

## **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**KINDNESS**

**WELLBEING**

**INTEGRITY**

**RESILIENCE**

Hi Everyone,

We are more than halfway into the term and it is still pleasing to see the smiles on the faces of our students as they enter our school gates each morning. Just this week I overheard two parents sharing how nice it is to see their children so excited about coming to school, as they watched them run through the gates towards their classrooms.

### **FOUNDATION 2021**

Foundation Transition is looking a little different this year, however our Foundation teachers have been very busy visiting the local kinders and introducing themselves to the students who will be starting at our school next year. As a token of appreciation, we are giving the kinders a 'GVPS' bear for them to display at their kinder. A huge thank you to Amanda Mead for making our very own 'GVPS' bears!



### **OUR CURRENT FOCUS**

As you know, the focus for the beginning of Term 4 was 'Wellbeing & Equity' and all teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure every single child has had a positive transition back to school. Moving through the term, our focus is shifting to Literacy and Numeracy as teachers collect evidence to plan according to student needs and inform Semester 2 reports.

We've been clear and transparent about what we realistically can achieve and conscious to not overburden or overwhelm our learners.

Teachers are identifying students most at risk this year and working to catch them up, but also thinking ahead identifying students for 2021 who need intensive catch up support.

DET is providing schools with additional funding to coordinate and undertake this work and we are well placed to hit the ground running having introduced an intervention role this year. Additional funds will allow us to extend this work and target more students across the school who need learning support in Literacy and Numeracy.

## PLANNING for 2021

DET has three major focus areas for 2021:

- Learning, catch-up and extension
- Happy, active and healthy kids
- Connected schools

To plan for 2021 based on DET's three major focus areas, the School Improvement Team will be having two planning days: Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

## DAILY STRUCTURE for 2021

Next year we will be altering the timetable to 5 x 60 minutes which will replace the 6 x 50 minute sessions. Therefore, the daily structure for 2021 will be as follows:

Session 1-9:00am  
Session 2-10:00am  
Eating Time-11:00-11:15am  
Lunch-11:15-12:00pm  
Session 3- 12:00pm  
Session 4-1:00pm  
Recess-2:00pm-2:20pm  
Session 5-2:20pm  
Dismissal-3:20pm

Please note that the After Care Program will operate from 3:20pm-6:00pm each school day.

## COVID SAFE REMINDERS

While it is wonderful that we are coming out of lock down, as a school community we still need to follow guidelines to ensure everyone's safety:

- Wear masks during drop off and pick up
- If your child is unwell or has COVID symptoms, you must keep them at home
- Every child must bring their own water bottle to school each day, as drinking taps cannot be used.

## PARENT PAYMENTS 2021

At the November meeting of the School Council, it was agreed that the Parent Payment amounts would be kept at the current rates for the 2021 school year. As such, the Essential Learning Items will remain as \$200 per child. More information regarding our Parent Payment Arrangements will be shared across the coming weeks via COMPASS and our school website. Parents who hold a current health care card, please contact the school office.

## LOST UNIFORM ITEMS

As the weather heats up, we are finding that our office staff are struggling to keep up with clearing the mountain of lost property. Please ensure your child's hats, jackets or windcheaters are clearly labelled with their name. This will assist greatly in ensuring these items are returned as quickly as possible. It may also help if you too urge your child to leave their jackets in their bags or tie them around their waists until they can get it into their school bag.

## LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY DISMISSALS

While we are still observing COVID restrictions, you are reminded that any child arriving after gam, is required to report to the office to collect a Late Pass before going to their class. Alternatively, if you need to collect your child early from school, please call the office ahead of time so that staff can ensure your child is ready and waiting to meet you at the office to be signed out.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met on Tuesday 10th November at 6:30pm.  
During the meeting, items discussed are listed below.

- An update on school staffing / timetable structure for 2021
- Facilities update including the rebuild
- Information regarding our School Review which will be held in Term 1, 2021



A huge thank you to our School Council President Matthew Dawson for organising the shade sail for the new junior playground!

## 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 a SunSmart hat for this term.



**I hope everyone has a great weekend!**

**Belinda Karlsson**  
**Acting Principal**

### School Diary

**Class of 2021-Year 6 Uniform order and payment due-Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2021 School Books and Materials -payment due-Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**Year 6 Graduation-Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December (payment due Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December)**  
**End of Term 4-Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm**

## Late Photo Orders 2020

Dear parents and students of Gladstone Views Primary School,

**IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER 2020 SCHOOL PHOTOS BEFORE LATE FEES ARE INCURRED**

Your school photo day was held on 17-11-2020 and all students are photographed regardless of purchase. If you did not place an order but would like to, it's not too late to order online.

**ONLINE ORDERING** Your child's photos are now available for secure online purchase

**4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING**

**Step 1: Click Here** - For online ordering process for your school, or

Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code 3ZB YDE ZFF

**Step 2:** Enter your student's details

**Step 3:** Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

**Step 4:** Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**Please Note:** Online ordering is available up to 7 days after photo day and after this time, processing fees will apply to all orders.

Place your order on or before **23-11-2020** to avoid the processing fees!