

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to Term 4! Term 4 is important for every Victorian student, and our teachers will strive to deliver high-quality learning for everyone. Our focus for Term 4 is on making sure that every student is supported in their wellbeing, learning and transition needs.

We are excited about **ALL** our students returning to full-time on-site schooling.

Due to the students readjusting coming back to school, we are going to stagger start each year level's return back to school.

Therefore the following arrangements have been made:

Foundation and Year Six students will return back to school on **Monday 12th October**

Year Five students will return back to school on **Tuesday 13th October**

Year One and Year 3/4 students will return back to school on **Wednesday 14th October**

Year Two students will return back to school on **Thursday 15th October**

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice.

Please note the following important changes:

- Drop off: Families with surnames beginning with A-K will drop of their child/ren at either gate at 8:40am. Families with surnames beginning with L-Z will drop of their child/ren at 8:50am.
- Pick up: Families with surnames beginning with A-K will pick up their child/ren at same gate at 3:00pm. Families with surnames beginning with L-Z will pick up their child/ren at 3:10pm.
- No parents will be permitted on site. All contact with teachers will be made via email or telephone.
- If parents request a face to face to meeting, this will be arranged through Google Meet
- Students will not have access to the outside drinking taps, so please make sure each student has a drink bottle.

Just a reminder, due to the junior school being rebuilt during Term 4, we have re located the Foundation-Year 2 classrooms to other areas of the school. Specialist classes will still operate, however the specialist classes will be operating in the classrooms.

The school **canteen** will open each day from Monday 12th October for lunch orders. Lunch orders will need to be ordered before gam each day via QKR. Canteen window sales will be closed until further notice.

Outside school hours care- Located in GYM FOYER

Just a reminder Before and After care is available. Before Care operates from 7:00am-9:00am and After Care operates straight after school to 6:00pm. If you require your child/ren to attend either Before or After Care, please notify the office on 9338 6083.

As on-site schooling resumes, we will continue to have in place strong measures to protect the health and safety of students, staff, families and the community. This includes staggering start and finish times, restricting parent access to school grounds and continued emphasis on hand hygiene and physical distancing where possible.

Please give particular attention to reducing the risks associated with congregation at school gates and taking steps to contribute to physical distancing within the school.

Please be assured we will be focused on three key priorities in Term 4:

Mental health and wellbeing

Our highest priority will be the wellbeing, particularly the mental health, of every student and member of staff. This means effectively mobilising all available resources to support our most vulnerable students and enabling staff to access the relevant support services.

Learning and excellence

Some of our students have thrived in the remote and flexible learning environment, others have maintained their learning progress, and some have fallen behind, despite their best efforts and those of their families and teachers. Our priority will be supporting both those who need it to catch up and those who have progressed to continue to extend their learning.

Transitions

We will make every effort to ensure successful transitions for children moving from kindergarten into Foundation and the Year 6 students moving into Year 7.

We know some families are worried that their child may have to repeat a year due to the disruptions of coronavirus (COVID-19). There is little evidence to support the benefits of repeating a year to catch up. Instead, schools will use teaching strategies that draw on the best evidence available to help students meet their learning needs.

Parents, families and carers can be confident that the best option for almost every child is to stay with their peer group, whether that is moving from kindergarten into Foundation, moving from Year 6 into Year 7 or students moving up any year level in between.

Our school, working with you, has shown it can be flexible and adaptable in responding to the challenges of coronavirus (COVID-19) and will continue to meet student needs as we look towards the end of the 2020 school year and ahead to 2021.

JUNIOR RE-BUILD UPDATE

During the last few weeks of Term 3, in preparation for the junior school rebuild, we were quite busy relocating all the junior classrooms to the senior section of the school.

Over the holidays, I met with the Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA) to discuss the 'tender' applications for the rebuild and I am pleased to say we have now selected a building firm for the rebuild.

The junior school rebuild will be starting within the next few weeks.



Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for frequent updates regarding the rebuild.

PLANNING- 2021

As mentioned in previous newsletters, it is now extremely important that parents with children due to start grade Foundation in 2021 enrol their child as soon as possible as it is important that we have these numbers locked in, to enable us to organise our staffing needs, grade structures and numbers, along with budgetary requirements for 2021.

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.

FOUNDATION 2021

Due to the current situation, it appears unlikely that we will be able to offer an onsite Transition Program, however we do have a plan. Nicole Jovic (Foundation Leader) will be getting in contact soon with the local kinders to arrange a visit and conduct some observations. We will also be sending out a Google Survey form to the new Foundation parents to obtain as much information we possible can before the students start Foundation next year. We will also be organising a Google Meet Parent Forum which will occur midterm.

CONGRATULATIONS

A huge Congratulations to Anuga Jayawardena for being award the 2021 Hume Education Scholarship Program. Well done Anuga!



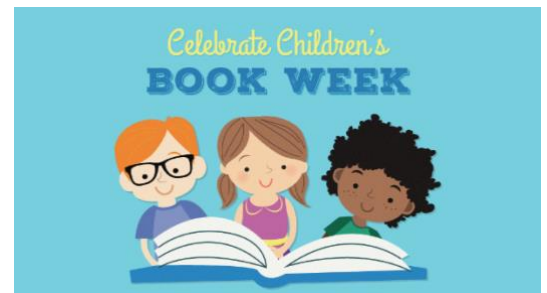
FOOTY COLOUR DAY

To celebrate Grand Final Day, on Thursday, 22nd October, we will be having a Footy Colour Day to raise money for charity. Students are encouraged to come to school wearing their team colours!

BOOK WEEK



Monday 19th –Thursday 22nd October, GVPS will be celebrating Book Week. During the week, students will be participating in fantastic fun filled 'book' activities.



On **Wednesday 21st October**, students are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character! Please note: there will be no school parade this year.

SUN SMART

Gladstone Views Primary School is a **SunSmart** School so a reminder that hats are compulsory from September to April at school. Please make sure your child has their SunSmart hat ready for this term.



I hope everyone has a relaxing weekend!

Belinda Karlsson
Acting Principal

School Diary

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Students dress up in their favourite book week character- Wednesday 21st October

Grand Final Public Holiday-Friday 23rd October (School Closed)

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday-Tuesday 3rd November (School Closed)

End of Term 4-Friday 18th December at 1:30pm

GVPS FOOTY DAY



Thursday 22nd October

**WEAR YOUR TEAM COLOURS (ANY CODE)
AND GET IN THE FOOTBALL SPIRIT AHEAD
OF THE AFL GRAND FINAL**

GOLD COIN DONATION



Coming soon!

BOOK WEEK: Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd October

Week 3 at GVPS will be filled with fun 'book' activities for the students to enjoy – to celebrate authors, illustrators and a love of reading!

BOOKFACE COMPETITION

Throughout Book Week, students will be invited to submit a 'BookFace' photo of themselves blending in with a book. Photos may be taken at home or at school.



DRESS UP DAY – WEDNESDAY 21st

Students are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character on Wednesday 21st October. *Please note: there will be no school parade this year.*



BRING YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK TO SCHOOL TO SHARE WITH YOUR CLASS!