

REMOTE LEARNING NEWSLETTER

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WELLBEING

INTEGRITY

RESILIENCE

Hi Everyone,

Yesterday Mrs Black and I had the chance to join the Foundation Team in the Foundation Celebrations of **101 Days of School** through Google Meet! It was an absolute pleasure to see the screen filled with the faces of the students and the virtual confidence they carried themselves with.

There's no need to summarise the challenges and changes we've had to face over the past few months 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.

We know learning cannot happen when children do not feel safe. As adults, we too need to look after ourselves just as much as each other. The adage of fitting your own oxygen masks before trying to help others with theirs comes to mind.

This week, our staff having been working hard to find ways of maintaining morale, wellbeing and injecting a bit of fun into our lives just at the time when we need it the most. In the last couple of weeks, Miss German has met with the sport and house captains (through Google Meet) to create a whole '**school fitness challenge**'.

*Join GVPS in completing a **whole school step challenge**! This challenge has been set for the whole GVPS community, including students, staff and parents, to see if we can reach 1 million steps in a week.*

During this time you can partake in different types of physical activity that will get your step count up, such as walking, running, dancing, or whatever other activity gets you up and about! (Please find attached more information on how you can join the challenge)

On Wednesday, 2nd September, Gladstone Views PS will be having also been having a **Health and Physical Education Day**. Miss German will be providing the community with updates regarding the day through Compass, Google Meet and FreshGrade. Stay tuned for more information!

Stay home and Stay Safe

Belinda Karlsson
Acting Principal



CURRICULUM DAY

In the words of the Pointer Sisters, 'I'm so excited'. On Friday 4th September, Gladstone Views Primary School will be having a Curriculum Day. Narissa Leung the founder of the Oz Lit Teacher website and Educational Consultant will be facilitating a Writing professional learning with the staff at Gladstone Views through Webex.

Narissa will be working with the staff at Gladstone Views to develop and enhance our understanding of effective assessment practices. We will be looking into lots of elements of assessment, such as using the **6+1 Traits** to provide students with timely feedback in regards to their writing. Narissa will be unpacking writing conferences, effective record keeping practices and guiding us on how to analyse writing samples to identify students' needs.

In regards to Remote Learning, teachers will not be accessible. No Google Meets or Daily Overviews will be provided, as it is an official Curriculum Day.

We look forward to this powerful learning opportunity and cannot wait to implement more great ideas into our classrooms.

If you are interested, please feel free to visit the Oz Lit Teacher website (www.ozlitteacher.com.au)



Written by Samantha Steele (Learning Specialist)

Due to the Curriculum Day on **Friday 4th September**, students (with parents with Permitted Worker Permits) will be able to attend the '**Day Care Program**' from 8:30am-3:30pm. Please contact the office on 9338 6083 to make a booking.

CAMP UPDATE

Due to the current situation we have had to cancel both the 3/4 and 5/6 camp for this year. However we have booked dates for **2021**. The 5/6 camp to Portsea will be from Monday 8th November 2021-Thursdays 11th November 2021. The 3/4 camp to Arrabri Lodge, Warburton will be from Monday 15th November to Wednesday 17th November 2021. Parents who have paid for their child's Portsea Camp will receive a full refund from the school. Refunds will be processed electronically.

EDUCATIONAL SUB COMMITTEE

The newly formed GVPS Education Sub-Committee met on the 4th of August via Google Meet. The committee read through and discussed the Curriculum Framework, Duty of Care and Health Needs Policies which were then taken to School Council for endorsement.

The committee was also presented with a curriculum update for Term 3 that highlighted areas of focus for each year level, this included some great conversations and feedback about how the curriculum is being implemented during remote and flexible learning and why classes are focussing on certain content at this time.

There was also an update about next year's school review and the staff's action teams working towards this as well as an update about the building works that are currently at the tender stage. **Thank you** to all the parents who signed up to join the Education Sub-Committee, our next meeting is scheduled for the **1st of September**.

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**



Our **Wellbeing Leader**, Lucy Torre has included a page in this week's newsletter regarding free resources for families, online fitness, Wellbeing Apps and Programs and Useful Contacts for Mental Health Support, titled '**Looking after your Health and Wellbeing While Learning and Working from Home**'. During the Coronavirus we are all staying home much more and not doing many of the activities we normally do. However, it is more important than ever that we stay connected and we look after ourselves and our loved ones!

Also included in this newsletter is an article by Foundation Teacher, Nicole Jovic about **Smiling Minds**.

