

CALENDAR

2018	
Thurs 15 Feb	Prep Family Barbeque (5pm to 6.30pm)
Thurs 15 Feb	Parent/Teacher Meetings (1pm to 7pm)
Mon 19 Feb	Brainstorm Productions Event (no cost)
Thurs 1 March	Curriculum Day
Thurs 1 March	CPR Training for Parents 7pm-8.30pm
Mon 12 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thurs 22 March	Family Night
Thurs 22 March	School Photos
Thurs 29 March	Last Day of Term (2.30pm dismissal)
Mon 21 May	Curriculum Day
Mon 5 Nov	Curriculum Day

Congratulations to Our Students, Teachers and Parents

Congratulations to all our students on such a wonderful start to the school year. Teachers have noticed and commented on the outstanding behaviour of the students and their eagerness to learn while a number of parents have spoken to both Suzy and myself about the calm working atmosphere across the school.



We are very proud of our students, and acknowledge the tremendous work of both staff and parents that has contributed to giving all students such a smooth start.

Prep B have now moved into their permanent classroom which is looking fantastic after the replacement of the end wall. Thank you for your patience while this work was finished.



Prep Barbeque – Thursday 15 February

To welcome our Prep students to school we will be holding a family barbeque on Thursday 15th February from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. This is an opportunity for families to meet each other and for all parents to make contact with their child's classroom teacher. The school will provide sausages, bread and sauce.



A sausage order form will be sent home to Prep families soon. We ask that you return this form to assist with catering.

Meet the Teacher—Years 1 to 6 – Thursday 15th February



Parents of students in years 1 to 6 are reminded that there will be an opportunity to meet their child's teacher on February 15th. Information regarding the

process for booking and arrangements on the day was sent home yesterday.

Emergency Drills



At the start of each year, and at intervals during the year, we practice our emergency drills to ensure staff and students are aware of what to do if there is an emergency.

Last week, students evacuated the buildings and assembled at our emergency assembly point near the cricket nets on the school grounds. By the end of this week we plan to have done all our drills which, in addition to the evacuation to the cricket nets, include; an evacuation to Ginifer reserve, a lockdown in classrooms, and a drill known as 'shelter in place' in which we all move as quickly as possible to the gym.

Conducting all our drills early in the year enables us to review the processes in place and make adjustments for improvement.

Students have performed these drills extremely well under the guidance of their teachers. We encourage you to talk about the drills at home and ask your child to explain what they do when they hear the emergency siren.

FREE CPR Training for Parents - Thursday 1st March



We will be providing parents with the opportunity to attend a CPR training program on Thursday 1st March from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Free to GVPS parents.

We will be providing child-minding on the night to assist your attendance. This will be in the form of a movie which will be shown in a room close to where the CPR training is being held (the exact location will be decided once we know numbers attending).

Please contact the school on 9338 6083 if you will be attending the CPR training and let us know how many children you would like 'minded'.

Brainstorm Productions – The Protectors

All students will have the opportunity to watch a live theatre performance on Monday 19th February at school. This extra curricula activity supports our personal development program and as such the school will be covering costs.

The performance features The Protectors and provides students with important life lessons including resilience, perseverance and how to manage adversity, especially when dealing with bullying. Using research-based strategies, The Protectors and their 'Protector Tools' will help students learn how to handle bullies and understand how they can intervene safely to support children who are being bullied. Students will come to appreciate that all people deserve to be treated with kindness and respect.



School Council Elections

All government schools in Victoria are governed by a School Council. Key School Council responsibilities include financial management, facilities management, whole school policy and planning, canteen and Out of School Hours Care program management. In accordance with Department of Education and Training - Victoria (DET) regulations, School Council Elections must take place prior to March 31st.

Our current School Council is made up of:

Parent members	8
DET members	4
Co-opted community members	2
Principal/Executive Officer	1

Members are elected for a two year period with half the membership standing down each year. As a consequence, we now have the following vacancies:

Parent members	4
DET members	2

Members whose term of office expires this year are eligible to stand for re-election providing their children still attend our school.

School Council meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm (at least 8 meetings a year). As well, each School Council member is expected to be a productive member of one or two School Council sub-committees which also meet after school hours on a monthly basis.

There are two electorates within the school community:- **PARENTS** and **DET EMPLOYEES**.

Parents nominate and vote for parent representative members whilst DET employees nominate and vote for DET employees. A DET employee who is also a parent, must elect to be a member of either the DET employee or parent category and can nominate/be nominated/vote in one electorate only.

Further information about School Council and nomination forms for both the parent and DET categories may be obtained from the office. Nominations in both categories close at 4.00pm on Thursday 15 February 2018.

SCHEDULE 4: Notice of School Council Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of GLADSTONE VIEWS PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office from Friday 9 February and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Thursday 15 February, 2018.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted on the notice-board in the front foyer.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

Membership Category	Term of Office	Number of Positions
Parent Member	Thurs 19 April 2018 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in March, 2020.	4
DET employee member	Thurs 19 April 2018 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in March, 2020.	2

If the number of nominations received is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted on the notice board in the foyer. If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies, then the nominees will be duly elected.

In the event that more nominations are received than vacancies, in either or both categories, then a ballot will be required. As a consequence, further

details and the distribution of ballot papers will occur. The ballot, if required, will close at 4.00pm on THURSDAY 22 February, 2018.

Results of the election will be posted in the main entrance foyer of the school and published in the Newsletter on 8 March at the close of the election process.

Notes :

1. "Electorate of the school " means the DET employee electorate of the school and the parent electorate of the school.

2. "Parent electorate of the school " means all persons (except the principal) who are parents of students of the school, other than those who are DET employees and who opt or are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school.

3. "DET employee electorate of the school " means the principal of the school and –

(a) DET employees engaged in work at and for the school (other than those who are parents of students of the school and who neither opt nor are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school); and

(b) other DET employees who are parents of students of the school and who opt or are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school.

4. "DET employee " –

(a) means a person employed for eight hours or more per week in either an on-going capacity or for a fixed term of at least 90 days –

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5. Votes may be posted to the principal or placed in the ballot box at the school on any day up to the closure of the ballot. Further details on how votes may be lodged will be provided when ballot papers are sent to the electorate of the school.

If you would like further information about School Council, what it is and what's involved and / or the election process, then please contact the office.

Lost Property

We have a large number of jumpers in the lost property cupboard. If you are missing a jumper or two or perhaps more, please visit the cupboard which is located at the entrance to the Art/Science room.



Reminders



△ Children are not permitted to use the playground equipment before and after school.

△ External classroom doors are to be used when dropping off or collecting children from school.