I would like to welcome everyone back to school and in particular our new prep, new families and new staff. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a restful break.

We have had a very smooth start to the year and our Preps are already working hard learning new words and numbers, establishing routines and meeting their buddies. The rest of the school quickly settled down to work with reading and maths. We welcome new staff members to the Gladstone Views community, Mrs Cinzia Natalie, Mrs Lisa Humplik and Mrs Narel Ciavarella have already made a valuable contribution to the school. I the next few weeks Ms Donaldson and We will be interviewing our Grade 5/6 students who are applying for the following positions: School Captains, House Captains and Vice-Captains. We look forward to the announcement soon. Our Junior School Council and Peer mediators will also be elected over the next few weeks.

**Italian Comes To The Views**

We are really excited that this year teachers and Mrs Natale will be involved in a program to introduce Italian across the school. By the time you read this Newsletter, students will already know some words in Italian. We look forward over the next twelve months to this program developing.

**Punctuality & Attendance Smooth Start (Hook Into School)**

This year students will be entering their rooms at 8.45am to ensure that they are ready to start their learning at 9.00am. We have already started this process and it has been very successful so far. Children who are late will be marked as late on the roll.
Students who have been absent are expected to return to school with a note explaining the reason for the absence. A telephone call to the office explaining an absence is also acceptable. The semester Student Reports will indicate the late arrivals and absences.

**Outside School Hours Care Program**
The school provides a before and after school care program for parents to enrol their children. This program operates from 7.00am to 9.00am for Before Care and 3.30pm to 6.00pm for After Care. This is a very valuable service and parents are asked to pay a nominal fee.

**Grade structure 2015**

- **Principal**: Mr Michael West
- **Assistant Principal**: Ms Jane Donaldson
- **Grade Prep A (Room 6)**: Ms Kylie Buckley
- **Grade Prep B (Room 4)**: Mrs Alyson Lind
- **1/2 A (Room 7)**: Ms Victoria Borg
- **1/2 B (Room 8)**: Mrs Lucy Torre/Mrs Sylvia Davies (Fri)
- **1/2 C (Room 2)**: Ms Perri Alifragis
- **1/2 D (Room 3)**: Mrs Matilda Seru
- **3/4 A (Room 10)**: Mr Scott Woolcock
- **3/4 B (Room 11)**: Mrs Julie-anne Kamvissis
- **3/4 C (Room 12)**: Ms Angelina Cetin
- **5/6 A (Room 13)**: Ms Jessica Johnson
- **5/6 B (Room 14)**: Mr Daniel Guglielmini
- **5/6 C (Room 15)**: Ms Andra Bendrups
- **5/6 D (Room 16)**: Mrs Sandra Hurst / Mr Richard Jasenia (Maths)

- **Phys Ed. & Maths**: Mr Richard Jasenia
- **The Arts**: Miss Jane Vance
- **Science (Room 1)**: Mrs Penny Mallia
- **Science (Room 9)**: Mrs Sylvia Davies
- **Italian**: Mrs Cinzia Natale
- **Reading Intervention Program**: Miss Vance/Mrs Davies
- **Administration Staff**: Mrs M Wilson, Mrs H Taylor, Mrs L Crawford
- **Education Support**: Mrs Narelle Larsen
- **Canteen Manager**: Mrs Kerri Cliff
- **Before & After School Care**: Mrs S Mele / Mrs D Riley
- **I. T. Technicians**: Mr M Mitowski / Mr N Koswara
- **Maintenance Staff**: Mr D Hills / Mr B Liersch

**School Council Elections**

All government schools in Victoria are governed by a School Council. Key School Council responsibilities include financial management, facilities management, whole school policy and planning, canteen and Out of School Hours Care program management. In accordance with Department of Education and Training - Victoria (DET) regulations, School Council Elections must take place prior to March 31st.

Our current School Council is made up of:

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Members are elected for a two year period with half the membership standing down each year. As a consequence, we now have the following vacancies:-

- Parent members: 4
- DET members: 2

Members whose term of office expires this year are eligible to stand for re-election providing their children still attend our school.

School Council meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm (at least 8 meetings a year). As well, each School Council member is expected to be a productive member of one or two School Council sub-committees which also meet after school hours on a monthly basis.

There are two electorates within the school community:- **PARENTS and DET EMPLOYEES**.