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>



The Department of Education and Training also have a range of wellbeing resources for parents and carers. Topics include:

- [Looking after your child's wellbeing](#)
- [Looking after your child's mental health](#)
- [Keeping your child active and eating healthy](#)
- [Being safe online](#)
- [Taking care of yourself](#)

PARENT FORUMS

On **Wednesday 12th August**, as part of the Community Involvement Action Team, Gladstone Views held Parent Forums via Google Meet to gain feedback from the community for our **School Review**. Parents shared their views on the school's strengths, improvements and highlights within the last 4 years. On behalf of the school, we just wanted to say a big thank you to those parents for their time, constructive feedback and support. It was incredibly valuable to hear from the school community and was such a fantastic experience for the staff. The Action Team will be organising a Google Form within the next couple of weeks for any parents who would also like the opportunity to provide further feedback. Stay tuned! (by Jacinda Galgano-Action Team Leader)

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met on Tuesday 11th August at 6:30pm. During the meeting, items discussed are listed below.

- An update on the implications of COVID-19 including remote and flexible learning and on site attendance
- An update regarding facilities, including the re-build of the Junior Block
- Information regarding our School Review which will be held in Term 1, 2021

A huge thank you to everyone on School Council for your ongoing support.

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS FUND

We have recently submitted an application for the Minor Capital Works Fund which is aimed at bringing forward small capital projects identified as a priority by the Victorian Government and the Department of Education and Training. We are applying under the 'larger project' category which if successful would mean we would be able to complete Phase 2 of the building project, (building upgrades of the two classrooms not included in Phase 1). We should be notified of an outcome by the end of Term 3.

FACILITIES

As part of the 'tender' stage, during the month we had builders come and inspect the Junior Site. All tenders (builders submitting an application to construct the work) must be submitted to the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) by August 13th. Once this process is completed then the VSBA and the school, can select a construction company to commence the work. Therefore, we are in the process of working out the relocation of the classrooms in the Junior Block in preparation for the rebuild. We'll provide you an update about room reallocations in the upcoming weeks.

FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2021

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 **August 31st** 2020.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Young people have access to a virtually limitless world so parents should be aware of the risks.

This is an article from DET discussing cyber safety tips for parents:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/bullystoppers/sminappropriate.pdf>

An online safety guide for parents/carers

This guide covers some of the key online safety issues for young people and includes a range of practical tips and advice on what to do if things go wrong. You can also find a list of important services that can offer extra support: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/online-safety-guide>

PARENT FEEDBACK

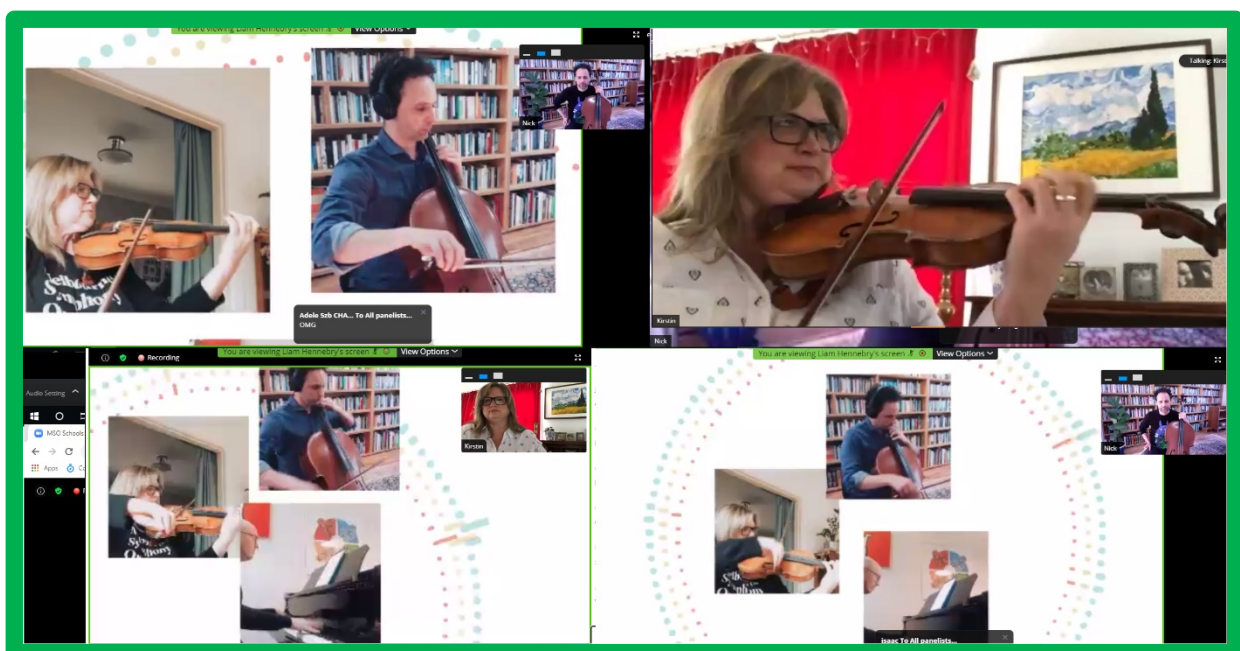
We love receiving parent feedback in regards to remote learning, so please feel free to email us your feedback and suggestions to gladstone.views.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Here is an example of feedback which we received this week:

