEN THE 6TH NOVEMBER AND THE 18TH NOVEMEBER. WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

SWIMMING DAY

Our inaguaral School Swimming Fun Day wil be held at Wallsend pool on Wednesday 30th October. Swimming will commence at 10am and there will be age races, novelties and fun events. Cost of this event is $7 and can only be paid to classroom teachers on the day of the event.

Any children that are not attending the day will be catered for and supervised at school with an alternative program.

YR 6 CAMP

The year 6 end of school camp will be held on Thursday 5th December at Morrisset Outdoor Education Centre. There is a separate not for year 6 parents who would like for their students to attend this camp. All students will need to maintain an excellent level of behaviour if they wish to attend this camp.

DIARY REMINDERS – attach the calendar for term 4 again please.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Our Halloween disco will be held on Friday 1st November – (Info from Rhonda)

AASSPORTS

Our school has been successful in its application for the Active After School Sports program. This program will run next year in the afternoons’ after school The program aims to provide professional coaching for students in a sport that thy have not been exposed to previously.. Teachers volunteer their time after school to supervise and assist in the program.

PARENTS ROOM

Thanks to Kate for all her hard work opening the Parents and Community room. This is a wonderful space where parents can network, borrow resources and get together when working on projects for the school. At thios stage the room will be open on Wednesday morning and afternoon and Friday mornings. (PICTURES)

P AND C AGM

A reminder that our P and C Annual General meeting will be held next Wednesday the 23rd of October in the Parents room. If you would like to run for an executive position on te P and C or wish to become involved please come along. All offices will be open at this meeting.

JUNIOR TOUCH GALA

The junior touch Gala competition will be held tomorrow at the Harness racing track, Broadmeadow. We wish our boys and girls the best of luck.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMP

Stage 2 will be entering a Christmas card competition that is being run by the Federal member.

CANTEEN – NOT SELLING FROZEN DRINKS SECOND HALF

Canteen will not be selling frozen drinks during the second half of lunch. Children are not finishing the drinks before the end of lunch. If you wish for your child to purchase a frozen drink please remind them to do so during first half.

UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Uniforms are now available for order through the office. There are more sizes being delivered from the supplier next week for you to try before you order. (ATTACH ORDER FORM)

JESS ARNOLD

We are lucky to have Miss Jessica Arnold back with us on 3-4 B Miss Arnold was here for 3 weeks in term 2 and she is now completeing her internship. During the next 5 week s Ms Arnold will teach the class with Ms Littlewood. Welcome back and enjoy your time at GEPS! (PICTURE)