

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to thank you all for your wonderful support towards Remote and Flexible Learning. Our aim is to ensure that the learning experience is relevant and significant to all of our students. We also aim to expose our students to the right learning skills and knowledge that are essential for the particular year level.



There's no need to summarise the challenges and changes we've had to face over the past year and we're all too aware of the significant impact to all members of our school community.

For those in our community who are facing additional challenges with the latest restrictions and for those who have had changes to their employment, you're at the top of our thoughts. We hope these challenges are short lived and by all playing our part we hope that the return to normal can be sooner, rather than later. Now, more than ever, wellbeing must be our priority.

I have everything crossed that we hear good news this week regarding restrictions easing and students returning back to school!

The school diary dates will also be reviewed later this week once we hear an update regarding the lockdown.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Curriculum Day

Just a reminder that we have rescheduled our Numeracy Curriculum Day to **Monday 13th September (no students at school this day)**. During the day, teachers will be involved in a variety of rich activities across all F-6 levels and will focus on highlighting the four proficiencies: (Understanding, Fluency, Problem Solving and Reasoning) that are central to the Victorian Mathematics Curriculum. Teachers will also plan differentiating activities so that all students can have success. This will be an integral part of the day as will the cooperative group work model of practice. The day will be facilitated by Michael Ymer.



Education Week

We are still hoping to have our Education Week events; however, I will keep you posted if these events are still able to occur later in the week. The dates at this stage are:

Tuesday 3rd August at 9:10am- 10:00am- Numeracy Workshop for parents/carers

Tuesday 3rd August at 2:20pm- 3:10pm- Literacy Workshop for parents/carers

Thursday 5th August 9:10am-10:00am- Student Led Maths Morning

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Why it's important to look after your mental health during COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly changed the way we live. To help keep us safe, it is likely that our lives will be different for a while.



When we aren't able to see our friends and family regularly, it can be harder to keep on top of how we're feeling. Being aware of how you're feeling and knowing what you can do to look after your mental wellbeing is an important part of staying healthy during this challenging time.

If you need help right now, it is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, anywhere in Australia. In an emergency, call 000. Contact **Lifeline** for support if you are experiencing a personal crisis or have suicidal thoughts. You can call them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from anywhere in Australia.

Lifeline 24-hour crisis line **131 114**

Beyond Blue are providing information, advice and strategies to help you manage your wellbeing and mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic. Hotline **1800512348**



Smiling Minds is a not for profit organisation whose vision is to help every mind thrive and mission is to provide accessible, life-long tools to support healthy minds. They have a number of tools including meditations which you can explore for home on their website

<https://www.smilingmind.com.au>



CSEF

Parents who hold a valid health care card may be eligible. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school camps, sporting activities and excursions.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125.00 per primary school students.

Applications need to be submitted to the school by Monday 9 August 2021. Please contact the school office for an application form if you are eligible.

EDUCATIONAL SUB COMMITTEE

We are seeking an Expression of Interest from our school community to a part of the **Educational Sub-Committee** at GVPS. The Educational Sub-Committee is a group of parents and teachers who manage the process of creating and reviewing school policies which guide the work of the school and respond to government requirements and initiatives.

The Educational Sub-Committee provides a means of informing the school community about the school's approach and structure to teaching and learning. It is a great opportunity to become more involved with GVPS and be part of the development and enhancement of our school. **Term 3 Educational Sub Committee dates: Monday 2nd August 2021 at 3:30pm and Monday 6th September 2021 at 3:30pm.**

If you would like to join the Educational Sub Committee or would like further information, please contact the school on 9338 6083.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents.

It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning.

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. All parents/carers have been invited via COMPASS, to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 19 July to Sunday 22 August 2021.**

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek. The results of this survey will be shared next year via the Annual Report to the Community.

If you have any questions about the Parent Opinion Survey, please feel free to contact the school on 9338 6083.

Foundation 2022

If you have a child who will be starting school next year, it is really important to complete the enrolment forms to ensure your child has a placement at Gladstone Views PS next year. Enrolments close on **Friday August 27th 2021.** Our school zone: The Department's website 'Find my School' hosts the most up-to-date information about Victorian Government school zones. Information on this site is updated every year. It clearly indicates the zone for each government school. You just type your address in, click primary, secondary or specialist and it will show you the zone for your local school. To visit the site, see www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au

Have a great week!

Belinda Karlsson
Acting Principal

REMOTE LEARNING

Thank you for sharing your 'remote learning' photos.

Lyrix H using Uno cards to play a game called Flip 10 and identify lots of ways to make the number 10 in Maths.

It was also great to see all our Foundation 'Super Heroes' last week!!!