"I love the new structure of remote learning this term; the lower volume of work, the extra videos from the teachers, the incorporation of so many games for maths. I feel that you and the other teachers have done an awesome job amending the whole remote learning structure from last term, thank you all so much!! I really think you guys have done a great job."

MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA-Online Excursion

On Wednesday the 12th of August, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra rocked all the ears of every grade 3 and 4 student at GVPs. The grade 3/4's heard about Beethoven, how he was deaf and still managed to compose 222 music. The fantastic MSO musicians even answered some Q&A questions about how they came to be in the MSO, how long they have been playing for and what are their favourite songs. Every year, GVPs will have the chance to hear the MSO's world class music – get ready for next time! (by John Koutsonikolas-Performing Arts Teacher)



REMOTE LEARNING

Thank you for sharing your 'remote learning' photos. I thought to share some more with you!

Joudy from 2KB. She has had fun making arrays during maths lessons.



Eli (1AB) concentrating hard on his 'maths' work and getting great support from home!

'SPOONVILLE'

As some of you may have seen, "**Spoonville**" has hit Melbourne. Spoonville consists of wonderful hand decorated wooden spoon characters, being planted in gardens to form their own village.

Gladstone Views would love to house a "Spoonville" and are seeking creative Gladstone Views Primary students to donate their creations via the **schools mailbox**, in order for our village to come alive.

They can consist of any design you desire, let your creativity shine.

The village will be seen from Carrick Drive, bringing smiles to everyone who walks past.



In Reading, the Year 1 students made amazing posters about their character's traits. They had to show each trait in the writing that described the trait.



This is Quinn's amazing poster. You can see how much effort went into this piece of work. Well done, Quinn!

Olivia finding fun ways to practise addition!

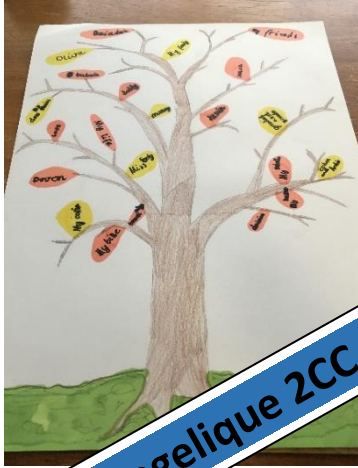


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"Finn is loving Maths!" -
Some feedback from Finn in 1JB

Grade 2 - Gratitude Trees

It is always important to focus on what is good in our lives and be thankful for the things we have. Last Friday, as part of their Social & Emotional Learning lesson, the Grade 2s engaged in some guided meditation and made a 'Gratitude Tree' where they labelled each of the leaves with things they were grateful for.



Angelique 2CC



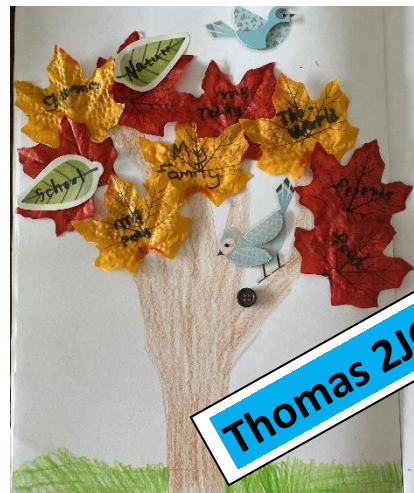
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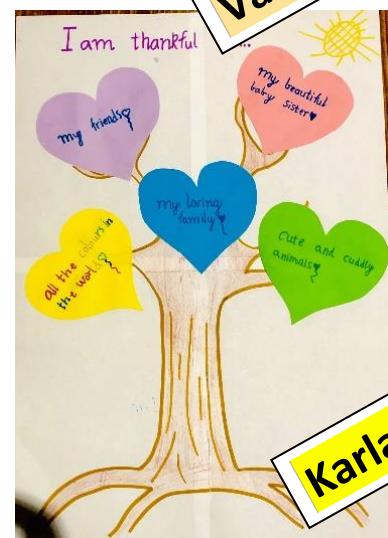
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