



Dear Families and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support and patience during another challenging school year. It is greatly appreciated. Schools in the GST cannot do what we do without the support of our families.

At the start of this school year we were all filled with such optimism for getting back to "normal". However the pandemic wasn't quite finished with us. The resurgence of new variants during the winter almost brought our schools to a standstill. But somehow we battled through. As I write this we end our school year grappling with a heat wave and all the issues that causes for our families and schools.

As the school year draws to a close we look back on the achievements of all our schools, especially in the face of so many challenges that the aftermath of the pandemic has wrought. Our schools continue to provide a wonderful happy environment for all our children to thrive in, as well as providing an excellent standard of education. Three of our school were visited by Ofsted this year; one of our school's has relocated to a new building whilst others are expanding. We have so much to celebrate and shout about in our family of schools. The GST are so very grateful for the leadership of our schools during this time and for all the hard work that the head teachers and the staff have done, often going above and beyond to support our children and families.

All our staff have made huge efforts to address the lost learning caused by the pandemic. They have also ensured our children enjoy their learning and they endeavour to make school a safe, fun and happy place in which to learn. The leaders and all staff have put wellbeing at the centre of all they do. Our children are being supported to be the best they can be. The importance of this cannot be overestimated. Happy and fulfilled children is what we all strive to have in our schools. I would like to personally thank head teachers and all our staff for their hard work this year. It is nothing short of Outstanding.

I hope that you will be able to enjoy some sort of break with family and friends and return refreshed for the new school year in September. There is something very special about this family of schools and it is something we should nurture and celebrate.

I look forward to working with you all next year and thank you for continued support.

Karen Elliott
Chair of the GST