Thursday August 9, 2012

Diary

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<th>Date</th>
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<td>Fri 10 Aug</td>
<td>9.30am – 11.00am</td>
<td>Interschool Sport – Rd 6 Away St Dominics v’s GVPS</td>
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<td>Tues 14 Aug</td>
<td>7.00pm</td>
<td>School Council</td>
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<td>Thurs 23 Aug</td>
<td>9.15am – 3.00pm</td>
<td>Gr. 1/2 Excursion to Melbourne Aquarium (Money &amp; form due 16.8.12)</td>
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<td>Thurs 23 Aug</td>
<td>9.00am – 3.00pm</td>
<td>Gr. 3/4 Excursion to Immigration Museum (Money &amp; form due 20.8.12) Group 1: 9.00am – 12.00pm Group 2: 12.00pm – 3.00pm</td>
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<td>Fri 31 Aug</td>
<td>9.00am – 2.00pm</td>
<td>Fathers’ Day Stall</td>
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) - Changes for 2013

The recent Victorian State budget has made significant changes to the EMA system for 2013, as detailed below:

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<th>2012 School Year</th>
<th>2013 School Year</th>
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<td>School Start Bonus for children commencing in grade prep</td>
<td>School Start Bonus payment no longer available $ Nil</td>
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<td>$300</td>
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<td>EMA paid as two equal portions, half to school and half to parents, in two instalments annually (70% in March and 30% in August)</td>
<td>EMA funds paid in full to parents.</td>
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<td>EMA School portion (total)</td>
<td>EMA Parent portion (total)</td>
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<td>$117.50</td>
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<td>Total EMA per student</td>
<td>$235.00</td>
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<td>Gladstone Views Primary School allowed parents to direct the school portion of EMA towards Essential Educational Supplies, Curriculum Materials and Requisites.</td>
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The discontinuation of the schools’ component of the EMA will be partially offset by the redirection of equity based funding to some schools. These payments will be directed to schools with higher proportions of students from a lower socio-economic background, in recognition of the additional challenges faced in supporting these students to reach their potential. This formula is likely to result in a significant funding deficit for Gladstone Views Primary School.

How will these changes effect parents claiming EMA at Gladstone Views Primary School

School Council has previously allowed families eligible for EMA to direct the school portion of the payment to reduce the cost of Essential Educational Supplies, Curriculum Materials and Requisites as set by School Council at the beginning of each year.

In 2013 these funds will not be available, so families will need to budget to allow for an increased cost at the beginning of the school year to fund Essential items for students.

Is support available from the Federal Government?

From January 2013, the Schoolkids Bonus will replace the Education Tax Refund (ETR) that was previously claimed through the tax system.

As part of the transition to the new Schoolkids Bonus one-off lump-sum payments were made in June 2012 to families in place of the Education Tax Refund for the 2011-12 financial year. Eligible families should have received the one-off Education Tax Refund payment from 20 to 29 June 2012. Payments of up to $409 for each child were made for children attending primary school.

Families are encouraged to set aside part of this payment to reduce the financial burden at the beginning of the 2013 school year.

Currently the Essential Educational Supplies, Curriculum Materials and Requisites at Gladstone Views Primary School are set at $150. The School Council review this figure annually and this will occur at the next meeting. Parents will be informed of the 2013 amount via the Booklist in early November.

Have a great week

Michael West
**CANTEEN NEWS**

Monday Aug 13 to Friday Aug 17

Mon  Kime T.
Tues  Bruno R. Julie O.
Wed  Golda D.
Thurs  Deanne L. Rasika G.
Fri  Amanda H. Amanda T. Kathy V.

***Helpers needed for Term 3.***

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**STAND TALL AWARDS**

**Week ending 3 August**

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<th>Prep</th>
<th>Gemma S.</th>
<th>For her focused approach in extending her reading &amp; writing knowledge by learning how to ‘chunk’ words, read in a fluent manner &amp; write captions for routine activities.</th>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Ozgur H.</td>
<td>For being an enthusiastic learner who completes extra work at home.</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Kiralee T.</td>
<td>For being a voracious reader who reads 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl in one day! That’s 240 pages!!!</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Glykeria K.</td>
<td>For being voracious reader who reads ‘Matilda’ by Roald Dahl in one day! That’s 240 pages!!!</td>
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<td>1/2C</td>
<td>Lee F.</td>
<td>For increasing his writing stamina during Independent Writing &amp; showing great improvement in his Recount writing, keep up the good work Lee!</td>
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<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Mia S.</td>
<td>For showing independence with all of her work tasks by thinking through task requirements.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3/4C</td>
<td>Anastasia D.</td>
<td>For applying herself so well to all of her school work with very good results.</td>
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<td>Noah D.</td>
<td>For the excellent way he listens to instructions and applies himself to all class work with outstanding results.</td>
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<td>5/6A</td>
<td>Sandaru K.</td>
<td>For his willingness to help others with their learning.</td>
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<td>5/6B</td>
<td>Angelica D.</td>
<td>For her commitment to learning her times tables which has helped her success in Maths.</td>
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<tr>
<td>5/6C</td>
<td>Mitchell M.</td>
<td>For putting effort into the way he writes and presents his work.</td>
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<td>5/6D</td>
<td>Eric C.</td>
<td>For showing persistence and great thinking when learning about Decimals in Mathematics.</td>
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**WINTER UNIFORM SHOP SPECIALS**

**Limited Stock Available**

- Cuffed tracksuit pants with reinforced knees
  - Sizes – 4,14,16
  - $5 each
- Rugby style windcheaters – Size 16 only
  - $10 each

*Please place orders at the office.*

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**SPORT**

**Interschool Sport**

Round 5 of the Winter District Interschool Sport Competition was played at home last Friday, against Aitken College.

