



# VIEWS NEWS

**SAFETY – RESPONSIBILITY – COOPERATION – HONESTY – RESPECT – LEARNING**

**Cathie Morcom – Principal**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

## CALENDAR

<b>Mon 14 August</b>	Curriculum Day – no school for students
<b>Mon 14 August</b>	Parent Night with Andrew Fuller
<b>Wed 16 August</b>	Preps – Police visit (no cost)
<b>Fri 18 August</b>	Disco Bingo – see article in this edition
<b>Mon 21 August</b>	Book Week Commences
<b>Tues 22 August</b>	Whole school – Author Visit (no cost)
<b>Wed 23 August</b>	'Wacky Wednesday' <small>See Book Week information</small>
<b>Thurs 24 August</b>	Book Character Parade 9.10am
<b>Fri 1 Sept</b>	Fathers' Day Stall
<b>Mon 4 Sept</b>	Gr. 1/2 Excursion – Museum
<b>Tues 5 Sept</b>	Gr. 1/2 Excursion – Museum
<b>Wed 6 Sept</b>	Preps- Pet Education (no cost)
<b>Tues 12 Sept</b>	School Council Meeting
<b>Fri 15 Sept</b>	Gr. 5/6 Trade Fair
<b>Fri 22 Sept</b>	End of Term - 2.30 Dismissal

## Uniforms/Logos/Mottos – your questions answered.

Should I buy uniform now or wait in case there is a change?

Buy now!

No decisions have been made in regard to a change of uniform. If there was a decision this year there would be a long introduction period, possibly up to three years. Most children wear out, or grow out of clothes within a three year period.

Is the uniform going to change?

A decision has not been made.

The survey, sent home last term, asking for opinions about the school uniform indicated mixed feelings with 35% of parents saying they were 'very happy', 37% feeling satisfied and 26% recording unsatisfied. Calculated as a customer satisfaction rating this comes out at 9%.

Since the survey, committee members have been made aware of some rather negative comments being expressed on Facebook and in other forums. As Principal of the school, I was both surprised and disappointed with this. While it is often impossible to please everyone, the committee has worked hard to involve the community and gather thoughts and opinions.

The aim is to improve the satisfaction rating without alienating groups or individuals. Options will be considered and you will be consulted further before a decision is made. Again, I thank the committee for their work to date.

What's happening with the logo?

At this stage, nothing.

Again, the purpose of the survey was to determine community opinions. The customer satisfaction rating for both of the current logos was 21%. No change is expected in the short term, and if there is to be further discussion you will be invited to have input.

Is the motto changing?

Recently, another survey was sent out regarding the motto with the suggestion of a new motto – Learning Together. The committee will be discussing the results of this second survey over the next few weeks and will let you know the results.

Why do you have to change everything?

There is no intention to change everything.

Any suggestion of change can be confronting, however, change is 'part and parcel' of our lives in general. Certainly, education has changed significantly over the last ten years. While respecting the history and traditions of the school we want to ensure that the school remains contemporary, that current students and families feel included and connected, and that all members of the community continue to be proud of Gladstone Views.

## School Council Information

From the School Council meeting this week;

Child Safety

In line with Department requirements, our Child Safe documents were updated to include the requirement to contact the Employee Conduct Branch if there is awareness of an allegation of 'reportable conduct' by employees, volunteers, allied health staff or school council employees.

Hume Grants

On behalf of the School Council, Jim Karabinis has put in an application for a Hume Council Grant of \$20 000. Jim is investigating the potential of a project that recognises the significant contribution of various cultural groups within the City of Hume. If successful, the project will result in the creation of art work that can be permanently displayed in the school grounds.

## More New Book News



Students just can't get enough of our new books. The excitement generated in the middle and senior school has been incredible. On hearing the news, students literally raced out of their rooms and were keen to borrow several books – we had to explain that they could only read one at a time and their second, third, fourth and even fifth choices could be left on the shelves for other children. What a wonderful problem it was – children wanting books!

Teachers have reported a renewed interest in reading – perfect timing with the Premier's Reading Challenge coming to an end and Book Week starting on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Crazy Hair Day

Things were a little 'crazy' around the school last Friday, with students and teachers sporting fancy hair-dos. Well done for our Junior School Councillors for this initiative that raised \$421.45 for Cystic Fibrosis research.

Fundraising for charities provides children with an opportunity to work as a whole school team to recognise and support others. It's reasonable for your child to be expected to do something at home to 'earn' money for casual clothes day. You might like to consider negotiating some extra chores around the house or garden next time.

## CSEF

If you hold a Health Care Card you may be eligible for CSEF (Camp, Sport, Excursions Fund). CSEF is funded at \$125 per year, per student, for eligible families. Funds can be used towards school excursions, sports excursions or school camps. Any unused funds are rolled over at the end of the year. If you are unsure of your eligibility for CSEF or would like to know your CSEF balance please enquire at the office.

## Road Safety

School drop off and pick up are a busy time on our neighbouring roads. We are very fortunate to have an abundance of parking available around our school and two well positioned school crossings. If you do drive to and from school please be mindful of where you park your car.



## Creating Resilient Families (Part 3)

Andrew Fuller

Resilience is the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through life. When the inevitable pitfalls and setbacks of life occur, it is as if you have an elasticised rope around your middle that helps you to bounce back from hard times.

### It is clear who is in charge

Families do not work well as democracies. In fact they seem to work best as benevolent dictatorships in which the parent or parents consult a lot with their children but at the end of the day, the parent has the final say.

Some parents fear that if they take charge that they will lose the friendship of their children, but often the reverse is true. In families where parents fail to take their own role seriously, children may feel that to express their independence they need to engage in risk taking behaviour and avoid responsibility.

Authoritative parenting allows children to feel safe, have clear boundaries and flourish.

### Consistency

Consistency is the ideal. Having parents who agree on rules and standards and who convey the same sorts of messages and who value compassion over coercion, clearly has the best outcome in terms of children's well being. It is also important that parents not be open to manipulation and work together as a team.

Life however is not always so simple and we all know from sad and sour experience that parents cannot always be consistent. Sometimes parents have different value systems or can't come to a consistent way to handle particular areas. In these situations, a second possibility is for one parent to take charge of a particular area. This is not the most desirable solution but it is better than having parents in conflict over management issues or worse, undermining one another. In single parent families or where parents are separated the same principle applies.

*Over the next few weeks we will include some tips from Andrew Fuller in the newsletter (space permitting). We hope you enjoy reading his ideas.*

## Unlocking Your Child's Genius



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August  
7.00PM TO 8.30PM



### PARENT INFORMATION SESSION WITH ANDREW FULLER

No cost to GVPS parents

**REGISTER NOW**

Phone the office 9338 6083



## DISCO BINGO

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August



Tickets at \$10 per head  
Tables of 10

You don't need to be a dancing superstar, nor a Bingo champion, just come along and join in the fun.

Contact Kerri Cliff or the school office for further information.

**Payments due Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

## BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY AND PARADE

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 9.10am in the gym



*Please keep your child's costume simple – we do not expect families to go to any great expense for these events.*

Parents welcome – with our without costumes!

## Notices & Payments Due



**Grades 1 & 2:**  
Melbourne Museum  
Excursion Notice

### Selected Students

**Grades 3-6:**

District Athletics Carnival  
Notice



## WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

If you can please;

△ shop at Woolies

△ collect the stickers

△ encourage family and friends to collect for you

△ return completed sheets to the school office



## CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Thank you for the great response to the chocolate drive. Money raised from this fundraiser will be used to purchase more books.

