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## We Celebrate Books In Style

By Ruya, Hafsa, & Laveen

On the 19th of August, our school had their annual Book Week celebration. This included a book fair, and a book parade. It was a very fun, enjoyable day for all the students and teachers.

For the Book Week parade, teachers and students dressed up as their favourite character from a book.

At 9:00am all students and teachers came to the hall.

Each class had a turn at going up on the stage



Image: Reading is magic! GEPS teachers dressed up for Book Week

and parading their costumes, with a song in the background.

It was a very fun morning seeing everybody all dressed up.

There was also a book fair from 8:30 to 9:00 in the library. Students could buy many things,

such as books and stationary.

We collected some data from the playground on which types of books students like most, and we can say that students in GEPS like graphic novels the most, and coming in second place is chapter books!



### Welcome To Issue #6

Welcome to Issue #6! In this Issue we have many stories for you such as Book Week, Athletics Carnival, Humans of GEPS and even an interview with author Andy Griffiths. We also found out how students spend their free time and look back on events like the Anti-bullying IncurSION, Genes for Jeans day. Enjoy!

Michelle 🧐

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## Special Report: The GEPS Athletics Carnival

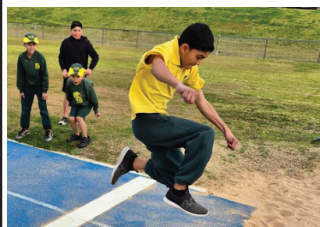


Image: Action shot! Student goes for gold in the long jump

By The Press Gang

There were people racing and all of a sudden, 'yayyayyay!' someone had won and everyone was cheering!

The Athletics Carnival took place in Week 2 at Wyatt Park.

At the Athletics Carnival there were many events such as 100m, 200m and 800m races, shot put, 800m race, long jump and high jump

We interviewed some of the Athletics Carnival winners.

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## Report: GEPS Athletics Carnival



Image: Students enjoying the Athletics Carnival

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Jackie, 11 years, came first in Shot Put, Long Jump and 100m.

“It was very exciting. There was a lot of adrenaline.”

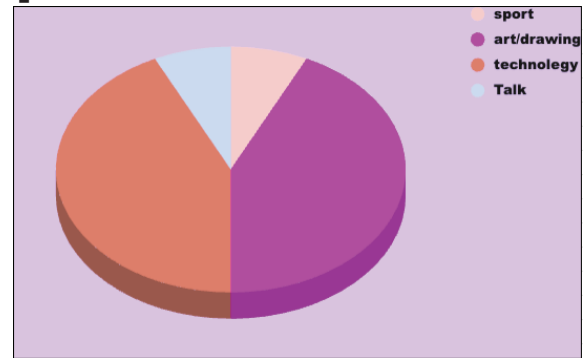
Michelle, nine, came first in the High Jump, 100m and 800m events.

“I felt exhausted but still excited.”

A Press Gang poll found that 93 per cent of students enjoyed the Athletics Carnival.

Our poll showed that Long Jump and 100M are the most popular events.

## How Do GEPS Students Spend Their Free Time?



### By Mariam

Have you ever wondered what people do in their spare time?

I did a poll in the playgroup and the information I gathered showed me that art/drawing and technology are the most popular hobbies.

So what did students say about their hobbies?

“You can draw anything.” Mikala

“You can play with friends.” Jhlhjah

“I can watch YouTube.” Eden

## Humans of GEPS: Award Winners In Spotlight



Mariam Al D gets a Universe Award

### By Mariam AR

The ‘Universe Award’ is the hardest award to get in our school, so if you have one, people will know you worked hard to get it. Press Gang reporter Mariam spoke to a recent award winner to find out more.

### Was it hard to get a Universe Award?

It wasn’t that hard because you just have

to listen and be proud of your work. That’s how I got my GEPS stars and I just kept saving them up.

### Were you excited when you got your Universe Award?

Yes. I was very excited because this has been my goal ever since I understood the award system.

### When did you get your award?

On Monday 26 August at GEPS Fest.

### Do you have any tips for students that want to get a Universe Award?

Keep on trying and listen to instructions to get

extra stars. And when you get 10, save up. Don’t ask for a universe straight away. That’s how I got mine.

### GEPS Wins a Secretary’s Award - Mrs Delveccihho Explains



### By Michelle & Phoebe

### What is a Secretary’s Award?

The Secretary’s Award award is for public schools who are doing excellent things in education with students.

GEPS won an award recognising excellence in the area of inquiry learning for a project that makes a difference to the kids that we work with.

### Why did GEPS receive this award?

We received the award because we have been doing inquiry learning for a really long time. We do inquiry from kindergarten through learning centers all the way up to Year 6 where they’re doing Grapple.

So every stage at our school does a version of inquiry and because we’ve been doing it for a long time in an ongoing way and we can see success in every year level.

# Bullying Is Never OK



Image: Mr Jamal talked to students about bullying

**By Amena.H, Xiya, Phoebe & Michelle**

On the 6th of August, Stage 2 and Stage 3 had an incursion with Mr Jamal about Anti-Bullying.

Mr Jamal is from the

Giants football team. He talked about how bullying can affect others and the signs of bullying to look out for.

Bullying is mean on purpose behaviour. Mean on purpose behaviour is when

someone is making fun or being rude to someone else all the time. This makes the person being bullied feel upset and uncomfortable.

