FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome everyone back to school and in particular our new preps, new families and new teachers. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a restful break.

We have had a very smooth start to the year and our Preps are already working hard learning new words and numbers, establishing routines and meeting their buddies. The rest of the school quickly settled down to work with reading and maths. Next week Mrs Donaldson and I will be interviewing our Grade 5/6 students who are applying for house Captains and Vice-Captain positions. We look forward to the announcement soon. Also our Junior School Council will be elected over the next few weeks.

Punctuality & Attendance

Classes begin at 9.00am and children are expected to be at school in time to begin at 9.00am to minimise disruptions to classes. Children who are late will be marked as late on the roll. Students who have been absent are expected to return to school with a note explaining the reason for the absence. A telephone call to the office explaining an absence is also acceptable. The semester Student Reports will indicate the late arrivals and absences for the semester.

Before School

Please note that teachers are not on duty until 8.45am. The school provides a before and after school care program that parents can enrol their students. This program operates from 7.00am until 9.00am. This is a very valuable service that parents are asked to pay a nominal fee.

Grade structure 2013

Principal Mr Michael West
Assistant Principal Ms Jane Donaldson
Leading Teacher Mrs Sandra Hurst

Grade Prep A (Room 6) Mrs Matilda Seru
Grade Prep B (Room 5) Mrs Sandra Hurst
Grade Prep C (Room 4) Mrs Alyson Lind/ Mrs Penny Mallia (Fri)
The AEU sub branch have indicated they will attend the Grade 5/6 camp planned for the last week of term three.

Planned Stopwork Meeting
A planned stop work meeting is to be held on Thursday the 14th of February.

In the event of this going ahead parents will be informed of what grades will be affected by this as soon as possible. Hopefully a resolution to this will come sooner rather than later.

Finally the newsletter will be coming out on a fortnightly basis this year. Parents are also reminded that our web site http://www.gvps.vic.edu.au/ also has the newsletter and many other items of interest.

Have a great week

Michael West

Mon Feb 11 – Fri Feb 15

Mon  Jodie B.
Tue  Sonia W.  Skye V.
Wed  Helen H.
Thurs  Deanne L.  Vanessa W.
Fri  Amanda H. Helen H. Elly Mc

Dates to Remember....

Curriculum Days for 2013

Wednesday 27th February, 2013
9.00am – 12.00pm  – (No students required at school)
1.00pm – 6.30pm  – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 26th April, 2013

Monday 24th June, 2013
(Three Way Conferences)

No students required at school on these days

As a result of these bans we will be cancelling our Film night planned for the 15th of March.
Views Under the Stars

Friday 15th March, 2013

A movie night for the family and friends of the Gladstone Views School Community

Tickets on sale early in 2013

TERM DATES - 2013

TERM 1
WEDNESDAY 30th JANUARY - THURSDAY 28th MARCH

TERM 2
MONDAY 15th APRIL – FRIDAY 28th JUNE

TERM 3
MONDAY 15th JULY – FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

TERM 4
MONDAY 7th OCTOBER - FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER

Note: students are dismissed at 2.30pm at the end of terms 1, 2 & 3 and at 1.30pm at the end of term 4.

GVPS OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday 8.15am – 4.00pm

LUNCH & RECESS TIMES
11.00 - 11.10am
Students eat lunch in classrooms

11.10 - 12 noon
Lunch break
2.00 – 2.30pm
Recess

SPORT NEWS

Interschool Sport

Tomorrow’s Interschool sport game against Aitken College has been cancelled. Unfortunately Aitken College are unable to attend.

Next week’s game (Fri 15th Feb) will be at home against Good Shepherd - 9.00am – 11.00am

Richard Jasenia
Phys Ed Coordinator

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Educational Maintenance Allowance is payable in respect of eligible students in Primary Schools. Procedures are as follows:

1. Eligibility:
   Parents or guardians of students up to the age of 16 who hold a current pensioner concession or health care/ benefit card on the first day of first term.

2. Payment:
The allowance for primary students is paid in two instalments (Term 1 and 3).

3. Application Forms:
   Eligible applicants will need to fill in an application form (available from the school office) and must provide the applicable Centrelink Card and their Centrelink Reference Number (printed on the card). The applicant’s signature on the application form will authorise Centrelink to check on current entitlement.

4. Closing date for applications to be submitted at the school:
   Thursday February 28th 2013 by 4.00pm.

5. Further information about EMA and how the school uses EMA funds, is available at the office so please call or visit if your require further information.

Under the Microscope

Science has begun at Gladstone Views Primary School, with a bang, or more accurately a bubble! Students were excited, teachers a little nervous but actually everyone behaved beautifully and we all had a good time. Best of all we all learnt about chemical science.

We are still keen to find a name for the science centre so we are asking families to use the form below for their suggestions.

Mrs Mallia & Mrs Davies

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Under the Microscope

Our/My Suggestion for the name of our Science Centre is:

Family Name: _________________________
Child’s Name: _________________________
Grade: ___________________________
The Parents & Friends Committee would like to welcome all new and existing parents of the school to a new year of fun, events and community spirit!!

The Parents and Friends group is responsible for such wonderful events such as the annual Mothers and Father’s day stalls, community charity fundraisers and lots of other fun events that is run solely by Parents of the school. These are a massive benefit to all the children and bring much joy and excitement to the school.

We are currently seeking new members and so we would like to extend a warm welcome to all the Parents who are interested in Volunteering to attend a short meet to be held on Friday 15 February at 2.30pm in the staffroom.

We would love to see the familiar faces that have helped the school immensely in the past and introduce some new faces to the great work that is achieved by our school community. It's a great opportunity to meet and join our fantastic crew and be a part of a fun, dynamic group of parents that truly make the biggest difference to the services and events held at our school.

Please come along and share some ideas.

All welcome

Please fill out this attendance slip and return to the office by Tuesday 12th February.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Parents and Friends Committee

I will be attending the Parents & Friends meeting on Friday 15th February, 2013 at 2.30pm.

Name: __________________________

Child's Name: ____________________

Grade: ___________________