

## **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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**INTEGRITY**

**RESILIENCE**

Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to thank you all for your ongoing support during Remote and Flexible Learning. This lock down happened quite quickly and I thank the whole school community for their patience, understanding and support.

Our aim is to ensure that the learning experience is relevant and significant to all of our students. We aim to expose our students to the right learning skills and knowledge that are essential for the particular year level. Our planning will ensure that our students learning is protected.



During this term, we have been monitoring all students' developments. We will be communicating and working with families on an ongoing basis to ensure that the learning developments for every child is on track. Our partnership will be vital in the success of your child/children learning. We will need to rely on each other and develop a collective responsibility, to achieve success. Your feedback is always welcomed and I encourage you to share this with your child/children's classroom teacher.

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

Once we hear an update regarding the lockdown, the school diary dates will be updated. (Thank you for your patience regarding the school diary dates.

### **Catch Up / Tutoring Program**

This year we have been focussing on catching up on some of the lost learning time from last year. The Department of Education & Training provided schools with some funds to support this work and the school has allocated some additional resources too. The targeted tutoring program to enable catch-up in Reading for the Year One cohort has seen pleasing results. Suzy Black who has facilitated the tutoring program, has worked alongside the Year 1/2 Team to work with students to make sure all students in the cohort learn the sounds of the alphabet, to blend sounds associated with letters when reading consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) words and for students to be able to decode and read CVC words by segmenting words into sounds. Again, we have seen great results from this fantastic work.

### **Italian Day (postponed)**

Just a reminder that our Italian Day celebration will be rescheduled to a later date this term. The lunch orders and other planned activities will still be going ahead, once we get the approval. We are hoping to reschedule this event for later this term.

## School Vision

We are evolving our School Vision to better align it to where we are as a school in 2021. We have an updated draft of the school vision and would like further input or feedback from the school community. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please email your feedback to [gladstone.views.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gladstone.views.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

*'At Gladstone Views Primary School, we are committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment that promotes engaged and curious learners who can achieve their full potential and become empowered life-long learners. We maintain an inclusive environment which acknowledges and respects students from diverse family and cultural backgrounds.'*

## Assessment and Reporting

We will be introducing Individual **Student Progress Reports** at the end of Term 3 to complement our Semester Reports that are distributed in Term 2 and 4. Feedback we received through our Parent Focus Groups as part of our School Review was that parents/carers would like more up to date information on their child's academic progress throughout the semester. We are continually trying to improve our communication with our school community and hope that this will help build the connection between student learning at school and home. Progress Reports that will go live on Compass on the **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. The progress reports give a snapshot of each student's academic progress in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. As well as areas such as behaviour, work completion, following the school expectations and contributing in class.

## Planning- 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au)

If your child/children won't be attending Gladstone Views Primary School next year, it's important you let us know by contacting the office on 9338 6083.

## Official Opening-Junior Section

On Wednesday August 25<sup>th</sup>, Local Member of Parliament, Josh Bull will be officially opening the Junior Section of the school. We will have the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), Department of Education and Training (DET) representatives, architects and the building firm will all be in attendance. (More information will be provided to the community closer to the date of the Official Opening).

# 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.

**A HUGE thank you to those parents/carers who have already completed the survey!**

## FEEDBACK

At the beginning of the school year, the Department of Education and Training provided every Foundation student attending a Victorian government school with a red Foundation bag.

The Foundation bags contained 14 items, including children's storybooks, flyers, stickers, and stationery items, all designed to help Prep students and their parents and carers thrive from the start of Term 1.

The Department is now inviting families of current Foundation students to participate in a short survey, closing Sunday 29 August.

Feedback will help inform what Foundation students and their parents and carers like about the Foundation bags and what can be improved in 2022.

To have your say, complete the survey through [SurveyMonkey](#).

For more information on this year's Foundation bags, refer to the [Prep Bags 2021 web page](#) on the Department's website.

Have a great week!

**Belinda Karlsson**  
**Acting Principal**



# What's been happening in 1/2B?

We have been showing our resilience over the past few weeks, by adjusting to altering periods of learning in the classroom and learning remotely.



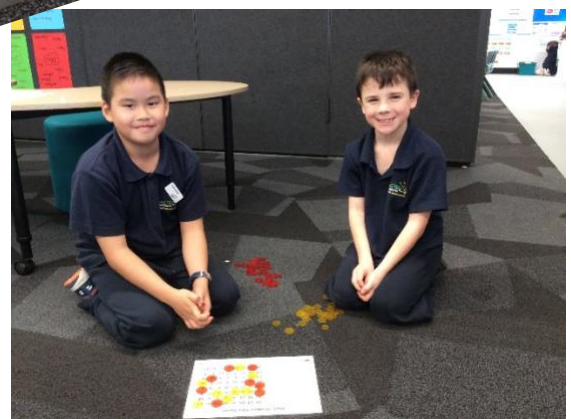
In Mathematics, we have been learning about multiplication and making equal groups. We have also been trying to solve challenging problems using different strategies.



In Reading, we have been exploring 'visual literacy' and realising that sometimes the words and pictures in stories don't match!



In Writing, we have just completed a unit on Information Texts. We have recently started exploring Procedural Texts.



During 'Brain Breaks', we have been enjoying playing Gaga Ball.





# Book Week



(please note this will only occur if students are back on site.)

## **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Book Week is coming soon and we are looking forward to a fun-filled week of activities. Two of the highlights will certainly be the **Author Visit** and the always popular **Dress up Day!**

On **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**, popular Australian children's author Felice Arena will come to chat to the students about his work. On **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August**, students are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. There will be a parade commencing at 9.10am in the gym. Families are more than welcome to attend the parade, and younger siblings are invited to join in if they'd like.

### **Schedule of Activities:**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 – Author Visit**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021– Promote your Favourite Book**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021– Story Time in the Library (lunch time)**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021– Dress Up Day**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021– Buddy Reading**

SOFTBALL  
**BATTER  
UP**

**GET INTO  
SOFTBALL**





## ***Softball Batter Up***

Softball Australia's national participation program

- Fun, flexible and engaging for children aged 4-8
- Focusing on fun activities while learning basic throwing, catching and striking skills.

Every registered participant receives an Official SBU Starter Kit to begin their softball journey consisting of a Back Pack, foam bat and foam ball

## ***Fully Loaded T-Ball***

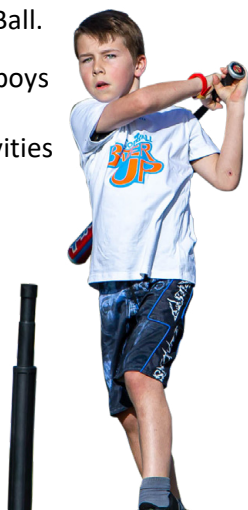
The perfect entry level program for kids as they start or continue their journey into Softball through modified games of T-Ball.

- Fun, inclusive and engaging for boys and girls aged 8-12
- Sessions focus on engaging activities and a Fully Loaded T-ball game

New registered participants will receive a starter pack which includes a glove and ball.

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