



GLADSTONE VIEWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Community of Wellbeing and Learning

Foundation Newsletter Term 1, 2024



OSH Club - After school care is **free** to register
Available each day from **7am - 9am** & **3:30pm - 6:00pm**
Please contact the office for more information

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Literacy

This term we will be teaching Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening through the Little Learners Love Literacy program. We will be learning the Stage 1 (m, s, f, a, p, t, c, i) letters and sounds. We will be enjoying the Milo's Birthday surprise storybook, meeting a new character and sound regularly. We will also learn to blend sounds to say words with the Ally alligator puppet and segment them for spelling, as well as learning handwriting. Each week we will post information on Class Dojo regarding the sound we are learning and what you can do at home to support the development of phonemic awareness.

Home reading will begin midway through the term. Initially your child will have one Little Learners book to practise their decoding skills and a picture story book to read for enjoyment for the week. The books will be changed each Monday.

For now, it is important that you spend 10-15 minutes each night reading to/with your child. More information will be posted on Class Dojo closer to the date.

Mathematics

This term in Numeracy, the Foundation students will be focusing on developing their number sense and counting strategies. Students will engage in activities including ordering, sequencing, comparing and subitising numbers from 0-10. Students are also exposed to days of the week, months of the year and seasons as part of our daily morning routine.

Inquiry

This term our overarching question for inquiry learning is –How do my personal strengths contribute and make a difference to our GVPS community?

Foundations students will be activating prior knowledge and making connections to help them understand 'What am I good at?'

This equips them with the understand that they are a part of a wider community and how their strengths contribute to making them unique.

These lessons will be conducted using scaffolded developmental play-based learning.

Wellbeing

This semester students will be learning about our School Wide Positive Behaviour expectations of, Being Safe, Being Respectful, Being a Learner and Being Kind. Students will also be learning about identifying different emotions, understanding the Zones of Regulation and self-regulation strategies.



School Values

Ways to help your child at home

Encouraging your child to complete their nightly reading. We expect that students will read (or be read to) for approximately 10 -15 minutes per night.

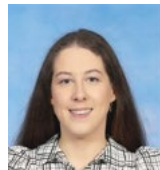
Ensuring your children are getting adequate sleep every night (at least 8 hours), avoiding screens and devices for 30 minutes before they go to bed.

Encouraging your child to take care of their personal wellbeing by being active outside, socialising with peers, eating healthy foods, maintaining their personal hygiene and getting fresh air.

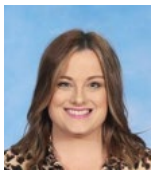
Welcome

Welcome to GVPS Foundation students and families! We are so excited to be learning together this year. In our Foundation team there are two grades, Foundation A and B. To ensure clear communication, please feel free to speak to your child's classroom teacher to arrange a time or message us via Class Dojo if you have any questions. We are excited to build a strong foundation for your children's education and to create a positive learning community with our students and families.

Meet the Foundation Team



Niamh McIntosh-Bartlett



Kylee German



Kellie Mahoney

| Learning Schedule | | | | | |
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| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| 8:55-9:15 | Morning Circle | | | | |
| 9:15-10:15 | | | | | |
| 10:15-11:15 | FA- Performing Arts | FA- PE FB- SEL | | | |
| 11:15-12:00 | Lunch and Play | | | | |
| 12:00 -1:00 | FB- Performing Arts | FB- PE FA- SEL | | FB -Art | |
| 1:00-2:00 | | FA- ART | | | |
| 2:00-2:30 | Recess | | | | |
| 2:30-3:30 | | Foundation PMP | | | Assembly Alternating weeks |

8:55

School begins at 8:55am

3:30

School ends at 3:30pm

Every Day Counts!

5 minutes late = 3 lost school days a year

10 minutes late = 6 lost school days a year

15 minutes late = 9 lost school days a year

After 9:00am children must go to the office to record a late arrival.

Important Dates

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| 5/3 | Meet the Teacher | 6/3 | Meet the Teacher |
| 11/03 | Labour Day | 28/3 | Last Day of Term 1 |
| 21/03 | Harmony Day | | |