

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

KINDNESS

WELLBEING

INTEGRITY

RESILIENCE

Hi Everyone,

This term our Investigations topic includes elements of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Initiative. We have been busy teaching our students how to be respectful, safe and taking responsibility for their learning. Staff are explicitly teaching learning behaviours through various activities to promote expectations during assembly, expectations of our learning spaces and ways to problem solve outside in the year.



The school values of **Kindness**, **Wellbeing**, **Integrity** and **Resilience** will be included in the work of every classroom.

School Council

At the closing of the period for School Council nominations, the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies. We welcome Andrew Cliff, Phillip Harris, Ben Hart and Michael Mawal as members of School Council. These parents will join Matthew Dawson, Kristie Karlovic and Suzanne Rawas as the parent representatives on Council. Staff members on School Council are: Belinda Karlsson, Suzy Black, Laura Culleton and Scott Woolcock. The first meeting of the new School Council will be on **Tuesday 10th March at 7:00pm**.

School Website

We are currently updating our school website to ensure information parents need is available. If you have any suggestions as to what we should or could be included on the website please contact the office.

Introducing Our Office Staff

A warm welcome to our new office staff member Amanda Oliver who will be working in the office -Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Linda Crawford will be working in the office Tuesday and Friday and Sharon Mazzeo works in the office all week (Monday-Friday).



School Photos

School photos will take place on **Tuesday 24th March**. If you wish to have sibling photos please order online www.advancedlife.com.au or collect a sibling envelope from the front office. Individual envelopes have been sent home today.

Late Arrivals

It has been pleasing to note a reduction in the number of students arriving late to school each day so far this year. Arriving on time is extremely important for a number of reasons:

Anxiety

Students who arrive late often feel anxious as they know the school day has commenced and they have to walk into the classroom when everyone has started. This anxiety can reduce their capacity to learn until they settle.

Missed Opportunities

At the start of each day, teachers welcome students and go through the agenda for the day. This allows students to make the transition from home to school and prepares them for a day of learning. Often important information is communicated to students at this time. It is vital that students feel part of the class team which is established at this time.

Development of Habits

Punctuality is a habit and an important life skill and the foundation for this habit is developed when children are young. Children need to know that being 'on time' is important, shows respect and allows them to make the most of opportunities.

FOUNDATION TOURS

We have had many enquiries about enrolments for **2021** and places on tours are filling up fast. If you know someone who lives in Gladstone Park and is interested in our school, please ask them to ring the school office and book a place on our tours in the next few months. If you already have children at our school and have a Foundation student for next year, please make sure you come and collect the enrolment pack so we can add you to our list!!

Dates of Foundation 2021 Tours:

Wednesday 4th March at 6:00pm

Thursday 26th March at 10:00am

Wednesday April 22nd at 6:00pm

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Riley Kop, Shanaya De Silva, Maeve Blachford and Aidan Roberts who have been selected to compete in the Woodlands Division Tennis competition on Friday the 28th of February. We also congratulate Eden Hegarty and Yasemin Borucu who are selected for the Woodlands Division Swimming competition which will be held on Tuesday the 3rd of March at Northcote Aquatics and Recreation centre. We wish all these students the best of luck in their sports.

HARMONY DAY

Gladstone Views Primary School will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Monday 23rd March**. Students can dress up in orange or wear cultural clothing on the day. Family and friends are invited to watch student performances in the gym from 9:15am -10am. There will be fun activities throughout the day including a colouring in competition for each year level with prizes. Parents are encouraged to bring a NUT FREE dish from their culture and share it with their child's grade for lunch at 11:15am -11:40am.

We hope to see you all there!

CURRICULUM GAZETTE

Last year, Mrs Black and Miss Steele participated in the Bastow Leading Literacy Course. The Professional Learning was based around effective writing instruction. Together, they deepened their knowledge about the Writer's Workshop Model, became experts on the 6+1 Traits of Writing and most importantly learned how to lead school change.

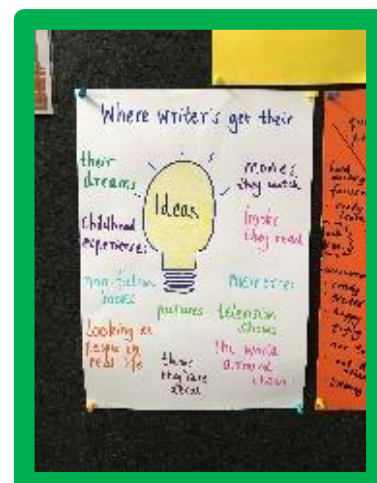
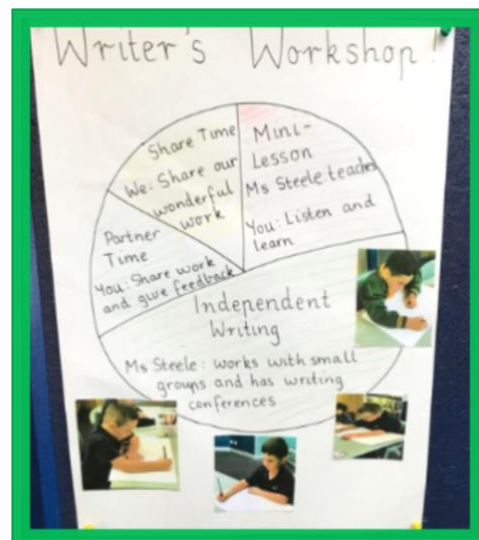
At Gladstone Views Primary School, 2020 has been named as 'The Year of the Writer'. We have started unpacking our instructional model- The Writer's Workshop.

In the Workshop Model, teachers explicitly teach one focus in their mini lesson. The focus of the lesson is decided on by the teacher from their ongoing monitoring of students' writing. The mini lesson is designed to explicitly teach our students skills and qualities of being a capable writer.

Following the mini lesson, students have the task to continue their writing and trial elements of the mini lesson in their own writing.



During worktime, students refer to our co created anchor charts. Anchor charts are essentially used to anchor the lesson's learning in the students' memories so when they look at the chart, they can drag the mental anchor up in their mind, along with the mini lesson that went with it.



At the end of the lesson, we meet with our writing buddies. We listen to each other's work and offer feedback.

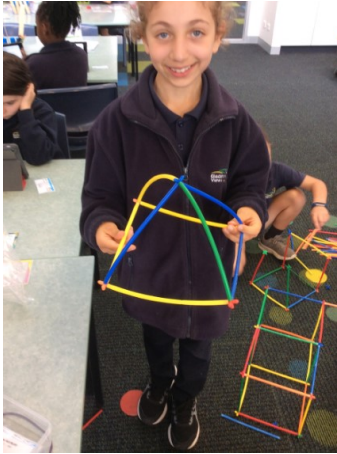
Some of us are even lucky enough to have an Author's Chair in our classrooms. This is where we celebrate our amazing achievements in Writing.

During our Curriculum Day on **Tuesday March 10th** we will have an amazing literacy consultant, **Narissa Leung**, who will be coming out to run a whole day professional learning with our staff. Narissa has asked our school to complete student surveys on writing. We will be unpacking this data and discussing it. Staff are also going to be students for the day. They will be students in a Writer's Workshop lesson and Narissa will be the teacher. We look forward to this powerful learning opportunity and cannot wait to implement more great ideas into our classrooms.



Our Learning in 3MR....

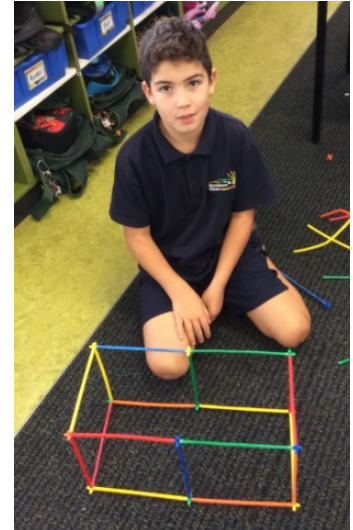
This week in **Mathematics** we have been learning about 3D objects. We are learning to describe them using their properties and using mathematical language such as faces, edges and vertices. We have been using lots of different materials such as playdough and straws with connectors to help us build 3D objects.



"I built a square based pyramid. It was really hard to make and I was relieved when I finally made it!" - **Eva**



"I made a cube and a triangular prism. At first it was hard, then it got easier and at the end I was very proud of myself." - **Lara**



"I built a rectangular prism and it was not that hard for me! I had so much fun." - **Zach**

In **Writing** we have been focussing on generating ideas for our **Fictional Narratives**. We thought about different ideas and wrote them into our Character Grid. We are now going to create a character profile!

The character in my story is about a short, shy girl who loves to read." - **Ella**

"My story is going to be about a nerdy boy!"
- **William**

In **Reading** we are learning to be smooth and fluent readers who read accurately and with expression!



"I like learning how to read different vowel patterns."
- **Xavier**



"I can't wait to write about a boy who makes strange noises!"
Logan

"I'm working on reading at a just right pace." - **Amanda**



"I am practising how to pay attention to punctuation to help me read with more expression."
- **Samantha**

"We were the first of the Grade 3/4 classes to win the Italian Trophy of the Week! We got it because we were great listeners and tried our best to make our work as neat as can be." - **Nala**





LOTE CAPTAINS 2020

Huge congratulations to Grade 6 student Millia Hussein, who is the LOTE captain for 2020. She gave a fantastic speech that she read all in Italian! *'I'm so excited to be the LOTE captain and I'm looking forward to working with Signora Marcucci to make Italian exciting for everyone.'* Working alongside Millia will be Eden Hegarty and Kaavinaah Daver who will be the LOTE Vice Captains. Congratulatzioni a tutte! 😊



Have a good weekend

Belinda Karlsson
Acting Principal

Term 1 Diary

School Assembly-Every Friday at 2:40pm (Gym)

Interschool Sport (Grades 5 & 6): Fri 28/2 - @ GVPS

Public Holiday: Monday 9th March

Curriculum Day: Tuesday 10th March (No students at school)

GRIP Conference (Year 6 Student Leaders): 17th March

Harmony Day: Monday 23rd March

School Photos: Tuesday 24th March

Portsea Camp: Grade 5 & 6 (14th, 15th, 16th, 17th April)

Notes for the Portsea Camp have been sent home today

HARMONY WEEK

FRIDAY 15 - THURSDAY 21 MARCH

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Monday 23rd March

SAVE THE DATE



Celebrating all cultures



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