FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Council
We are seeking 5 school council members. The following council members positions will be declared vacant this year
Brent Strahan
Kerryn Morey
Andrew McConchie
Nicole Lucas
Vacant position

WHOLE SCHOOL VISION
Included in this newsletter is our Whole School Vision. We review and reflect on our Vision every year. This year we have included mental health as part of our overall wellbeing processes.
Last week Grade 2 /3 presented themselves and their class Vision. This is also included in this newsletter.

This Friday 14th February Grade 3 /4P will presenting.

WORKING BEES
We are having 3 working bees this year.
*Saturday 3rd May 9.00 — 12.00
*Saturday 9th August 9.00 — 12.00
*Saturday 22nd November 9.00 — 12.00
If you are able to help at other times—weeding, moving mulch, painting etc. please come and see Elizabeth to find out what we need.
Our school is a wonderful place but like all our homes it needs a bit of extra loving care every so often. Thank you to Mr Farley for cutting up the fallen branch and to the Environmental Group for putting it in the dumper.

INTER SCHOOL SPORT
Could parents/caregivers please return the notice that went home last week in regard to interschool sport by Monday 17th February.

GAMES
We are asking families for donations of games that children can play during a lunch time activity. The games need to be clean, have all of the parts and look reasonably presentable. If you have any at home that your children no longer need or you have family that you may ask then we would be very grateful.
A very BIG thankyou to families who have already given us games. Much appreciated.

NOTICES
A reminder to look for notices each Thursday, which is the day for newsletters and other notices from teachers/Community Group etc.

RIDE TO SCHOOL
We have a Ride to School day on the second last Friday of each Month
Encourage your child to ride to school on Friday 21st February. They can also walk, skate, scooter to school. Normal shoes MUST be worn when at school.

SCHOOL BANKING
A reminder that school banking has begun. It does not matter how small the deposit, ALL deposits support your child’s understanding of financial literacy and the school.

Elizabeth Thomas                                    Principal
Our Vision at Gladesville Primary School is to:

- Promote positive relationships to strengthen our whole school community
- Maximise student engagement and learning
- Maintain a safe, caring and inclusive environment
- Work as a team and challenge ourselves to create success
- Encourage resilience, positive mental health and wellbeing

We will achieve this by:

Following our whole school TRIBES agreements:

**Mutual Respect**
- Appreciations/ No Put Downs

**Attentive Listening**
- Participation/ Right to Pass

**Personal Best**
- Mutual Respect
- Attentive Listening
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- Communicating effectively
- Utilising and valuing our strengths
- Sharing skills and experiences
- Forward planning
- Being: actively involved
- Proactive
- Being: flexible
- mutually supportive
- Being: reflective.

23H’s Vision for 2014

We come to school to learn and have fun with our friends.

23H’S Mission - How we will achieve our vision:

- By always aiming to do our personal best
- Attentively listening with our eyes, ears and heart
- Treating each other with kindness and respect
- Keeping our room clean and tidy
- Challenging ourselves to have a go
PARENT INTERVIEWS
All parents/caregivers will receive a notice today on general information for their child’s grade. On:

Monday 24th FEBRUARY
Parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher. Parents or staff have the opportunity to request an interview. This is a ‘Getting to know you interview’ where you share about your child. Notices will be sent home soon.

PARENT INTERVIEWS
Parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers again on:
• Tuesday June 24th and again at the end of term 4 on request.

COMMUNICATION
Communication between families and teachers is very important. We need to work together to support the wellbeing and learning needs of each child. Families are encouraged to make an appointment at any time to see their child’s teacher.

MOOROOLBARK FESTIVAL
When: Saturday, March 22nd, 2014
Where: Mooroolbark Community Centre, Brice Avenue
Times: 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

The Festival’s theme is “The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party”. The Committee are providing plenty of opportunity for Parade participants to be creative in costume to add to the fun and excitement of the Festival.

