

TERM FOUR

Friday 29 Nov	Grade 5/6 Trade Fair
Tue 3 Dec	Royal Botanic Garden Excursion - Gr 1/2
Tue 3 Dec	School Council 7pm
Thur 5 Dec	Family Celebration Night
Thur 19 Dec	Grade 6 Graduation
Fri 20 Dec	Last day of Term 4 - School finishes 1.30pm

From the Acting Principal

I am enjoying my second week at Gladstone Views and people are continuing to make me feel welcome.

We have, however, had a few issues this week with student's using mobile phones and other devices inappropriately at home and then bringing their problems to school. This has caused safety issues for us and has taken us away from the work that we should have been doing, that is, providing the best educational opportunities for all our students.

Earlier this term there was a publication in the newsletter regarding cyber safety, here are a few reminders for you to talk about with your children...

Talk about respectful relationships, safety and inappropriate images

There needs to be several conversations about how to stay safe online before you let your children loose in the digital world, how to show respectful behaviour and be aware of the pitfalls of inappropriate images. These kinds of digital exposures can have massive ramifications on the growth and development of young people, especially when it comes to the quality of their relationships and well-being.

Know what the rules and expectations are at school

Make sure that you and your child know what the rules are at school. Importantly, support the school and keep your own expectations in line with the school. Gladstone Views PS Digital Technologies policy and Mobile Phones policy are both available on the school website.

Specify hours for digital use

Set the ground rules for when your children can use their tablets and phones, and when they need to shut them off for the night. Keep in mind that this age group faces tremendous peer pressure to be online 24/7, and even though they'd never admit it, it might be helpful for them to have an acceptable 'way out' from their demanding digital life.

Consider a digital device 'contract'

Clearly set out your digital device usage guidelines, and print them in an agreement that you and your children can both sign. If there are any disputes, then you both have the expectations in writing.

Lay out consequences from the start

Make the consequences are clear for breaking the rules, such as taking away the phone or tablet for a set period of time. But remember, the goal isn't to punish them, but just to set clear boundaries. Your home's digital device guidelines should be reasonable rather than excessive, and be made in collaboration with your children so they feel a sense of ownership about the rules too. This should make it less likely for them to 'break the rules', so to speak.

It is important that we all feel safe and stay safe in our digital world and the above reminders are very important at this time of digital overload.

Have a great week,

Stella Garreffa

Gardening Club

This term Grade 3R began a Gardening Club to help beautify the school grounds. They have worked hard to remove weeds, aerate soil, add potting mix, plant succulents and flowers and look after it daily by watering it. The two plant boxes near the canteen and gym are looking lovely and bright and we are even beginning to see new flower growth. The



students have been very excited to tend to the garden every Wednesday at lunchtime and we are especially thankful to our parent volunteer Fay, who kindly volunteers her time to assist in the

Gardening Club. Thank you Fay and Grade 3R! We are hoping to slowly expand the Gardening Club to different areas of the school and involve more grades and students in this initiative. What a wonderful way to give back to the environment!

LIBRARY CLOSING FOR STOCKTAKE

We request that all library books are returned to the GVPS Library no later than Friday 29th November. No books are to be borrowed from the library from this date onwards. Staff will be conducting a stocktake of the library books and identifying any missing books. Notices and payment requests will be issued for books that have not been returned.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Term Dates 2020

Term 1 - 29th January - 27th March
Term 2 - 14th April - 26th June
Term 3 - 13th July - 18th September
Term 4 - 5th October - 18th December

Items Due

2019 Grade 6 Graduation

Grade: Grade 6

Amount: \$30.00

Payment Due: 29 Nov

Working Bee

Wednesday 4th & Wednesday 11th December
2.30pm – 3.30pm

We are seeking parent helpers to help cover new books for the Library. If you are interested and free during these times please contact Ms Buckley or Ms Larsen.

Thank you!

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Just a reminder that each Friday we have a whole school assembly in the Gym at 2.50pm.

GLADSTONE VIEWS 2019 TRADE FAIR

THE GREATER SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS
INVITED TO JOIN US
FOR THE GRADE 5/6 TRADE FAIR

FOOD, GAMES AND OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE!
PRICES RANGING FROM 50c - \$2

29 November 2019 9:30am - 2pm

Enter via the external aftercare doors.

(Find the signs)

*All money raised is going towards the 2019 & 2020
Grade 6 Graduations.*

*Bring PLENTY of loose change to support our
students.*

LEARNING TOGETHER