FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PICKING UP/ DROPPING OFF CHILDREN
If families are running late it is important to sign your child/ren in at the office. Children will then take a late pass and present to their teacher. Parents and Carers DO NOT need to walk their child down to the classroom. Teachers and students will have already begun their work and are not able to talk to parents. If you need to catch up with the teacher then please wait until pick up time.

Picking children up early requires parents and caregivers to come to the Office and sign their child/ren out. Children will be asked to come to the Office to meet you.

REMINDER: At the end of the day we ask that ALL PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS wait outside under the shelter or tree side for their children. Parents waiting in the corridor looking through windows is very distracting for the teacher, your child and all the students in the grade.

Please support us in providing the best learning environment for your children.

ANNUAL REPORT
At our School Council meeting last Wednesday 12th March School Council passed our Annual Report. A copy can be read on our School website or a hard copy is available through the Office on request.

Our School results are excellent in all areas of literacy and numeracy. We are higher than like schools and many of the local schools in our area.

We have much reason to celebrate. Our hard work in providing quality programs, skilled staff and our commitment to supporting our students academically and socially are contributing factors in our great results.

OUR NEXT RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Our next Ride to School day is Friday 21st March (TOMORROW)
See if we can get even MORE students coming on bikes, walking or scooting to school.

ASSEMBLY

Assembly will be in the Arts Centre. 5 /6J will be presenting themselves this week.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Thank you to all out going School Council members. Nicole Lucas has been a valuable person and her enthusiasm and willingness to join in and contribute ideas and her time are very much appreciated.

Thank you to the following parents who have been nominated to be on Council for 2014.
Brent Strahan, Kerryn Morey, Andrew McConchie, Melanie Morgan and Jody Thomas (DEECD rep)

The election of Office Bearers. Congratulations to:
President: Drew McConchie
Vice President: Kerryn Morey
Secretary: Melanie Farley
Treasurer: Christine Heffernan

Sub Committees:
Education: Kerryn Morey, Jody Thomas, Jordan Tate, Elizabeth Thomas
Buildings & Grounds: Sarah Beever, Drew McConchie, Elizabeth Thomas, Jordan Tate
Finance: Chris Heffernan, Melanie Farley, Debbie Gleisner, Elizabeth Thomas, Kerryn Morey
Promotions: Chris Heffernan, Jody Thomas, Elizabeth Thomas
OSHC: Debbie Gleisner, Lucy Wright

CONTACT WITH STAFF
Positive relationships are a very important part of building community. Something that has come to our attention is negative contact by some parents to staff members via phone or email after hours.
If you have a concern please voice it to the teacher or come to the Principal during school hours.

Elizabeth Thomas Principal
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. PLEASE complete the form that has been sent home for helpers or ring the office. 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 at 12.20 pm along with many other school choirs.

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY.
GET THOSE BRIGHT COLOURS OUT and help us celebrate.
NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE.
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH
On Friday our school will be participating in **RESILIENCE DAY**. Students will be in multi age groups Prep—2, 3—6 and will work with a teacher, involved in various activities, around being resilient, how to give and receive appreciation statements, relaxation and much more!!
Friday officially is a stance against bullying and below there are some facts about bullying.

**What is Bullying?**
Bullying is **repeated** verbal, physical, social or psychological aggressive behaviour by a person or group directed towards a less powerful person or group that is intended to cause harm, distress or fear.

**Types of bullying behaviour**
There are some specific types of bullying behaviour:
- **verbal or written abuse** - such as targeted name-calling or jokes, or displaying offensive posters
- **violence** - including threats of violence
- **sexual harassment** - unwelcome or unreciprocated conduct of a sexual nature, which could reasonably be expected to cause offence, humiliation or intimidation
- **homophobia** and other hostile behaviour towards students relating to gender and sexuality
- **discrimination including racial discrimination** - treating people differently because of their identity
- **cyberbullying** - either online or via mobile phone.

**WHAT IS NOT BULLYING?**
There are also some behaviours, which, although they might be unpleasant or distressing, are not bullying:
- **mutual conflict** - which involves a disagreement, but not an imbalance of power. Unresolved mutual conflict can develop into bullying if one of the parties targets the other repeatedly in retaliation.
- **single-episode acts** of nastiness or physical aggression, or aggression directed towards many different people, is not bullying
- **social rejection or dislike** is not bullying unless it involves deliberate and repeated attempts to cause distress, exclude or create dislike by others.
Haiku POEMS

Dragons are evil
They lurk within the dark caves
Death by the fire.
Kyle B

Summer means Christmas
It is the hottest season
It is stifling hot
Declan S

Komodo Dragons
They sometimes eat people
too
They are so awesome
Thomas

Spring is amazing
It is the home of my birthday
The season for me
Oliver

I like chemistry
I like air, gas and liquid
Chemistry is great
Matthew

Water is see-through
You can dive in and out
Floaties can be fun
Troy

The Sea has coral
It is very beautiful
The fish are lovely
Emily

Cherry Blossom Time
The bright blossoms sway
Slowly falling to the ground
Madison

Forced to make a choice
Now show your choice to the world
Be independent
Nyssa

Spring is beautiful
A lot of new babies are born
And it is just right
Cassie

Jumping in the leaves
Cooling down after summer
Watching the leaves fall
Chloe

Winter
All the snow falls down
Most of the leaves lose their leaves
Winter’s beautiful
Claudia

I love the Ocean
It has beautiful coral
Fish are amazing
Kaitlyn

Summer is awesome
Christmas is a lovely time
It's good to relax
Zoe

Winter is frosty
We have to wear lots of clothes
And make snow angels
Kayla

Haiku is a Japanese form of poetry.
3 lines—17 syllables
Line 1—5 syllables
Line 2—7 syllables
Line 3—5 syllables
Skin Cancer

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, so sun protection is an important issue for everyone, especially children and teenagers.

Research shows that too much sun exposure in childhood increases the risk of developing skin cancer later in life.

The Minister for Health and the Minister for Education have written to every primary and secondary school in Victoria to invite school councils to talk about how to improve sun protection measures. Gladesville Primary School will be discussing this at the next school council meeting and are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for children to learn, play and develop.

Results of the 2011 National SunSmart Schools Program Survey highlighted some key successes in Victoria. For example,

- 99% of primary schools recommend SunSmart hats, significantly more than other states.
- sunscreen use
- sunglasses
- shade provision
- protective uniforms.
- Sun protection measures start from September through to April.

Our school is very proactive in supporting sunsmart processes outlined above.

We ask that parents contribute to the sun protection message at home. Parents can continue to reinforce good sun protective behaviours on the weekend and during school holidays between September to the end of April, when Victoria’s UV levels are typically at three and above (the level when sun protection is needed). Families can download the free SunSmart app (www.sunsmart.com.au) or check the weather section of your daily newspaper which indicates local sun protection times.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we can play a major role in helping to prevent skin cancer.

LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

Could ALL library books please be returned through the classrooms. Students have library borrowing bags and are able to borrow from the library throughout the week.

PLEASE DO NOT place library books in the library onto the charging desk before, after or during school times.

ALL books need to be scanned and put away properly, which is part of our students library sessions.

It is wonderful that books are being borrowed and returned, we just need it to be done in a way we can track all of the books.
Community Group News

Hot Cross Bun Orders
A friendly reminder that all orders for the Hot Cross Bun Drive are due in by Monday 24th March. Additional order forms are with Mrs Farley & Mrs Douglas in the office.

Bunny Brunch Orders
Your Bunny Brunch orders & money need to be send back to school by Monday 24th March. Also additional order forms are with Mrs Farley & Mrs Douglas in the office.

Easter Raffle – Donations & Tickets
Tickets have been sent home. They are $1 each & are due back by Friday 28th March. Additional tickets are available with Mrs Farley & Mrs Douglas in the office.

We are also seeking donations for our Easter Raffle. There is a basket in the office for these. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Crazy Hair Disco
For all of those students who are attending – have a great time!

Many thanks,
Gladesville Community Group

JOURNEY TO EASTER
Children’s program for ages 4—10

Follow the story of Easter through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday in play and craft

Friday 10th April, 10am - 2pm

At St James and St Peter’s Anglican Church
686 Mt Dandenong Road Kilsyth

Cost $2.00 per head  BYO lunch
Morning fruit and cordial supplied
PUPIL OF THE WEEK

21st March, 2014

Prep  Cooper A for trying his best during all activities

1/2C  Tyler M for working so well at all his tasks and looking after our school grounds

2/3H  Mitchell F for being positive and doing your best in all learning activities

3/4P  Declan H for his creative writing and learning his lines in our class play

5/6J  Blaze C for helping out in the garden and showing Mutual Respect

5/6T  Jordan K for always paying attention, trying hard and helping out in class

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Canteen News

SLURPEES ARE BEING DISCONTINUED
THE LAST DAY FOR SLURPEES WILL BE FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

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2014 School Photos

School Photo envelopes have been sent home today.
Family envelopes are available from the office

Your Child's School Photographs for 2014 will be on 2nd April, 2014 by our School Photographers, Spargo Photography.

To ensure that your photos are returned back as quickly as possible, please follow these quick and easy guidelines.

- Please write clearly on your child's envelope (Block letters preferred)
- If possible please don't use small change as this can break or fall out of your envelope, if this is not possible, please tape up the sides or put the money in a freezer bag then inside your envelope.
- All children must have their own envelope with them when being photographed. Please don't use one envelope for multiple children.
- Children without an envelope when having their individual photos taken will not have an order placed against their name. Any envelopes handed to the school after we have left will incur a $15 late order processing fee.
- For Family/Siblings Portraits please see your school office for an information flyer and red family envelope.

Please do not place a family envelope in another envelope or an individual envelope. We will only photograph family/siblings with a completed family envelope.

ONLINE PRE-ORDER
We now provide you with the flexibility of pre-paying your child's photos online. Simply follow the links below to place your order. Once completed, print out your confirmation invoice and include in your child's envelope.

Order online and Save $2.00. Note; online orders do not incur the $2.00 bank fee charge.

To order:

- Family Photograph Orders: www.spargophoto.com/schoolfamily

If you have any inquiries please contact us on (03) 5942 5234
Please note: There have been changes to the fixtures please check below for times and venues

Results for this week

Gems
L6 - 12
Paisley M for having a really brave shot at a goal. Well Done!
Brianna M for improving her confidence and skills every week. Well Done!

Glitters
L4 - 10
Claire H for her cat like reflexes in defence

Gremlins
L7 - 18
Dylan N for listening to the coach and good ball skills

Goannas
L8 - 11
Campbell W for great team work

Giants
L12 - 28
Matthew L for playing great defence and listening to the coach

Globes
W36 - 2
Declan W for great communication on the court and co-ordinating some awesome defence

Gaters
W28 - 12
The whole team, Blaze C, Darcy M, Troy S, Kyle H, Thomas F, Kyle B, Declan S for good sportsmanship and excellent team play

Upcoming games

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