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Gladesville P.S. Newsletter
18th December, 2014

Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 21st Jan - Bookpack collection
- Thursday 22nd Jan - Bookpack collection
- Thursday 29th Jan - Students back to school  Morning tea for parents
- Tuesday 3rd Feb - Student Banking

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

GRADUATION
Thank you to the parents who helped in setting up and organising the night. Thank you to Mrs Melanie Farley for all the behind scenes to organise venue, dinner etc. Thank you to Mr Drew McConchie for giving a wonderful speech to our graduates. It was a special night. Thank you to our Grade 6 teachers Tracy Johnson & Jordan Tate for supporting our students throughout this term in making and delivering speeches, creating a wonderful power point as well as all the other transition activities. Thank you and a job well done to our outgoing Grade 6 students who made their own night very special.

On Monday 15th December we celebrated the graduation of our Grade 6 students at the ‘Club Kilsyth’. It was a wonderful night, the students looked amazing. So many families and friends came and watched. Awards were given on the night. Congratulations to:
ART: Kyle B
LANGUAGES: Claudia C
PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Troy S
CITIZENSHIP: Ryan L
ACADEMIC: Madison H
PERFORMING ARTS: Oliver & Matthew
SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA AWARD: Chloe F

ASSEMBLY
Assembly this Friday will be in the Arts Centre starting at 12.50 for a 1.30 pm finish.
*** School Crossings will not be manned on the last day. The Liverpool St crossing will not have someone in attendance to help students across the Road. This is a directive from Vic Roads.

SAYING GOODBYE
At the end of each year we say goodbye to families as their youngest/only child/ren leaves for Secondary School. We wish to thank the following families for being a valued part of our Gladesville Primary School Community and wish each family all the best for whatever the future brings. Baxter, Brown, Caltieri, Carter, Haag, Lucas, Miszowiec-Robb, Sale, Sutton and Volf.

FESTIVE SEASON
On behalf of all of the staff of Gladesville Primary School we wish all families a happy and joyous Christmas. 2014 has disappeared very quickly and we know that 2015 will soon be here, so enjoy the time you have with your children and have a safe holiday.

We look forward to seeing everyone again on Thursday 29th January

Term Dates for 2015

Term 1: 28 January (school teachers start)
29th January (students begin) to 27 March

Term 2: 13 April to 26 June

Term 3: 13 July to 18 September

Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

Elizabeth Thomas
Principal
Thank you to Storm for providing a beautifully decorated cake.

Mr Drew McConchie
School Council President

Graduates 2014
CONGRATULATIONS
Thank you to David and his team for coming on Monday to teach our students martial arts for 30 minute sessions. The Kids had lots of fun.
FAREWELL

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the past five and a half years.
I love the Gladesville Primary School Community and your children have been a delight to be around. We have the best staff and their commitment to our children is to be applauded.

There have been a few physical changes over the last 6 years thanks to many people working together to raise funds, through grants or from the department.
- Footy posts/ basketball hoop
- Fence around the vegie garden
- Sand pit moved
- New Arts Centre
- Indigenous Garden
- Moving containers
- Mural Art Walls on toilet, tunnel etc.
- Rebound wall
- New signage along the front of the school
- Tree planning along front fence, driveway and side fence
- Many plants planted
- Shelter

Communication has changed We can send newsletters, messages in different ways now:
- a colourful paper hands on newsletter
- Website
- Tiqbiz
- Facebook
- Quick chats with teachers
- Formal interviews
- Catch ups at events
- SSG meetings
- Phone conversations
- Notes
- Communication books

One of the BIGGEST changes has been the DE annexation of Gladesville Primary School and Buxton Primary School in 2012. Both schools are over an hours drive from each other, education has changed repeatedly and a Principal was needed at both schools full time. The association with Buxton was a happy one but I feel the separation has allowed both schools to grow.

Wellbeing is a passion of mine and I have made myself available to community members to talk to me with concerns.
We have implemented many processes over the last 6 years and sent home information to parents in a variety of ways.
- TRIBES
- KIDS matter
- Girl friends
- Social Skills
- Expected behaviours
- Consequences
- Positive reinforcement
- Step Board
- Visual cues
- Independent Living Skills Program
- Student Leadership Conference
- Environmental Group

We have had curriculum changes with all staff spending many hours learning the new curriculum (changes often), creating roadmaps so that teachers can teach to point of need, looking at assessment and creating an assessment schedule and collating the data and entering it so we can see how students are growing academically.
Staff are using this information to create learning plans and programs
- Sequential Maths Program from K—7
- Sequential Literacy Program K—7
- DIPL
- Inquiry
- Quicksmart Maths
- Fast for Word

I would like to thank Debbie and Michelle from OSHC
For all the support they have given to me. They support this school on so many levels that many others may not even notice how skilled they are at supporting students, families and all staff. They are there to willingly help at afternoon teas, special nights. They cook, they clean, share ideas and resources and are both wonderfully caring and helpful people.

There is one person who above all else has supported me every single day. She is my right hand as well as my left. She has a great sense of humour, fantastic work ethic and a genuine desire to make Gladesville Primary School the BEST. She is a woman who can do EVERYTHING. Thank you Melanie, you are the BEST.
A very BIG thank you to School Council over the past 6 years. Your commitment to this school and willingness to trust the process and support new ideas has been wonderful. It has been a pleasure to work with all councillors over the years.

To all my wonderful staff and outside Professionals, thank you SO much for your support over the years. You are all dedicated and the students are constantly thriving under your care. It has been a pleasure to get to know you and to work with and along side you.

To parents who willingly give up their time to be on Community group or any other task asked of you such as PMP, reading, mothers day and fathers day stall, BBQ’s, selling raffle tickets, organising events for the Kids a very BIG thank you. You make our community come alive and the students are very lucky to have your continued support.

This is my Office in 2009. It is still a mess but it is liveable and welcoming!!
Get ready for loads of family fun this Summer at your library!

"Win rewards along the way, and go into the draw for a Family Grand Prize! Pick up your registration form and passport at any branch of Eastern Regional Libraries.

Staff will be happy to assist you with getting set up or in answering any queries you may have.

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CANTEEN WILL COMMENCE AGAIN FOR 2015 ON FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY