

KINDNESS

WELLBEING

INTEGRITY

RESILIENCE

TERM ONE

Mon March 11	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue March 12	School Council Meeting – 2018 Members
Wed March 20	Presentation – Prep to 2 'Being Brave' (no cost)
Thu March 21	Family Night
Fri March 22	School Assembly – 2.50pm in the gym
Fri March 1	School Assembly – 2.50pm in the gym
Fri March 8	School Assembly – 2.50pm in the gym
Fri March 15	School Assembly – 2.50pm in the gym
Thu March 21	Harmony Day – Wear orange or cultural clothes.
Thu March 21	Family Night – Commencing 5.30pm
Fri March 22	School Assembly – 2.50pm in the gym
Mon March 25	Presentation – 3 to 6 "Being Brave" (no cost)
Tue March 26	Year Six Camp
Wed March 27	Year Six Camp
Thu March 28	Year Six Camp
Thu March 28	Prep BBQ – 5.00pm to 6.30pm (no cost)
Fri March 29	School Assembly – 2.50pm in the gym
Tue April 2	Colour Run
Thu April 4	School Photos
Fri April 5	Casual Day – Cuthbert House - Red
Fri April 5	Last Day of Term – 2.30pm dismissal

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Parents who hold a current health care card may be eligible to claim financial support to assist with expenses for camps, sport and excursions. If you are eligible please contact the school for an application form. Parents who have already claimed this at Gladstone Views Primary School will not need to apply again however the school office will need to make a copy of your current health care card.

Harmony Day – Thursday March 21st



Wear cultural dress or orange colours.
Various special activities will occur throughout the day.

Family Night – Thursday March 21st

Classrooms open from 5.30pm to 6.15pm
Student goals and work will be on display in all classrooms. Parents/carers and family members are invited to come along and share in the wonderful learning that has been taking place across the school.

Cultural Performances from 6.30pm in the gym

Each class will present a short performance. This event is not a formal concert. We will be sitting on the floor as a community to celebrate different cultures.

Please note: we will all be sitting on the floor in the gym. You may bring along rugs and cushions, however no chairs. This is to allow enough room and to improve viewing. A limited number of chairs will be provided at the back of the gym for those who require them.

Items for Purchase on the Night

We will have several items available for purchase on the night.

Lolly bags and water

Available before and after the performances. Prices to be determined.

(No food or fizzy drinks in the gym please).

Tea Towels and Candles

We are pleased to be launching two exciting school items at this event. Our Values Tea Towels and Candles. While the designs are still under wraps each item will cost \$10.00.

There will be a limited number of these items available on the night as it is difficult to determine what sales will be like. However, if we run out of tea towels and candles we will be more than happy to make another order and get them to those who are keen to own our special merchandise. Our aim is to have these items available at various times throughout the year.

Value of the Week - Integrity

This week we have been exploring INTEGRITY. INTEGRITY is knowing right from wrong, and doing what is right because it is the right thing to do. Students have been talking about INTEGRITY in their classrooms and looking for opportunities to demonstrate this value.

We have been really impressed with the way all students have understood this important value as integrity is a word not often used with children.



INTEGRITY

You can support you child by:

- Δ talking about various aspects of integrity
- Δ highlighting when your child shows integrity by acting responsibly and honestly
- Δ talking about the importance of trust.

The focus on our school values has been the subject of a number of positive comments from parents and community members. Our enthusiastic staff have come up with the idea of marketing tea towels and candles with the school values on them. These fantastic new school items will be available for purchase on our family night.

School Council

At the closing of the period for School Council nominations, the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies. We welcome Niki Malvaso and Matthew Dawson as new members of School Council, as well as Suzanna Rawas, Phillip Harris and Kristie Karlovic who have re-nominated. These parents will join Ben Hart and Andrew Cliff as the parent representatives on Council.

Staff members on School Council are: Cathie Morcom, Suzy Black, Laura Culleton and Samantha Steele. One staff vacancy remains open at this stage.

The first meeting of the new School Council will be in April.

Commitment to Child Safety

Amongst the policies and other information provided on our website you will find our school Commitment to Child Safety. The statement is provided below:



We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children.

Child Safe

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

We are committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, removing and reducing these risks.

We have robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers.

We ensure regular training and education is undertaken by staff and volunteers on child abuse risks.

We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of all children and to providing a safe environment for all children including those with a disability.

Writing Stimulus – Special Delivery!

Our first whole school writing stimulus arrived this week thanks to the teachers in years five and six. Each term a stimulus is set up in the school for classes to visit, discuss and write about.

The arrival of a large package in the foyer resulted in a lot of interest and sparked imaginations. Many adults would find it difficult to sit down and write 'a story' and for children it is the same. Prior to writing children need to develop ideas and a sense of enthusiasm for the work.

When visiting the writing stimulus teachers guide students through discussions to expand their vocabulary and create interest. This can be done at any time with your child at home or when out and about. Talking with your child and questioning them to develop their thoughts and ideas is one of the most valuable things parents/carers can do (along with reading). Children need to hear words being used in context before they can use them in their writing.

Our writing stimulus activities last year were extremely popular and often had the whole community talking about what was going on. We love to spark their imaginations and this week some could even hearing noises coming from the box.



TUESDAY 2ND APRIL

We have two aims;

1. for everyone to have a great day
2. to raise funds for our school

As much as possible we endeavour to reduce financial costs to parents. Examples of how we are doing this include:
△ no charge to parents for individual devices such as iPads
△ costs covered for whole school events including the Brainstorm Production Events this term in relation to bullying – 'Being Brave'.

We are now asking for everyone to **DO THEIR VERY BEST** to get sponsors for the colour run.

Money raised from this event will be going to an upgrade of the school grounds which will benefit all students. This is a project we have been working on for some time and unfortunately progress has been slow

Colour Run Reminders

- △ white shirt and old clothes to run in
- △ an old towel and a change of clothes
- △ Safety Data Sheet for the powder available at the office
- △ parents and other families welcome to join in



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.