

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hi Everyone,

It has been so nice to see all the smiling faces coming in the school gates over the last couple of weeks. It has been wonderful to hear the classrooms, corridors and the schoolyard filled with chatter and laughter again. Our school has certainly been buzzing with excitement. A big thank you to Miss Teagan Crane for organising a great 'entrance' for our students as they returned back to school.



Due to COVID restrictions, we have had to cancel and modify many aspects of our normal school life. While camps, excursions and incursions are currently not permitted, we are also not able to participate in interschool sports. We are currently investigating and planning new ways of delivering such things as: Foundation Transition and Year 6 Graduation. These are all important events in the school year and we are determined for them to take place in some form.

More details around each of these will be shared as they are confirmed. For example, our current plans for Foundation Transition can be found on our school website, where you can also find our Virtual School Tour and some Foundation Transition introduction videos.

We are still taking enrolments for Foundation 2021 as we realise that many families have held off due to COVID restrictions preventing them from actually visiting schools and taking tours. Once again, I urge anyone that has not done so, to enrol as soon as possible. Our planning for 2021 has begun and very soon, teachers will begin the detailed process of allocating students into their new grades.

As a staff, we are all involved in this process to ensure all aspects are considered when formulating these new grades. Parents may send written submissions to me with particular concerns they may have regarding their child. While I will consider them, we are not able to guarantee parent requests.

Last week, you should have received an email via Compass, titled 'Invitation to participate in the 2020 **Parent Opinion Survey**'. This year, all parents and carers across our school community are invited to take part in this important survey. While the results are shared annually via the Annual Report and various other means, this year's responses will be useful as we move into our Strategic Review next year. More information on this survey follows in this newsletter. Please check for the Compass notification as it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete the survey.

JUNIOR RE-BUILD UPDATE

Next week, I will be meeting with the Building Project Manager to finalise the arrangements for the Junior School Re-Build. The proposed start date of the rebuild is Monday 2nd November. I will keep you posted regarding the rebuild via the newsletter.

CANTEEN

Just a reminder that the canteen is open for lunch orders. Lunch orders will need to be ordered before gam each day via QKR. Canteen window sales are still not able to occur until further notice.

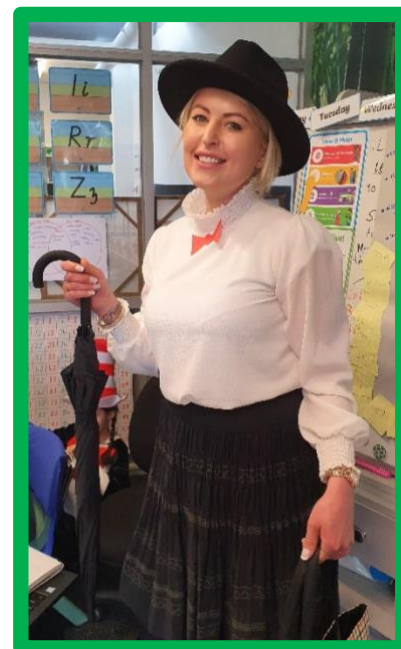
PLANNING- 2021

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.

BOOK WEEK

Yesterday, Wednesday 21st October, students and staff were invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character! The students looked amazing dressed up as their favourite book character! A big thank you to Miss Kylie Buckley for organising a great 'Book Week' which was filled with engaging and motivating 'reading' activities!



FOOTY COLOUR DAY

Today we had Footy Colour Day to celebrate Grand Final Day, as well as raise \$331.45 for the Cancer Council. Thank you to everybody for donating to such a great cause! It was great to see the students wearing their team colours! Good Luck to the two teams playing in this year's Grand Final, Richmond and Geelong and may the best team win!



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.



AND FINALLY:

A great photo of Mr John taking a Performing Arts class outdoors!



I hope everyone has a relaxing long weekend!

Belinda Karlsson
Acting Principal

School Diary

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

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

School Photo Day-Tuesday 17th November

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

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 12th October to Friday 13th November.

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.

The data gathered from this survey will also assist in the review of our four-year Strategic Plan taking place early next year.

Thank you in anticipation,

Belinda Karlsson
Acting Principal

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