

# **NEWSLETTER**

# **UPCOMING DATES**

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March School Photo's
- Thursday 21<sup>th</sup> March Harmony Day
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March
   Last Day of Term 1
   Assembly 12pm Dismissed 12:30pm
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April First Day Term 2

# **Mr Alex's Principal Message**

Dear Gladstone Views Primary School community,

At Gladstone Views Primary School our Vision Statement is to create productive citizens of the future.

In partnership with the community, our mission is to assist every student to become literate, numerate, healthy and socially responsible in a caring, safe, supportive, stimulating and challenging environment.

We are proud of our Community School Values and expect all members of our school to be Respectful, Safe, Kind and continual Learners in their daily lives.

# **GVPS Values**











# **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to all the community members who were able to make bookings and attend our Parent Teacher Interviews during the week just gone. From the teachers perspective this was a very positive experience to discuss the progress of your children. Our teachers at GVPS are dedicated to the improvement of your children's wellbeing and learning success. If there is something you need to raise with your child's teacher in between reporting cycles please speak to the teachers face to face or via Class Dojo.

# **GVPS Open Morning and Coffee Van**

Thank you to all the community members who attended our GVPS classroom Open Morning on Wednesday 28 February. We were very excited to share a coffee with you and the positive impact of trauma informed practices that are transforming the way we nurture our school environment: Morning Circles and Positive Primers for learning.

# **Wellbeing Week for our Teachers**



Each term Gladstone Views Primary School acknowledges Wellbeing Week for our Educational Team. As we embark on Wellbeing Week (11-15 March), we want to take a moment to express our deep gratitude and admiration for the incredible individuals who play a pivotal role in shaping the holistic well-being of our students: our dedicated teachers and our Education Support Team.



# **GVPS School Council**

# Nominations for School council have closed.

I want to thank all those who put forward their nominations to be a member of the Gladstone Views Primary School School Council. The following community members will be your official parent and carer nominees on council for 2024.



Phil Harris



Beth Shanks



**Grant Fenton** 



Katie Lynch



Jacqui Murphy



Nichole Grabowski



Michelle Lewis

Our first meeting will take place at school on Wednesday 27 March where we elect Office Bearers of President, Vice President and Treasurer. The group is looking forward to collectively working together in the aim to continually improve Gladstone Views Primary School.



# A message from the GVPS Parents & Carers Club

Our Annual General Meeting for our GVPS Parents and Carers Group was held on Tuesday 5th March at 5pm. We elected the office bearers for 2024, Jacqui Murphy - President, Nichole Grabowski - Secretary and Tamara Booth - Treasurer.

This week marked a big milestone for our school community, meeting for the first time as the GVPS Parents and Carers Club. This group was established to build a strong community culture to give our children the best school experience possible. We look to take some pressure off staff and teachers around the school and allow them to focus on doing what they do best.

We welcome all members of our school community to attend our semi-regular meetings in person or via video conference. We will discuss ideas for fundraising, coordinate school events and source volunteers to make it all happen. This is an inclusive and welcoming environment that also serves as a good opportunity to connect with other parents and carers within our community. People can commit as much or as little time as they can; all is appreciated.

So far this year we are working on:

- Mother's Day/Special Person's Day Stall (with a special card-making night for families!)
- Assisting with the Easter Raffle
- Trivia Night
- Discos
- Scholastic Book Club
- Father's Day/Special Person's Day Stall

At our next meeting, we will begin discussing what to fundraise for and what activities we can organise to make it happen. All ideas are welcome and encouraged!

If you are interested in the parents' club, please register here: <u>GVPS Expression of Interest Link</u>.





# Let's come together to celebrate our cultural diversity.

**Celebrating Harmony Day** 

**Embracing Diversity and Inclusion** 

Monday 18th March - Friday 22nd 2024

As we approach Harmony Day, we are excited to celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures that make up our diverse school community. Harmony Day, observed on **Thursday 21 March**, is a time to embrace inclusivity, respect, and cultural diversity.