Parents nominate and vote for parent representative members whilst DET employees nominate and vote for DET employees. A DET employee who is also a parent, must elect to be a member of either the DET employee or parent category and can nominate/be nominated/vote in **one** electorate only.

Further information about School Council and nomination forms for both the parent and DET categories may be obtained from the office. Nominations in both categories close at 4.00pm on Thursday 12 February.

**SCHEDULE 4:** Notice of School Council Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of GLADSTONE VIEWS PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 4:00 pm on Thursday 12 FEBRUARY, 2015.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted on the notice-board in the front foyer.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations received is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted on the notice board in the foyer. If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies, then the nominees will be duly elected.

In the event that more nominations are received than vacancies, in either or both categories, then a ballot will be required. As a consequence, further details and the distribution of ballot papers will occur. The ballot, if required, will close at 4:00pm on THURS 19 MARCH, 2015.

Results of the election will be posted on the school noticeboard in the main entrance foyer and published in the Newsletter on 2 April at the close of the election process.

Notes:
1. "Electorate of the school" means the DET employee electorate of the school and the parent electorate of the school.
2. "Parent electorate of the school" means all persons (except the principal) who are parents of students of the school, other than those who are DET employees and who opt or are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school.
3. "DET employee electorate of the school" means the principal of the school and –
   (a) DET employees engaged in work at and for the school (other than those who are parents of students of the school and who neither opt nor are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school); and
   (b) other DET employees who are parents of students of the school

and who opt or are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school.

4. "DET employee" –
   (a) means a person employed for eight hours or more per week in either an ongoing capacity or for a fixed term of at least 90 days –
      (i) under the Teaching Service Act 1981; or
      (ii) by the DET under the Public Sector Management and Employment Act 1998; or

(b) does not mean a person employed under a contract for service or the employees or the contracted personnel of such a person.

5. Votes may be posted to the principal or placed in the ballot box at the school on any day up to the closure of the ballot. Further ails on how votes may be lodged will be provided when ballot papers are sent to the electorate of the school.

If you would like further information about School Council, what it is and what’s involved and / or the election process, then please contact the office.

Establishing High Expectations

The first few weeks of school are very important and our aim is to make all of our students feel comfortable and successful in their new classroom and year level. Your child’s teacher will be working closely with the class to establish classroom expectations and routines. They will discuss behaviour and work expectations and set the tone for the year. Teachers are also currently working on developing a picture of the capabilities of each student. Lots of assessment happens at the beginning of the year so that we gain an understanding of what your child already knows and what skills they need to develop or refine. Teachers can then use this information to develop programs that provide support and challenges for every student. Our curriculum is designed around building upon what a child already knows and using this to learn and discover more.

My goal for all of the students at GVPS is to enable them to achieve their personal best both socially and academically, that they are happy, engaged and productive each day. I have high expectations of our students and staff and as the educational leader of our school I look forward to supporting all of them throughout 2015 to achieve their goals.

Talking about learning

An important part of learning is being able to articulate what you have achieved, what this means in your life and what your goals are. This gives learning a purpose and helps to engage the learner, encouraging deeper meaning.

With the support of their teacher, students discuss their learning and highlight areas for improvement. Students are also provided with examples, and in some cases demonstrations of what this learning looks like. There are a lot of processes put into place across the school to ensure students are able to articulate an accurate picture of their learning.

Phones and Electronic games at school.

A reminder to parents that only in exceptional circumstances should students have a phone at school.

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If they do they are required to take it to the office for safe keeping until the end of the day. Failure to do so will mean that the phone will be confiscated and parents will be required to pick it up. If parents need to pass on a message to their child the office can be contacted during the day.

There have been occasions where parents have sent students to school with phones and some of these phones have access to the internet or contain unsuitable content. Parents need to be vigilant at all times when it comes to access to the Internet, social media sites etc. The school’s Internet has filters placed on it to prohibit access to unsuitable sites. In addition students are not to bring electronic games to school. We encourage our students to be active during their recess times and these devices are very expensive and can be lost or damaged.

**Parking**

I urge parents to be particularly vigilant when dropping off and picking up their children. We have two crossings that have crossing supervisors. Under no circumstances are parents in cars permitted to drop off their students at the crossing. Please drive a few extra metres so you can drop your child off safely. The traffic officer will be in attendance at various times and will book parents who are not following the rules.