The results for last week were:
- **Netball (girls)** Aitken College (12) d GVPS (5)
- **Netball (open)** GVPS (9) d Aitken College (1)
- **European Handball (girls)** Aitken College (17) d GVPS (2)
- **European Handball (open)** GVPS (5) d Aitken College (3)
- **Soccer** Aitken College (7) d GVPS (5)
- **Bat Tennis** Aitken College d GVPS

Round 6 of the winter competition will be played away this Friday August 10th against St. Dominic’s

**Richard Jasenia**

*Phys Ed Coordinator*

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge – 2012**

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Challenge:
- Ahmed A. 5/6C

Should you have any queries please see Daniel Guglielmini or Yvonne Gillespie.

**Y. Gillespie**
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Would like to invite you to our:

**T-Ball and Junior Baseball Come and Try Day**
Come and Try Day: Sunday August 26, 10am -12pm.
Test your hitting, catching and base running skills
See how fast the speed gun says you can pitch
Senior coaches in attendance
All equipment provided.
Where: Essendon Baseball Club
Boeing Reserve - Boeing Rd
Strathmore
Melway Ref 16 D5
For more information contact Joseph Riesz on 0409 503 331
or see
www.essendon.baseball.com.au

Steven Sauvarin
The fight against Multiple Myeloma Cancer Fundraiser

**Family Day at Jacana Football Club**
Saturday 18th August at 11.30am – 9.30pm.
All money raised will be donated to Steven Sauvarin and his fight against Multiple Myeloma.
Come help raise funds for medical and living expenses for Steven as a Community.

Everyone is Welcome to Come Along!!!
A Long Way Home

“I can’t wait for Christmas!” exclaimed Pam the sugar glider, but before she could say another word a wave of wind took Pam off her paws and carried her away! She spread her arms. The bush looked tiny below her. Soon she landed carefully on the ground. “Now what?” She had to be home for Christmas. She saw a wombat named Brownie and she asked him “Do you know the way home?” “A little,” said Brownie “Follow me,” So off they went. After a while Brownie said “That’s all I know” “Let’s ask Kangaroo.” So they did. “This way!” said kangaroo. “Follow me!” So off they went. “That’s all I know” said Kangaroo. “Let’s ask Kookaburra and Koala.” “Follow us” they said. So off they went. Later, Pam found some magic, yellow, fuzzy things. “This will be the family present!” said Pam. Then Kookaburra said “Let’s ask Emu for help” So they did. Emu led the way then Pam exclaimed “There’s Home!!!” She thanked the animals and gave her family their presents and they all yelled……… “Merry Christmas!!!” By: Lani M. 3/4C

The Arctic

The Arctic is the North Pole. There are penguins, polar bears and snow wolves. The slippery ice of the frozen Arctic sea was pale as a frozen human being. If you ever go to the Arctic you will get hypothermia. You should see the colossal mountains that reach up to the looming clouds high up in the air. Have you seen the remarkable snow storms? The snow will be so deep that you’ll be covered in snow. The icy ice and the un-sweltering weather get higher and higher every day. Your hands will be numb as if you’ve got your arm cut off. The Arctic is so cold because it’s so far away from the equator.

By: Sethmi D. 3/4C

Nature Over There

Over there I see green grass. I see and hear the trees being swished by a beautiful peaceful breeze. I can smell flowers. The flowers over there are as colourful as rainbows. The water is so clear I love the branchy leafy trees. If I could go there I’d sit, forget all my worries and read my favourite book, Ribbit Ribbit. Talking about my favourite book you can hear the green frogs ribbiting. I would stay there so long that I’d be so tired I could sleep for 1000 years or more. But you don’t believe I would, but I would. Would you think it’s that peaceful, No, are you crazy! It’s as relaxing as watching TV in your room on your bed with a cozy blanket and popcorn, my favourite. So I tell you try your hardest to go there. So that’s why I love it there…..

By: Saja R. 3/4B

Nature

I can see my sparkly reflection in the crystal clear water. I just adore the tall, green trees, they are as high as the Eifel tower. It makes me feel peaceful and calm. I am so relaxed it feels like I am in heaven. I could hear water gushing down the waterfall, birds chirping and lovely fresh fish slapping their fins on the cool, fresh, clear water. The water is as shiny as a freshly polished diamond and the trees are as beautiful as $100.

By: Megan S. 3/4B