School Beliefs

We are fast approaching the first school holidays for the year and things are running smoothly with the children settled into their learning in the J Pod. Students have become accustomed to the expectations and routines and have been involved in many great learning experiences. We have had a big focus around our school beliefs and behaving in ways that ensure we are adhering to these beliefs. We have spent time discussing what these beliefs look like, sound like and feel like. See our video on the J Pod blog: http://gwpsjpod.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/02/25/our-school-beliefs/

Students Homework

• Reading at home is expected to be completed. Children are expected to read for at least 5-15 minutes every day, using their 'dot books'. Some students will also have 'magic words' to complement their reading practise which will be attached to their reader folder.

• Counting goals – these consist of skip counting patterns (eg: counting by 5’s up to 125) and other counting skills that are essential to mathematical fluency. This record sheet will be attached to the student diaries. Please make note when they are fluent in achieving their goal so that they can be tested by their teachers.

• Spelling – these words are linked to your child’s letters and sounds group, which are tailored to their needs. Words will be handed out on a Wednesday, with a short test the following Monday.

J Pod Blog

Please sign up to received updates from the J Pod blog. Visiting our blog is a great way to see what is happening in the classroom and is an
opportunity for your child to share exciting news about activities and events from our classroom.  http://gwpsjpod.global2.vic.edu.au/

**Nude Food**
Students are allocated time in class to eat their snack and lunch, but we still advise all families to provide ‘nude food’ (no wrapping, eg: take muesli bars out of wrappers) where possible to minimise rubbish in our school environment.

**School Uniform Reminder**
Students are also required to wear correct school uniform at all times. If children want to wear items in their hair, such as headbands and ribbons, these need to match our school uniform colours. Students are asked not to wear any jewellery as per our uniform policy. Items such as necklaces or bracelets are safety risks when playing outside on the playground – if students wear these to school they will be asked to remove them.

**Parent Helpers**
Thank-you to those who have volunteered to help in the J Pod this year. You will be notified in the coming weeks to organise a time to come in and give assistance. Please remember that you need to provide a copy of your working with children’s check to the office before you can spend any time in the J Pod.

**School Fundraising – Cross Country**
Please ensure that you return your forms and money for our school cross country fundraiser. All funds raised will go towards improving our school grounds and implementing our beautiful garden plans. Money and forms are due back Friday the 27th of March.

It will be great to see which house can win the day for the most money raised.

**J Pod Timetable**
Students now have a copy of our weekly timetable glued into their diary. Take a look at it and check out how we run our week!

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND – FROM THE J POD TEAM 😊