**Parents are not to use the staff car park to drop off their students** unless they are attending the Before and After School Care Program. Parents from Before and After School Care are asked to use the visitor’s car park and not use the loading zone to pick up or drop off their children.

Have a great week

Michael West

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**POTENTIALLY SERIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEMS (eg. Epipen)**

We are currently updating our records on students who have **potentially serious medical conditions**. If your child has a medical condition which could lead to an emergency situation then we must have up to date details on the condition, how to manage it and contact details. If your child’s record needs updating then contact the office promptly please. If you have any concerns or queries relating to your child’s medical problems then please contact either Michael West or Jane Donaldson.

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**Classroom Helpers Program**

Name: __________________________

Child’s Name: ____________________

Class: ______________

I will be able to attend the Classroom Helpers Program.

Signature: ______________________

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Mon Feb 9 - Fri Feb 20

*** Please note: Canteen price list accompanies this Newsletter

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**The Classroom Helpers Program is back!!!**

Parents and friends of Gladstone Views PS are invited to attend a program to learn about the expectations and possible duties of being a helper. You will also gain some insight into how children learn to become literate and numerate.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet some of our current helpers, learn about completing a Working with Children check, discuss the positive aspects of being a classroom helper and tour our school to see learning in action.

Session: Wednesday 11th February, 2015
Time: 9:00am – 11:00am
Venue: Staffroom

If you are interested in attending please fill in the slip below and return to school as soon as possible. Morning tea will be provided.

We would love to see you there!

Sandra Hurst

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Please return this section
‘The Views’ presents:

Rhythm of the Night

Dear Family and Friends of the Views,

Are you able to make a valuable contribution towards a very special evening? We are seeking the help of anyone who owns a business, has contacts or would just like to assist us in donating spinning wheel prizes. Suitable donations could be:

- toys
- beauty products
- stationery
- electronics
- gift vouchers, etc.

Please contact the office staff about your donation and they will pass on the information to the fundraising committee.

Thank you for your assistance.

Fundraising Committee
(For planning purposes all donations to be given by Friday, 6th March 2014)

Date to Remember
School Photographs
Thursday 12th March

Outside School Hours Care

Welcome back to school. Outside School Hours Care is looking forward to another wonderful year. Please remember to put a spare hat into your children’s bag during Term 1 and Term 4. We play outside when the weather is good and children need to be covered with a hat. Thanks for your support and we are looking forward to meeting our new families in prep.

Thank you

Sue Mele & Deb Riley

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Note: students are dismissed at 2.30pm at the end of terms 1, 2 & 3 and at 1.30pm at the end of term 4.

GVPS OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday 8.15am – 4.00pm

LUNCH & RECESS TIMES
11.00 - 11.10am
Students eat lunch in classrooms
11.10 - 12 noon / Lunch break
2.00 – 2.30pm / Recess
3.30pm dismissal

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop is now fully stocked. Uniform price list accompanies this Newsletter.
News from the Science Discovery Centre 2015

Science is back but we have shifted to the main building. We are very excited about Term 1 because all grades will be looking at living things and how they adapt to their environment.

Of course we will be looking for your help throughout the year and right now we are looking for unused fish tanks we could borrow. We are happy with any size and we will need one for each Science room.

Remember 2015 is designated as the Year of Light so keep an eye out for any news on that topic because it’s all about Science.

Looking forward to your continued support.

S. Davies and P. Mallia

Achievement Program!

Gladstone Views is excited to announce that they have joined the Healthy Together Achievement Program. This is one of the steps Gladstone Views is taking to create a healthy primary school.

The health priorities we will be focussing on are:

- Promote a healthy diet and good oral health, which are important for students’ growth, development, health and wellbeing.

- Engage students in sport, recreation and incidental activity, which have a range of physical, emotional, social and academic benefits.

- Provide an inclusive and empowering social environment for students, to develop their resilience and social and emotional wellbeing.

This is just the beginning of an exciting journey not only for our school but also for the whole community. All of the small positive changes we make can create a big difference to the future of our health and wellbeing!

Please keep your eyes and ears open for all the events and changes that are coming soon!
Calisthenics encourages physical development, co-ordination and self confidence.

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