

## **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

KINDNESS WELLBEING INTEGRITY RESILIENCE

Hi Everyone,

It has been great seeing so many happy, smiling faces come into the school yard every morning. A reminder that our first bell sounds at 8.55am followed by a second bell at 9am to signal the start school day. All students are encouraged to come in and get settled prior to the main bell at 9:00am. Teachers have reported that students are more settled and ready for learning in the mornings and are feeling better prepared to start the day.

Well done kids 😊

As everyone is aware, there is a shortage of staff in almost every industry and teaching is no different. We have had a huge number of staff and students who have been unwell this term already and our attendance data is not where we wanted it to be! As you know, we have had great difficulty replacing teachers when they have been unwell or absent and have therefore had to splits. With our wintery conditions continuing into this term, we are expecting that staff and students will continue to be unwell or absent and that we will need to continue splitting grades at times. Whilst this is not ideal for our students and staff, it is the best option that we have. Rest assured that even when grades are split children are continuing with their class work and are learning.

Under our Schools Agreement, all teaching staff are entitled to a further 2 Professional Practice Days this year. On professional practice days, teachers are released from their scheduled duties, including teaching, to focus on the improved delivery of high-quality teaching and learning. These days are in addition to existing Curriculum Days. Due to the shortage of casual relief teachers across the country we are again expecting the Department of Education and Training to suggest that all teachers in a school have their Professional Practice Day on the same day and that we call a Pupil Free Day. I will inform you of this week we receive communication from the department and of the date once it is set.

I have been informed by one of our community members that the Barry Rd bridge is closed due to roadworks for the next 6 weeks. If you travel using Barry Rd, please allow for increased traffic conditions due to the roadworks.

# Foundation 2023 (Reminder)

Already, we have had a lot of enquiries about enrolments for **2023** and already we have 43 enrolments for Foundation 2023! If you know someone who lives in Gladstone Park and is interested in our school, please ask them to telephone the school office to book a place on one of our tours.

Our new tour dates and times are as follows: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August @ 10am, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August @ 3.30pm and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September @ 5.00pm. Please feel free to share these dates at time with friends and families which you may know are still looking for a school placement in 2023.

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!!

## Sebastian Naselli

## **Acting Principal**

Dates to Remember	Grade Levels	Time /Date	Additional Information
Italian Day	All grades	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug All day	Pizza lunch (No Canteen orders) See attached
AFL North Metro Regional Finals	5/6 Footy Team	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug 9.00am -2.30pm	Roxburgh Park Sporting field
Jeans for Genes Day	All grades	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug All day	See attached
District Athletics	Aths Team	Fri 19 Aug All Day	Meadowglen Athletics Track
The Tiny Chef and Queens Park	Foundation	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug 9am – 2pm	Consent forms due Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug
School Dental Visit	All grades	Week of visit 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Forms sent home today- due Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> August
Melbourne Sports Institute Gymnastics Program	All grades	Term 3	Forms sent home today-Permission forms due Thurs 4th Aug
Last Day of Term 3	All grades	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2.20pm finish	Early Dismissal

# **School Dental Initiative**

The dental health van is visiting our school to actively find and help prevent decay early!

Dental consent forms have been sent home with students today. If you would like your child to attend a dental visit, please return your form to school by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of August.



## Canteen -

# Volunteers required please

The school canteen is looking for volunteers to help in the school canteen from 9am to 11am. If you can volunteer your time weekly, fortnightly or on a monthly basis please contact the school office on 9338 6083. Volunteers would be required to hold a current Working with Children Check.

#### Reminder

The canteen will be closed for lunch orders on Wednesday the  $3^{rd}$  of August due to our pizza lunch and Italian day celebrations.

# **Sports**







# **AFL VICTORIA**

During PE lessons the Foundation-2 students have participated in a 3-week AFL Program ran by a number of coaches from AFL Victoria learning and practising the core skills of the game.













# **AFL DAY GALA**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of July, 38 5/6 students participated in an AFL Gala Day at Jacana Reserve. All of the students played great! Congratulations to the girl's team for winning every game in both the Broadmeadows District and the Woodlands Division Finals and now advancing to the North Metro Regional Finals on August 4<sup>th.</sup> All students played fantastic football.









# GRADE 3-6 GVPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2022



















# **TEE BALL**

Well done to the girl's team and the mixed team for advancing to the Woodlands Division Finals for Tee ball from summer interschool sports. This took place at Jack Ginifer Reserve on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July.

Congratulations to the girl's team for winning all four games on the day and advancing to the North Metro Regionals on August 9<sup>th</sup> at Mill Park. Goodluck to the girl's team.

















RAISE MONEY. FIND CURES. JEAN-IUS.

Come Join Us!!

Wear your Jeans on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 and make a gold coin donation.











# WALVAN DAY WEDNESDAY 3rd AUGUST 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is just a friendly reminder that Italian Day at GVPS will be held next **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.** Staff and students are encouraged to dress up on the day. You could dress up in the Italian sport colours (*azzurro* (light blue) and *bianco* (white) or an Italian sport/character outfit (Eg. Soccer, Formula 1 etc) or even the Italian colours (*verde* (green), *bianco* (white) *e rosso* (red). You may even want to dress up as an Italian character or object (Eg. *Mario, Luigi, The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, a gelato, pizza, pasta, barista, etc*). The list goes on! The poster attached to this Newsletter explains all the activities and timetable planned for the day, including cannoli making, playing bocce, Italian Art and lots more, including a pizza and gelato lunch! Remember if your child is not ordering a pizza for lunch, please ensure they bring their lunch from home as the canteen won't be open. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend student performances in the gym from 9:15-10am and the Incursion show 'Dammi il Cinque' at 2:20pm in the gym.

It has been so lovely to see a huge response from parents wanting to help out on the day, including in the classrooms. Please make sure you have a current Working with Children's Check and that the office has a copy of the form. If you are a parent helping out in the morning, we can meet at the Canteen at 8:15am to organise and distribute the cannoli kits.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about Italian Day, please email me on: <a href="mailto:laura.marcucci@gvps.vic.edu.au">laura.marcucci@gvps.vic.edu.au</a>

Looking forward to celebrating together the Italian culture at GVPS!

Grazie mille,

Laura Marcucci





DRESS UP IN THE ITALIAN SPORT COLOURS (LIGHT BLUE AND WHITE) OR AN ITALIAN SPORT OUTFIT (SOCCER, FORMULA 1 ETC).
YOU CAN EVEN DRESS UP IN THE ITALIAN COLOURS (GREEN, WHITE AND RED!)

9:15AM - 10AM ~ STUDENT PERFORMANCES (GYM) 10AM - 11AM ~ ART ACTIVITIES WITH PRIZES! (CLASSROOMS) 12PM - 1PM ~ CANNOLI MAKING (CLASSROOMS) 1PM - 2PM ~ BOCCE GAMES (CLASSROOMS OR OUTSIDE) 2:20PM - 3:20PM ~ DAMMI IL CINQUE ITALIAN INCURSION (GYM)

#### PLUS!

PIZZA AND GELATO LUNCH TEACHER VS STUDENT SOCCER MATCH AT LUNCHTIME (3-6) ITALIAN RELAYS AT LUNCHTIME (F-2)

PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME TO ATTEND STUDENT PERFORMANCES AND THE ITALIAN INCURSION IN THE GYM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT IN THE CLASSROOM, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER