Gladesville P.S. Newsletter
11th September, 2014

Mutual Respect, Personal Best, Appreciation, Participation, Attentive Listening

Dates to Remember

- **Friday 12th Sept** - 5/6 Hoop time
- **Monday 15th Sept** - Swimming commencements
- **Wednesday 17th Sept** - Grade 5 Life Skills Parent Meeting 7pm
- **Friday 19th September** - Last day of term

2:30pm dismissal. Footy Day
No Canteen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU PAM AND TIA

A very BIG thank you to Pam and Tia her dog for their generous donation of plants and $500 cash for the purchase of more plants. Our environmental group will enjoy planting them out in our gardens.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our wonderful Community Group and helpers supported students in the school by providing items for them to buy for a special person in their life. The stalls had many exciting and different things to choose from. Thank you especially to Stacey Fife as organiser.

Elizabeth Thomas
Principal

RIDING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

A reminder that students MUST have a helmet when riding bikes or scooters to and from school. Students also MUST walk their bike and scooter to and from the gate.

COMMUNITY GROUP

Congratulations to:
- **President**: Christine Heffernan
- **Vice President**: Stacey Fife
- **Secretary**: Stacey Catlow
- **Treasurer**: Melanie Morgan

Thank you to the outgoing committee for all their hard work.

The money raised this year has contributed to the rebound wall, basketball hoop, literacy comprehension books for the senior students, gardening containers to name a few things.

ALL parents are welcome to come and join into our school Community Group. It isn’t just about raising money it is about getting to know other parents, being actively involved and gaining an understanding of how the school operates and what we do for our students. Many of our Community Group have formed lasting friendships over the years from being actively involved.
ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

Most of you have probably heard about the “ALS Ice Bucket Challenge”, but most of you don’t know what ALS stands for. It stands for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, in Australia it stands for Motor Neurone Disease (MND).
I know someone close to me who has it. MND is when the neurones controlling the muscles that enable us to move, speak, breath and swallow undergo degeneration and die. MND can affect a person’s ability to walk, speak swallow and breathe. Each day in Australia two people are diagnosed with MND. So far they haven’t found a cure.

On Monday 15th September at lunch time (1.15pm) I am going to do the ice bucket challenge.
Could everyone please bring a gold coin donation to support the research into Motor Neurone Disease.

Cassie
DAD’S BREAKFAST

Thank you to all the dads, fathers, grandpas, grandfathers, pas, uncles, friends special people in our kids lives for coming to our breakfast last Friday morning. Our turn out increases each year and this year our wonderful staff and helpers catered for approximately 150 people. Our new ticket system helped in our organisation in having more accurate numbers. We wouldn’t want anyone to miss out!! We trust that everyone had a great day on Sunday.
VISIT TO PALM GROVE

On Tuesday 5 Grade 4's visited the Palm Grove Kinder, in their role of training as buddies for next year. They played games, made pictures, painted, created interesting objects. The kinder students enjoyed the visit and the grade 4's are to be congratulated for the way they talked, played and helped the younger students.

Parents’ guide to online safety

This term I have highlighted ways parents/caregivers can support their children with cyber bullying, social networking, mobile phone safety, offensive or illegal content, How much is too much? and Facebook. Hopefully this information has been of interest and value.

As a school we teach our students about online safety and how negative comments, photos etc. can hurt or upset others if they are inappropriate, and how it can also effect them as they grow older.

People have lost their jobs because of what they have written on facebook and other social media sites. Once written it is there forever.

We also teach them not to write in anger or frustration as often what they write is then regretted by them but then the damage to friendships and others has been done.

The same messages are for us as adults.

Once something has been written, the reader does not know the full story, the reasons for why it was written or the context.

The writer may not have intended it to be read differently to what they had in their mind but everyone reads things through their own understandings and experiences and often it can be shock factor and open to all sorts of interpretations.

PLEASE think before writing how others may read and take from what you have written.

Our overall goal is support each student with their learning in all areas of development—academically, socially and emotionally.

We have put in place many programs and processes to support students and are happy to listen to suggestions or new ideas.

If there are areas about online safety you wish to know more about please let us know.

C.F.A Incursion!!

On Friday the C.F.A came to visit 5/6J and taught us about bush and grass fires. I have learnt that some of these fires are bad and some are actually good for the environment because it actually feeds some of our animals living in the bush but it also destroys animals homes also that grass fires are really easy to put out.

After they taught us all about bush and grass fires we got to explore a two year old fire truck. The things we did was go to the back of the fire truck, squirt the hose and sit in the front seat of the fire truck. It was really fun! By Kaitlyn

Last Friday the CFA came to our school to show what are the safety rules of fire and what fire can do. There are all sorts of fires like bush fire, grass fire, house fires, petrol fires and a chemical fire. These fires or any fires are really bad for us and the environment.

Fires are bad for the environment because we and the wild animals can not survive without trees. Grass fires aren't as bad as the others because it is easier to put out but house fires are harder to put out.

It was fun when the C.F.A came to our school because we got to shoot water out of there really big hose that has a really big water pressure that can blow you away. We got to go in the truck. It was fun because there was a remote control hose at the front of the truck and after that we got to go on the back of the truck. It was the best time I've ever had at school. By Louis C

On the 5th of September we had an incursion with the CFA! They told us about how we put out grass, fuel, and bush fires!

They told us about something called the fire triangle, it was a triangle that said fuel, oxygen and sun. We went into the fire truck as well!

We got to spray the hose and got to go into the back of the truck and they showed us how they communicate through the epic walkie talkie.

Everyone had so much fun and we all had a great time! By Joel S

On Friday last week volunteers from Montrose CFA came to visit the senior school. Everyone had learnt a lot. After 5/6T they had almost run out of water so the filled up the water from the fire hydrant. Because we had not had to use our hydrant, it had lots of stones and mud in it. By Nyssa

By 5/6J
CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

FOOTY HOT DOG DAY
Last day of Term 3
ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER
NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Results
Glitters bye Savannah F for her rebounding and improvement throughout the game
Gems W14 - 6 Ryan C for great goal shooting, Leonardo R for great goal shooting
Gremlins L4 - 15 Sam T for a great game and enthusiastic effort; Brooke F for a great game, for getting in and having a go
Globes L10 - 14 Noah R for playing an enthusiastic game
Goannas L11 - 11 Locky S for always giving his best and great defence

Upcoming games
Glitters Thurs 11/09 4:00 L3 Gems Fri 12/09 5:10 L1
Gremlins Fri 12/09 5:10 K2 Goannas Mon 08/09 4:35 L3
Globes Mon 15/09 4:35 K3 Giants Mon 15/09 6:20 K2

Training times
Glitters Tues 5.30 – 6:30pm Gems Wed 3.30 – 4pm
Gremlins Thurs 3.45 – 4.15/4.30pm Goannas Wed 4.15 – 5pm
Globes Wed 3:45 – 4:15pm Giants Wed 3.45 – 4.15/4.30pm

Reminders
If you cannot make game night please contact your team manager so they can organize a stand in player – This is very important for the players that do turn up so they are guaranteed a game
AND be at the game 5 – 10 minute before the start so you are not rushed