Wearing Orange: In support of Harmony Day, students and staff are encouraged to wear orange, the official color of Harmony Day, symbolizing a united stand against discrimination and embracing diversity.

Cultural Showcase: Students are invited to share and showcase elements of their culture, whether through traditional dress, artifacts, music, or dance. This not only promotes cultural understanding but also provides an opportunity for students to take pride in their heritage.

Language Exchange: Facilitate language exchange activities where students can learn and share basic greetings or phrases in different languages. This promotes language appreciation and understanding.

Curriculum - Engage students in creative projects that celebrate diversity.

We invite parents and community members to join in our Harmony Day celebrations. Your presence and participation enrich the experience for our students and strengthen the bonds within our diverse school community. More information to follow.





Our Holiday program is up and running these school holidays from the 8th of April until the 12th of April. Please either contact the office or let the girls know in OSHC to book your spot. But get in quick as there are only 45 spots available each day.

Bookings are open.

\*Please note there will be a base rate of \$25 per day/ per child and additional costs some days depending on activities.







# **Assembly and Dates**

We have outlined the following dates for our assemblies until this term.

Friday March 15 – 3pm

Thursday March 28 – 12pm

A reminder of our expectations are:

In assembly we all:

- enter and exit quietly
- show appreciation by clapping appropriately when asked
- are mindful of people around us
- tracking the speaker

Students and teachers enter from the front gym door and community members enter and exit from the rear entry.

# Positive, Respectful, and Courteous Communications

As we continue to foster a positive and inclusive learning environment, we would like to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of positive, respectful, and courteous communications with the school whether that be face to face, phone, email or via Dojo.

We firmly believe in upholding our core values of respect, safety, kindness, and being continual learners. These values guide us in our interactions with one another, and we kindly ask that you embrace them as well when engaging with our school community and educational team at GVPS.

**Respect:** We encourage all parents to treat fellow parents, students, teachers, and staff members with respect. This includes actively listening, considering different perspectives, and addressing concerns in a calm and constructive manner. Let us strive to create an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding.



The safety and well-being of our students are of utmost importance. When communicating with the school, please be mindful of the sensitivity of certain matters, especially those related to student well-being. We encourage open and honest discussions while respecting the privacy and confidentiality of individuals involved.



Kindness: Acts of kindness can have a profound impact on our school community. Let us set an example for our children by choosing kindness in our communications. Whether it's a simple thank you, a word of encouragement, or offering support to one another, every act of kindness contributes to a positive school environment.



Being Learners Education is a lifelong journey, not only for our students but for all of us. As parents, we have the opportunity to model the value of being continual learners. Let's approach conversations with an open mind, willing to learn from one another, and to grow together as a community.



By adhering to these principles, we can build stronger connections within our school and ensure a supportive environment for our children's growth and development.

Please remember that open lines of communication are always available to you at GVPS. If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions, feel free to reach out in a calm, respectful manner. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in creating a positive school community.



# Matrix of Expected Student Behaviour

# ALWAYS

We listen to the person talking and I use manners

· We are honest

- We ask for consent when using other people belongings and take care of property
- We take our hats off inside

# CLASSROOMS

- We persist at our work independently and in groups
- We share and take turns
- We follow all classroom rules and routines

# PLAY AREAS

- We use positive, safe and kind language
- We put rubbish in the bin
- We eat in designated areas
- We share equipment and play spaces

# TOILETS AND TAPS

- We respect privacy
- We keep the toilets clean
- We tell a teacher if the toilets are dirty or unsafe

# We include others

# CANTEEN

- · We wait our turn
- We use our manners

# We maintain personal space We move sensibly throughout the school

# TRANSITIONS

- We listen to the speaker and follow instructions
- We show appreciation by clapping appropriately when asked
- We are mindful of people around us

- We stand respectfully for the National Anthem and Acknowledgement of Country

# ASSEMBLY

- We enter and exit quietly

- We follow the GVPS Digital Technology agreement
- We keep communication positive
- We seek permission when taking photos and posting information about others online

# DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND ONLINE

IN THE COMMUNITY

We respectfully represent our school

- We are responsible citizens
- We are inclusive and respect diversity
- We wear our correct school uniform with pride

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- We wear our hats during Sunsmart months
- We wait our turn We eat in the

We are responsible citizens

We use equipment designated areas

We move sensibly and safely throughout the

meant to be We are where we are We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves

We use equipment appropriately

- correctly
- We follow the rule of the game
- We line up when the music starts

We are upstanders by reporting inappropriate behaviour or damage

We follow instructions

We ask for help

We go to the toilet and have a drink during breaks

· We wait in line

We line-up and walk in two lines

We sit with our class

We leave aisles, entry and exit points clear

We only purchase and eat our own food

- We flush the toilet and wash our hands with soap and water
- We leave when we are finished



We report anything inappropriate to an adult or parent immediately

We only communicate online with people we

already know

We only access sites we have permission to use We keep passwords and personal details private

 We are aware of stranger danger We obey community safety rules

We listen attentively

We understand that mistakes are a part of learning

We show resilience, have a growth mindset and reflect positively on

We STOP, LOOK and LISTEN when the teacher asks

group tasks We contribute to our learning

We accept decisions and follow instructions

We always try our best

· We are prepared for

We participate

- We learn from our

- We have the equipment we need to learn

- We follow the school values
- We action important
- We follow classroom expectations
- We use school devices for learning purposes
  - We line up before the bell rings



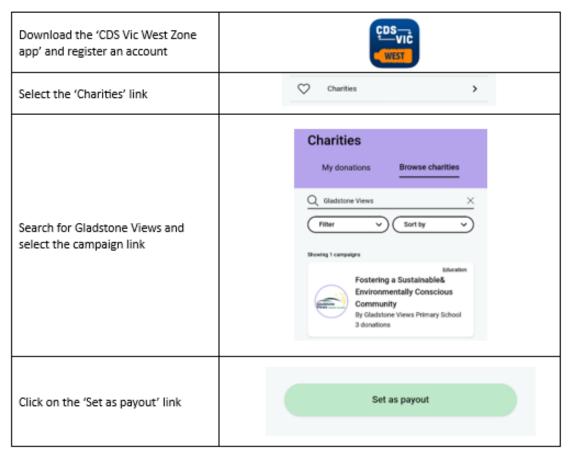
We are friendly, generous, helpful and considerate of others





Help GVPS raise funds by donating your empty drink containers!

To set yourself up to make direct donations to GVPS from the CDS return point you'll need to do the following (as a once-off):



Once setup, you should then have GVPS listed as the 'active payout' on the home screen and each time you donate you just scan your barcode and donations will be sent directly to the school.





# Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- . on the first day of Term one, or:
- · on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans
  Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC)
  holder. OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.
- \* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: <u>Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund</u> (CSEF): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on 29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024.

### Payment amounts

## CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- · Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- · Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: <a href="Maintenance-2">Camps</a>, <a href="Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): Payment amounts">Payment amounts</a> | education.vic.gov.au

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

## How to complete the application form

### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

- Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
  - If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
- 2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
- Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

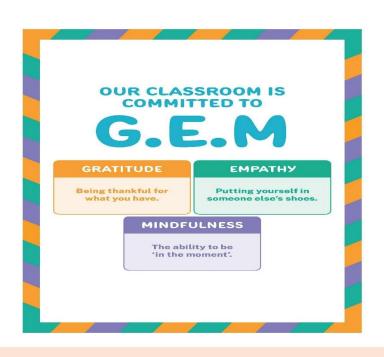
# SEL – Social and Emotional Learning.

In SEL students have been very engaged when participating in the Resilience Project. Students in Foundation and Grades 1/2 have been working hard on showing gratitude and saying thankyou for what they have. We created a Gratitude Garden!



Below I have attached some further details for parents and carers interested in finding out more about what we are doing in SEL and THE RESILIENCE PROJECT (TRP) this Semester. You may hear the word GEM this year and maybe the term DIS! You can ask your children about it. Any questions about the TRP please feel free to come and see me.

Laura Bishop





# **HELP NEEDED**

We are looking for parents/carers/grandparents who would like to volunteer in the school canteen. The days we have available are Monday-Wednesdays. It doesn't need to be every week, it can be fortnightly or even monthly. If you have a current Workers with Children's Check and are willing to do a free 1 hour online food handling course, please let the office know.

# **PRODUCT CHANGES**

Our supplier have informed us that Mamee Corntos snacks have been discontinued. We have replaced them with Sour Cream Delites which we will be selling for 50 cents. QKR has been updated to reflect this change.

# **REMINDERS**

- If your child has a lunch order and they are going to be away, can you please let the office know by 9:30am so we can reschedule the lunch order for another day.
- Can you please check that your child's class is correct on QKR to avoid lunch orders being sent to the incorrect classroom.
- Any lunch orders placed after 9:30am or emergency lunches will be sandwich only.
- Frozen Treats (excluding slushies) are now sent to the classrooms with the class lunch order basket and are distributed by the classroom teacher. This is working well and we have noticed a reduction in students waiting in the canteen line on hot days.
- If you wish to order frozen treats for your child's class to celebrate a birthday, can you please let us know 1 week in advance so we can ensure we have sufficient stock.
- We have a few families that owe money to canteen for emergency lunches. Yellow slips have been sent home this week. These amounts can be paid on QKR, under "Money owing to canteen" or via cash.

Thank you, Amanda M - Canteen Manager.



# 2024 Photo Day Online and Envelope Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students of Gladstone Views Primary School,

Your school photo day is on 18-03-2024 and your school has chosen to order via online and/or envelopes which has been or will be distributed to every student. Therefore, it is important that the ordering instructions below are followed, and all students are photographed regardless of purchase.

\*\* IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE - ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 17-03-2024 \*\*

ONLINE ORDERING: Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

### 4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: Click Here. - For online ordering process for your school - OR - Go to <a href="www.advancedlife.com.au">www.advancedlife.com.au</a> 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 delivered to the school for collection)

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

\*\*Online Orders have a 1.5% merchant fee applied when using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal.

Please note: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15.00 late fee per package.

# FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS: No envelope required if ordering online 3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [3ZB YDE ZFF]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on [17-03-2024]
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with exact cash amount. (no change given)

### ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE:

# ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

Step 1: Student Details - Complete the section for student details on the front of the envelope. (Please use black or blue pen).

Step 2: Purchase Details - Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: Payment Method - Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au

Cash - Please enclose correct money - no change is given under any circumstances

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you <u>DO NOT</u> wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order. <u>info@advancedlifevic.com.au</u> or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team

# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING UP SOON

# **ORDER NOW**

School: Gladstone Views Primary School

Date of photography: 18/03/2024

Place order by: 28/03/2024

# **HOW TO ORDER**





# OPTION 1 ORDER AND PAY ONLINE USING YOUR MOBILE





Scan this QR code using your mobile phone camera to go straight to your school's package options and order photos

# OPTION 2 ORDER AND PAY ONLINE USING YOUR COMPUTER



Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter your school's 9 digit order code

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Should you have any questions please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

# GVPS Easter Raffle

GVPS is taking donations from our community for our annual Easter Raffle.

Donations will close Friday 15 March.

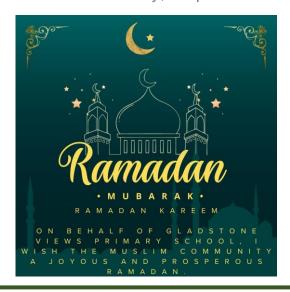
A book of raffle tickets will be sent home with your eldest child and tickets are to be sold at \$1 each.

All sold tickets to be returned to the school office by Tuesday 26 March.

The raffle will be drawn at Assembly Thursday 28 March



I wish the Muslim community of Gladstone Views Primary School a joyous and prosperous Ramadan. Sunday, 10 March 2024 to Tuesday, 9 April 2024.



# Help needed in your community. Paid positions available now.



Want to give back to the community, and supplement your income? Become a School Crossing Supervisor.

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