

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

KINDNESS

WELLBEING

INTEGRITY

RESILIENCE

Hi Everyone,

This term our Investigations topic includes elements of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Initiative. We have been busy teaching our students how to be respectful, safe and taking responsibility for their learning. Staff are explicitly teaching learning behaviours through various activities to promote expectations during assembly, expectations of our learning spaces and ways to problem solve outside in the yard.



The school values of **Kindness**, **Wellbeing**, **Integrity** and **Resilience** will be included in the work of every classroom.

School Photos

School photos will take place on **Tuesday 30th March**. If you wish to have class photos and/or sibling photos please order online at www.advancedlife.com.au. Individual and sibling envelopes are also available from the front office. If you are ordering photos online, please contact the office for the school photo code.

Information Presentations- Q & A

Thank you to all those parent/carers who attended the Q & A session on Wednesday 10th March. It was great that so many parents / carers were able to join us for the session. If you were unable to make it the Q & A session and have questions regarding the Information Presentations, please feel free to contact the school on 93386083 or send us an email at gladstone.views.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Contact Details

There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on so we can update our records. Please include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change. Our phone number is 93386083 or send us an email at gladstone.views.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Attendance-Every Day Counts!

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOUR CHILD IS THERE- Why it's important?

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates.

It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick. Developing good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

Family holidays - It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term. If you are planning to go on holiday during term time, make sure you discuss your holiday plans with the Principal.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

BEING AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR ONE DAY A FORTNIGHT EQUALS MISSING 1.5 YEARS OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL

Foundation 2022

We have had many enquiries about enrolments for **2022**. If you know someone who lives in Gladstone Park and is interested in our school, please ask them to telephone the school office to book a place on one of our tours. If you already have children at our school and have a Foundation student for next year, please make sure you come and collect the enrolment pack so we can add you to our list!!

Dates of Foundation Tours 2022:

Wednesday 17th March at 6:00pm

Thursday 6th May at 10:00am

Wednesday 19th May at 6:00pm

Excursions

Today our Year 1/2 students had an amazing time exploring the Melbourne Zoo! Look out for the fantastic photos in the next addition of the newsletter. On Thursday 18th March, the Year 3/4s will be going to the Werribee Zoo and the Year 5/6s will be going to Sovereign Hill. We are so excited that our students are able to participate in these great activities. I would also like to thank the wonderful staff who have spent a lot of time planning and facilitating these outings.

HARMONY DAY

Gladstone Views Primary School will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Wednesday 17th March**. Students can dress up in orange or wear cultural clothing on the day. There will be fun activities throughout the day including a colouring in competition for each year level with prizes. We are inviting parents and/or family members to be a part of our celebrations by sharing an aspect of their culture with the students at GVPS. We are also live streaming student performances for families to enjoy. (For more information, please refer to attached flyer).

Harmony Day is about celebrating these differences and learning about new cultures.



Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program

On **Monday 15th March** the Foundation and Year One students will participate in the Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program. This incursion will teach students responsibility, and help them develop their social and nurturing skills. They will also learn about what responsible pet ownership involves. In addition, to help prevent the instance of dog-related accidents and injury, students will learn:

- times when we should leave dogs alone
- the warning signs given by dogs
- how to safely approach and greet a dog
- what to do if approached by an aggressive dog.



RACV Safety Squad Incursion

On **Monday 22nd March** Foundation and Year 1 students will participate in the RACV Safety Squad incursion. An RACV educator will conduct the program that aims to empower students to stay safe both at home and on the roads. Themes covered include passenger safety, pedestrian safety, bike safety and identifying hazards in the home.



Performing Arts

Hakuna Matata! Last year's Yr 1 students really missed out on performing this classic for us in 2020. But this year they pulled up their socks, warmed up their vocal cords and rattled the bones of all GVPS students and teachers. We are all so proud of every one of you and cherish the smiles you bring through your music.



Junior Rebuild

The Junior rebuild completion date is now scheduled for April 22nd 2021. A lot of work has been completed over the last two weeks. The classrooms have been erected, plaster sheets have been put up and the break out rooms for intervention groups have also been established. This photo shows the stage which we will be able to utilise for student voice and agency.



FUNDRAISING

The school Council fundraising committee is having a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on:

Saturday, 13th March at Bunnings Broadmeadows - 9:00am-4:00pm

Hope to see you all at Bunnings (Broadmeadows) on Saturday 13th March, 2021

Have a great weekend!

Belinda Karlsson
Acting Principal

Good Luck to all of our students participating in the Inter-School Sport Gala day tomorrow!

School Diary Dates 2021

Inter-school Sport Gala-Friday 12th March 2021

Bunnings Fundraiser-Saturday 13th March 2021 (9:00am-4:00pm)

Harmony Day- Wednesday 17th March

Foundation Tour 2022-Wednesday 17th March (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Year 3/4 Excursion-Werribee Zoo-Thursday 18th March

Year 5/6 Excursion- Sovereign Hill-Thursday 18th March

Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser-Orders due back by Monday 22nd March 2021

Last Day of Term 1 2021- Thursday 1st April- Students dismissed at 2:20pm

First Day of Term 2 2021-Monday 19th April 2021

School Photos-Tuesday 30th March 2021

Curriculum Day-Friday 23rd April (no students at school)

GRIP Leadership Conference -Tuesday 25th May 2021

HARMONY DAY

Wednesday 17th March 2021



Dress up Day at GVPS!

