FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**GVPS ~ A School Of Mathematicians**

**Car Park**

Every year I appeal to parents to ensure that they follow the proper procedures for parking both around the school and in the staff car park. This is to ensure the safety of the students, teachers and parents. Unfortunately parents continue to park in the staff car park to drop their children off before school or to pick them up after school. Not only that, they drive down the wrong way. We also have parents that drop their children off in front of the school crossing which is extremely dangerous. Parents dropping off their children at before and after care continually use the loading zone or park in the drive way, blocking other cars from passing. This for the sake of walking only 40 metres from the visitors carpark. The school council is very concerned about this so a decision has been made to close the staff carpark gates at 8.45am and re-open them at 9.15am. They will be closed again at 3.15pm and be re-opened again at 3.45pm.

**Lunch time activities**

Parents may not be aware that our students do a range of activities that are run by the teachers in their lunch time to support our students. For example this week our netball team practiced in the gym with Mrs Kamvissis, our European handball team practiced with Mr Jasenia, our bat tennis team practiced with Mr Guglielmini, our soccer team with Ms Maher and our cross country squad trained with Mr Jasenia.

Our Junior School Council conducted indoor soccer matches in our stadium for the grade 1/2 children with teachers supervising. As well our choir and dancers also have practice at lunchtimes. It is great to see our teachers so committed and involved with their students. Best wishes to our students doing the NAPLAN. Both teachers and students have worked very hard to prepare well for the tests.

*Have a great week.*

Michael West
Parents & Friends

Mothers’ Day Stall

Tomorrow

OUR MOTHERS’ DAY STALL WILL BE HELD TOMORROW IN THE PORTABLES

Items will be available from 50 cents to $5.

Please remember to bring along your money and a bag in order to buy a special gift for Mum, Nan or Grandma.

Thankyou

Parents & Friends Committee

SPORT NEWS

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Last Friday May 4th saw the beginning of the Winter Interschool Competition with the first round played against Isik College.

The results for that round were as follows:

- Netball (girls) GVPS (4) d Isik College (0)
- Netball (open) GVPS (3) d Isik College (2)
- European Handball (girls) GVPS (19) d Isik College (13)
- European Handball (open) GVPS (27) d Isik College (11)
- Soccer Isik College (22) d GVPS (1)
- Bat Tennis Isik College d GVPS

Round 2 of the Winter Competition against Good Shepherd has been re-scheduled to June 8th

Richard Jasenia
Phys Ed Coordinator

Education Week

GVPS Picnic

On Thursday May 24th friends and family of students at GVPS are invited to share lunch on the oval. All you need to bring is a picnic rug and food. There is no cost!!!!

Start: 10.45am  Finish: 11.15am
See you there

P.S. If the weather is bad we will eat inside.

Lani and Emilio
(Junior School Councillors)
Can you Help Out The School?

During Education Week our school will be running a raffle. The prizes will be three different sized hampers full of goods that have an Educational flavour.

We are sending out a request to parents calling for donations of suitable goods to go into these hampers. Ideas include pencils, books, board games, stationery, CD’s, electronic equipment etc.

If you would like to donate new items for the raffle would you please leave the item(s) at the office.

So whether you are able to donate a packet of pencils or a flat screen TV – in anticipation of your support we say thank you.

LIBRARY NEWS

** Please note: The Gladstone Park library has a **

Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge – 2012

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Challenge:

Danielle B - 3/4B

It is pleasing to see the number of children who have already registered and started reading. We would like to see all children taking part in the Challenge, so please consider filling in your forms and returning them to school as soon as possible. There is still plenty of time to complete your reading challenge. Should you have any queries please see Daniel Guglielmini or Yvonne Gillespie.

** Please note: The Gladstone Park library has a selection of books you can borrow which are labelled for the reading Challenge.**

Y. Gillespie

Grade 1/2 Soccer

The house and vice captains have organised a Grade 1/2 indoor soccer competition. It is held in the gym at 2:00pm and is from Monday to Thursday. The teams that are competing are Smashers, Bulldogs, Warriors, Zombie Brains, the Bat People, Sesame Street, Water Cats, Sharks and Golden Tigers. When all of the 1/2 teams have competed we are hoping to hold a grand final as soon as we can. We will inform you of the winning team. Good luck to you all!

By your House and Vice captains, Chelsea, Mansi and Jade

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For more information & ideas on how to celebrate Walk safely to School Day please visit walk.com.au

Friday 18 May 2012
Sponsorship

We would like to extend a big thank you to all the Teachers, Parent Helpers and Models who contributed their time in making the evening a wonderful success.  Once again a very big THANKYOU

Education Week at GVPS

Monday 21st May ~

**Education Week is launched!**

★ 2.30pm - Whole School Assembly In the Gymnasium

Tuesday 22nd May ~

Farmridge Preschool visits GVPS (Red group) 8.30am - 1.30pm

Parent Tour - 8.45am - 9.15am (Come & see our exciting school)

Wednesday 23rd May ~

Farmridge Pre-school visits GVPS (Blue group) 8.30am - 1.30pm

Parent Tour - 8.45am - 9.15am (Come see our exciting school)

★ 12.30pm - 1.30pm - Our school Choir and Dance Ensemble perform on Centre Stage at: G.Park Shopping Centre

★ 6.30am - 7.00pm - Let your child show you around the school, see their classroom at work.

★ 7.00pm - 8.00pm - Learning Clinics (A registration form must be completed for the Learning Clinics.)

Thursday 24th May ~

Parents - spend the morning at GVPS

★ 9.30am - Information session for our parents (all our current parents.) Hear about the brilliant programs your child is involved in, see the school’s data and spend time watching your child involved in their learning.

★ 10.45am - 11.15am ~ Family picnic on the oval.