FNJ Dress up
Google Meet



FMS Dress up
Google Meet



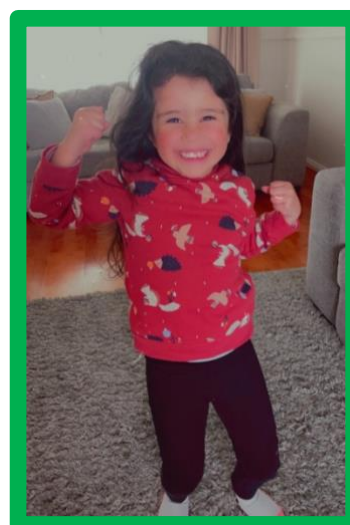
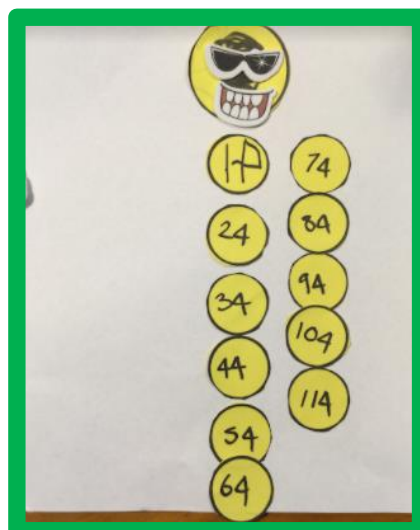
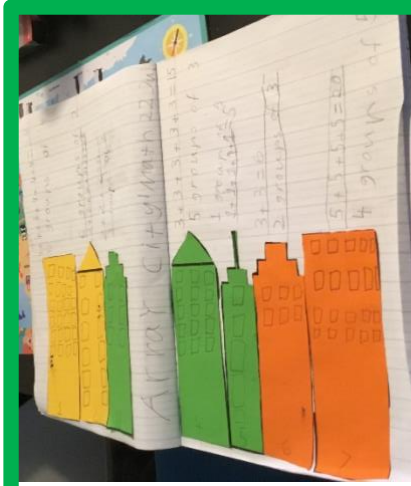
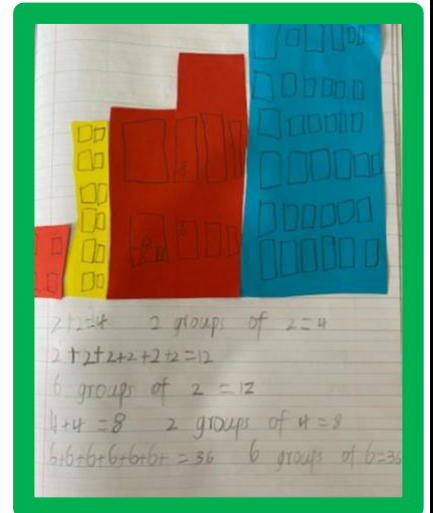
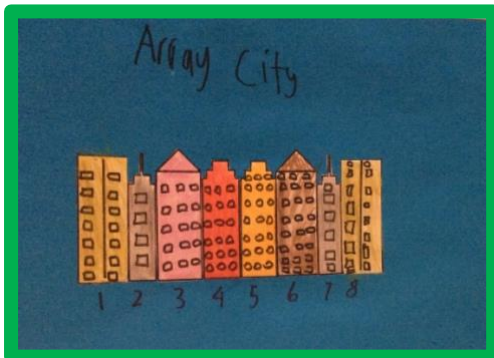
FBM Dress up
Google Meet

REMOTE LEARNING

The Year 1 students have been busy practising their skip counting by 10s (starting from 10, and then starting from any 2-digit number) and they also made Skip Counting Caterpillars.

The Year 2 students have been very busy creating 'Array Cities'!

Well done 1/2 students for working so hard!



And
Charlotte
excited
finding out
she
received a
Performing
Arts Award!
Well done!

REMOTE LEARNING

Students in 4TC making connections in Reading
Great work!



Making connections in Reading

-Archie D 4TC



Making connections in Reading

-Kerem B 4TC



Making connections in Reading

-Adam C 4TC

GET ACTIVE VICTORIA

When children participate in regular physical activity, it boosts their physical and mental health and improves academic performance.

Physical activity throughout the day also improves concentration, and the ability to retain information and solve problems.

There are many benefits to being active and getting your move on, but a lot of children aren't moving enough, particularly while learning from home.

15 minutes 4 times a day is all it takes.

To help support your children to stay active while learning from home, families can access a range of free COVIDSafe ideas to stay active and games through [Get Active Victoria](#).

Families should remember that whatever gets children moving, gets them active.



Active School Initiative

Does your child love sport and being active? Does your family have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in physical activities.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps [eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities](#).

Under the program, children may be eligible to receive up to \$200 to help with the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment.

Special consideration also applies for children named on their own Australian Government Health Care Card or residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students.

Applications for vouchers in round two of the program close at 5pm Friday 30 July.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the [Get Active Victoria website](#).