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity.

Wear an outfit that represents your family's culture or wear something **ORANGE**.

There will be fun activities throughout the day, including a colouring in competition for each year level with prizes!

Student performances will be live streamed for everyone to enjoy!

Parents, family and/or carers, we invite you to share an aspect of your culture with your child's grade such as a cooking demonstration, creating artwork (such as origami), playing a cultural instrument, etc. This can be filmed or live streamed on Google Meet.

Stay tuned for more information!



What have we been learning in 1/2B?



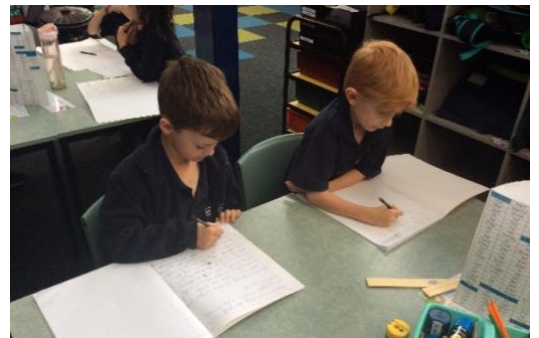
In 1/2B we are continuing to get to know each other and make new friends. Most importantly, we are learning to make good choices.

In **Reading**, we have been studying many Pamela Allen books. We are learning to make predictions about what will happen in a story. We have also been consolidating our understanding of the stories by making 'Text to Self' connections, 'Text to Text' connections and 'Text to World' connections.



In **Mathematics**, we have been using MAB blocks to better understand place value. Our new favourite games to play are the '109' game and the 'Trading Game' which help us to consolidate our understandings while having lots of fun!

In **Writing**, we have been focusing on writing an interesting recount about a memorable experience with a friend. We are learning to use exciting words including: verbs, adjectives and interesting transition words that move the story forward.



In **Investigations**, we have been learning about the GVPS school values and the behaviour expectations at our school. We have even made a 'School Values' class book to share with others!

Hot Cross Buns- Community Fundraiser

We need your help to make some Dough for our school!

A 6-pack of delicious buns cost \$8.00 with \$2.00 from each pack donated to the school.

Buns on offer are;

Traditional

Mocha

Chocolate Chip

Apple and Cinnamon

Fruitless



Order for your friends, work colleagues and families. The more we order the more 'dough' we make!

Order and pay using the QKR App.

All orders due in by Monday 22nd March

With support of Bakers Delight, Gladstone Park, Hot Cross Buns will be delivered to school on

Wednesday 31st March- just in time for Easter



What does SWPBS stand for?

SWPBS stands for School Wide Positive Behaviour Support.

Why has GVPS adopted the SWPBS framework?

Because is a proactive approach and focuses on teaching all students agreed expected behaviours and pro-social skills rather than reacting to inappropriate behaviour. This in turn creates a safer and more effective school environment.

Our Vision Statement at GVPS

At GVPS we create and maintain a respectful and safe environment where all students learn together.



PLAY FOOTBALL AT TFC

**COME DOWN AND TRY OUT AT ANY
TRAINING NIGHT
@Leo Dineen Reserve Tullamarine**

Under 16s Tuesday & Thursday 4:30-5:30

Under 12s Tuesday & Thursday 5:30-6:30

Under 8's & 10s Wednesday & Friday 5-6

Auskick from Friday the 23/4/21 5:30-6:30

**Under 10's - 16's annual membership \$280
Second sibling \$150**

**Call for more information
Katreena - 0413 388 440
Fiona - 0430 338 305**

Victorian Chief Health Officer message to schools, early childhood centres and their communities

Term 1 is now fully in swing for 2021, which makes it even more important for every Victorian to play their part to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We all want Victoria to continue to stay safe and stay open and we want our children to continue to learn at their school, kindergarten or other early childhood education centre.

Recently, we've seen some cases of COVID-19 emerge. The Department of Health is doing everything it can to prevent spreading in the community through locating close contacts, continued testing and wastewater monitoring.

Early childhood centres and schools have comprehensive COVIDSafe plans in place. This means that schools and centres have embedded the behaviours we learned in 2020 and are well placed to act quickly and respond to any identified risks.

I am confident this is reassuring to families, children and staff.

However, the importance of all Victorians remaining vigilant cannot be stressed enough.

It is vital that we all continue to stay home when unwell, get tested, perform regular hand hygiene, and cough into your elbow if you have to. I remind all staff, students, parents and families to wear a face mask when required and stay at least 1.5m apart from others when practical.

I also encourage you to promote and ensure testing whenever a child or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild. Getting tested and staying home until results are known remains critical to limiting the spread of COVID-19.

It is also important to get tested when it is recommended, for example, if you have visited an exposure site.

- The symptoms to watch out for are:
- loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose.

Continued vigilance to prevent the spread of COVID-19 ensures that schools and early childhood education centres remain safe for students and staff.

Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton

Victorian Chief Health Officer