Street Parade & Most Colourful and Exciting Costume Competition
The Street Parade is a growing feature of the Festival and continues to be a popular and fun way for all community groups to be involved. Our school would like as many students and families to come dressed to march down the streets of Mooroolbark. We will have our Gladesville Banner. You are encouraged to have parade participants dressed in costumes based on the theme “The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party” and a $400 prize will be awarded the group with the most colourful and exciting costumes with $200 awarded to the runners up.

Fundraising Market Stalls
Our Community Group are holding a stall on the day to distribute school information. Helpers would be greatly appreciated. We will provide the opportunity for people to make stress balls and will provide balloons with our logo.

CHOIR
Our Choir will be singing on Saturday along with many other school choirs.

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY. GET THOSE BRIGHT COLOURS OUT and help us celebrate.
Student Wellbeing at Gladesville

Welcome back to all our returning families and welcome to our new families. Please let me introduce myself. My name is Julia O’Callaghan and I am the welfare officer here at Gladesville. This year I will be working Monday, Thursday and Fridays. My role here is to work with individual children and families to help create positive wellbeing. With positive wellbeing, children’s educational experiences will be enhanced and lead to stronger academic performance.

As part of my role, I also work with staff to investigate wellbeing on a whole school level. You may be aware that we have embarked on the Kids Matter Framework recently and all staff and some parents have begun training in Kids matter. We have such an immense and diverse range of programs that support positive mental health at Gladesville. Implementing Kids Matter will help us to celebrate our programs and ensure we are inclusive of our community. All your survey feedback at the end of 2013 has contributed to this framework and has been very helpful to paint a picture of our wellbeing direction.

We have been fortunate enough to again be appointed with a new external counsellor who will come to Gladesville each week and work specifically with referred individuals. Her name is Jill Pullen and we welcome her to the Gladesville team. This service is offered through Eastern Melbourne Medicare Local and requires a Child Treatment Plan to be completed by a GP which allows children to access professional counselling that is bulk billed. Please contact me if you feel that your child may benefit from this service.

I wish all families a safe and fulfilling 2014. Please feel free to contact me at school if you have any concerns for your child’s wellbeing.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

At Gladesville Primary School we endeavour to get information out to families in various formats. It is important to us that you know what events etc are happening at school.

Our School website: www.gladesvilleps.vic.edu.au has a great deal of information. Go to www.gladesvilleps.vic.edu.au, front page to subscribe to the newsletter. There is no cost involved, this will send you an alert to remind you that the newsletter is available to view online.

Parents can also access information through Tiqbiz which is an app that has been designed to let us communicate with parents on their phones, tablets and computers. This program is available to all families. Download tiqbiz to your phone, tablet or computer, Important click ‘allow’ notifications when asked. Open tiqbiz and register/log-in, find our school, click on the grey tick beside our school box. When the tick turns green, you’re connected. Click on the Inbox icon this is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletters etc. This app is free.

We also have a School Facebook. There will be reminders about school events and articles about what is happening. www.facebook.com/gladesvilleps

Keep your phones on and keep up to date.

Notices requiring signing will be sent home on Thursdays. Only ONE hard copy will be given. Access to notices is via the website if additional copies are needed.
The Preps have been involved in learning activities in groups. They have been learning about sharing in a Community Circle, working together as a team, being the leader, listening to each other and having lots of FUN!
PUPIL OF THE WEEK

13th February, 2014

Prep  Wyatt B for having fun during Maths groups learning about straight and curved lines

1/2C  Samuel C for his excellent listening and reading skills

2/3H  Lara H for making a great start in learning at GPS and by showing mutual respect

3/4P  Noah R for helping others and always following the Tribe Agreements, especially giving his personal best.

5/6J  Nyssa M for working efficiently and listening attentively in class

5/6T  Brad S for always taking part and having great points during discussions

CANTINE NEWS

This term we are trialling muffin flavours to see what your child/children like best. The flavours we will stock are:

- Chocolate
- Blueberry
- Apple & Cinnamon

Also we will be selling ‘funbuns’ (iced buns) which will retail at $3.00

CANTEEN ROSTER

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