## Top Tips from Mr Jamal:

Never be mean on purpose to someone.

Bullying is never ok.

Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Zainab S.H. won tickets to a Giants game because she asked good questions.

## GEPS Kids Rock Denim on Genes For Jeans Day



**By Jayda, Zaynab & Zahra**

Jeans for Genes Day is an event where everyone wears jeans to school and brings a gold coin donation.



Art by Zainab. Flower by Zahra.

## Interview: Andy Griffiths Zooms Tells Press Gang About His New Book

**By Phoebe & Xiya**

Andy Griffiths is a famous Australian author. He is from Melbourne and grew up in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. His well known books are The Just! Series & The Treehouse series.

### How many books have you written?

I think close to 40 books would be the answer to that. So I started in 1997 and published. I've always published one book a year, and sometimes there's a second book. And in a couple of cra-

zy years we did three books, but that's a lot of work.

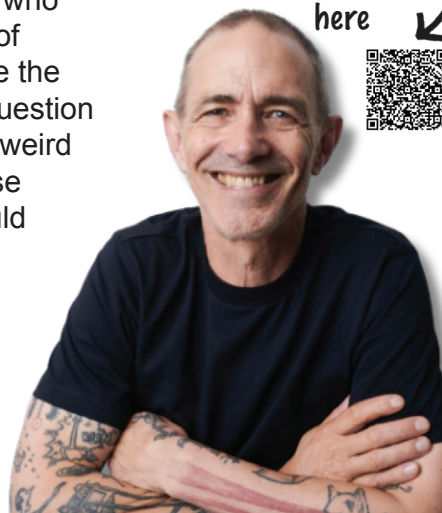
### How has your life changed since you've become an author?

It's been really nice to find a very large audience of people who share my sense of humor. So maybe the answer to your question is, I don't feel so weird anymore, because often people would say, 'you've got really strange ideas and weird humor'.

When I started putting that weird humor into

books, I discovered everybody has their own particular brand of weirdness, and everyone loves to laugh. So yeah, I feel very connected in a way that perhaps I didn't before.

Read more here



We have Jeans for Genes Day once a year. This year Jeans for Genes Day happened on Friday 2nd August. It was organised by the SRC.

The SRC raised \$100. The money will go to The Children's Medical Research Institute to help find treatments and cures to save children's lives.

It was a really fun day because we don't normally wear jeans to school," said Leveen,

# Why We Need Bigger Playgrounds



**By Shelley & Basam**

We believe that bigger park playgrounds would encourage older kids to play outside.

We believe that kids need to socialise more to keep us from getting lonely and from being depressed, some kids suffer from this reason. We believe that playing outside more would make us just like a community which makes us happier. Older kids need encouragement to be more active outside instead of staying inside playing on their devices.

According to playground brand WillyGoat, "Most residents live within a walkable distance of a

park or recreation area - for a good reason. Physical play helps children connect, which ultimately leads to building meaningful friendships and relationships".

This evidence reveals that older kids should socialise at parks because staying inside can increase laziness and anti-social behaviour. Bigger parks for older kids will encourage them to play outside as it would strengthen their minds, bodies and abilities to socialise. We believe that equipment should be inclusive for all ages and sizes. This could include flying foxes, swings that are bigger, monkey bars, rock climbing walls, bike

holds, and balancing equipment. According to playground specialist, Edible Kids Gardens, "Kids love to climb and play on high structures due to the possible risk involved: the possibility of falling". Climbing also helps a kid's self-determination, gross motor skills, and coordination, especially where surfaces to grab onto are irregular and uneven.

As well as the obvious benefits of movement, exercise and fitness, play provides the building blocks to strengthen children's development in balance, vision, hearing, and even integrating sensory learning.

In conclusion, we strongly believe that bigger park playgrounds should encourage older kids to play outside. This would increase socialisation for older kids and have an impact on kids' balance, health and skills of all kinds by including more equipment that is inclusive to older kids.

## Special Report: School Sport

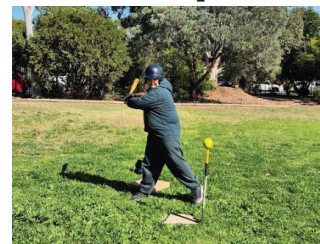


Image: Students have enjoyed playing T-Ball on Fridays

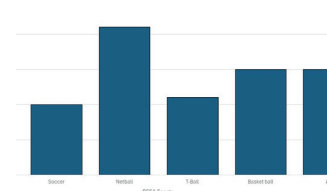
**By Abdullah, Mohammad & Ibrahim**

This term there were three PSSA school sports, Oz-Tag, soccer and netball.

The PSSA soccer team made it to the Semi Finals.

T-Ball is a school sport for years 3 and 4 and softball is for years 5 and 6.

We polled students to find out what the most popular school sports were. The data shows that netball is the most popular.



Q. Why do mice need oiling?  
A. Because they Squeak

Q. Why did the orange stop rolling?  
A. It was out of juice

Q. What instrument does an elephant play?  
A. A trumpet

Knock Knock  
Who's there?  
Boo  
Boo who?

Ah, don't cry, it's only a joke

Q. Where do sheep go to get a hair cut?  
A. The baa-baa's



## Cartoon by Laveen

I made this Cartoon because I thought that most people were dressed as a Minions. and some people saw me eat a banana on stage!

