Mother’s Day Stall Frequently Asked Questions

With Mother’s Day fast approaching, the Mother’s Day Stall (MDS) is again the topic of many conversation around school! So we thought we would answer some of the most FAQs:

What is the MDS?
The MDS is essentially a ‘shop’ where your child can independently select and purchase a gift for their mother or grandmother for Mother’s Day. There are a variety of gifts; jewellery, candles, creams, treats, books, photo frames, tea/coffee mugs & chocolates! Gifts range from $1 to $5 and we have handmade gift tags, cards and origami packs for sale from 50c to $1.

When is the MDS?
This year the MDS will be held in Week 2 on Tuesday 7 May. It commences just after 9am and the ‘shop’ closes after lunch. The classes rotate through after each other and all students are able to purchase one gift each. Student are welcome to purchase additional gifts at lunch time, after all other students have had a chance to purchase their gift.

Why have a MDS?
The MDS is one of the major fundraising events for GPCC Junior School with all proceeds going towards: - meals for families in times of need, - purchasing classroom resources, and - funding this year’s Father/Son night (for Years 3-6 held in Term 4). PLUS our Mum’s love receiving a gift that has been carefully selected by our kids and the kids love it too!

Why donate a gift... ...then buy a gift?
A MDS can be run in a number of ways: class made gifts, handmade gifts, pre-ordered gifts etc. The system of families donating a gift/s to the MDS and then their children purchasing a gift, works well for a number of reasons: - a wide variety of gifts to choose from - a higher quality of gifts - students can choose/buy themselves!

Who organises it?
Parent volunteers work with staff to organise the MDS. This year we have a small team of parents organising, purchasing, sorting + coordinating gifts. Volunteers help to sort, wrap and ribbon gifts at our Sorting Day on Monday 6 May (Week 2). At the Stall we need lots of parent volunteers to man the shop and serve students as they come to buy a present.

Donate: gift or money?
To make it easier for families we have introduced the option to either donate a gift to be sold at the stall or donate the money that you would normally spend on a gift and we buy it for you!

Colour T-Shirt Day - Friday 3 May (Term 2 Week 1) is a reminder to send in a gift or the money you would normally spend on a gift and we will buy one on your behalf. Helping each other!

What does my child need?
To purchase a gift at the MDS on Tues 7 May all your child needs to take to school is money in a sealed envelope with their name and class on the front (just in case it gets lost!). The amount of money spent is up to you - we have a range of gifts from $1 to $5 with lovely gift tags/cards from 50c to $1. Sometimes we forget, so we also have an IOU list for students to pay later.

Need more than 1 gift?
Would you like an extra gift for Nana or Grandma? Or maybe you would like to get Mum more than one gift! You can purchase more than one gift at the Mother’s Day Stall - students just simply come back at lunch time, after all other Junior School students have had a chance to buy their first gift/present/card.

How can I help?
Lots of opportunities to help: come to the Sorting Day on Monday 6 May any time between 9am and 12pm - where we will sort and ‘wrap’ the 460+ gifts needed for our Junior School students!! The actual Stall Day on Tuesday 7 May between 8:30 am and 2pm. If you could help for even an hour it would be appreciated! Pre-schoolers welcome! Contact Suzie Morris (details below) or leave your details at the office.

If you have a child in Middle School who is interested in purchasing a gift, then they can come to the Mother’s Day Stall at lunch time after all the Junior School classes have purchased gifts.

If you have any other questions about the MDS or would like to help out at the Sorting Day or Mother’s Day Stall contact Suzie Morris (parent volunteer) on 0414 522 409 or at morris@morris-online.net