Gladesville Primary School
Newsletter
Thursday 7th May, 2015

Our Vision 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

Woody’s Roundup:
A few messages from the Principal’s desk...

Education Week is every week at Gladesville Primary School, but we will be holding a special Open Night on Thursday 14th May to celebrate Education Week. Classrooms will be open from 6:30—7:15pm and then our Choir will close the evening with some lovely tunes in the multipurpose room. Please come along with your child and let them teach you something or learn new things together. The library will be open with a fabulous Dr Seuss treasure hunt. Tea, coffee and treats will be available. Let’s support our students and showcase our wonderful school by inviting friends and family along.

Have a great week,

Mrs Wood

No Assembly tomorrow due to the Mother’s Day afternoon tea

A Tribes Learning Community
Mutual Respect, Personal Best, Appreciation,
Participation/Right to Pass, Attentive Listening
Dear Parent/Carer

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2015 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May 2015. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 15 May 2015.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

Later in the year you will receive your child’s personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child’s participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child’s progress in literacy and numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Nicki Wood
Principal
Opportunity for Parents to Develop Computer Skills

Gladesville Primary School has been offered 20 fully funded places in a Certificate III in Business course. The offer is available to parents, friends and families of the school community who meet eligibility criteria. This is an amazing opportunity for adults wanting to develop their computing skills in preparation to return to the workforce, as well as developing skills to support our children with their learning. All participants will be loaned a Toshiba notebook computer to be used throughout the course. This computer will have all of the programs and materials required for the course.

There is no fee or charge for this course! The course will be run at Gladesville Primary School in the library at 9:30am—1:00pm on a day to be confirmed.

I encourage anyone looking to return to the workforce or upskill themselves to complete the expression of interest form that has come home today and return it to the school ASAP.

School Review Self Evaluation: Parent Feedback

This year, Gladesville Primary School is undergoing a whole School Review process. This is a fabulous opportunity to celebrate the success of our school and set the future directions for our learning community. Staff have been evaluating and reflecting on the past 4 years at Gladesville and now we would love to hear from our parents. Over the coming weeks, I will be asking parents to complete a short reflection/feedback task and return it to the office to be collated as part of our self evaluation process.

Gladesville is very much a partnership community consisting of teachers, students, parents and extended families. Your feedback is very important to us.

FEEDBACK SHEET

Please complete the following, even if only to give our school a rating

Would you recommend Gladesville school to your family and friends

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Place an X above the number:
0 = never, it may damage my reputation
5 = I would be balancing the good with the bad
10 = proudly & without hesitation

Could you please provide an explanation for your response:
Emma walked through the park. She found a peaceful area to sit and read. Emma sat down on the park bench and turned on all her senses then enjoyed the different ways to enjoy the park. She could hear the birds singing in the crisp afternoon air, she saw the Autumn leaves fall to the ground and come to rest on the ground in peace. Emma then felt the air blowing around her and she saw the picture the wind left behind it, it was so detailed, with all the colors and lines whirling around her. Emma stood up to walk around and see if there were any other things to see and feel around the park. As Emma walked she saw the children running around, and the street lamps coming to life as the sunset over New York. Emma walked and walked, the park seemed endless, amazing but endless.

Emma then decided to head home for a good night’s sleep. As she walked towards the front gate she listened to the differences between the peaceful park and noisy city. The difference was amazing! The bustle of people, the honking of horns and the plane gray buildings with an occasional tree in between. As she crossed the road she noticed that the building that was soon to become her home was colorful and just across the road from the park. The reason that it was soon to become her home was easy because she was really from Australia.

Emma Kite had a kind face, emerald green eyes and long blond hair that she usually wore in a plat. The clothes she wore where pretty simple. She wore a pair of worn out jeans, gray boots, green bag, cream t-shirt, blue colored beanie and a blue coat. Emma decided when she left the comforts of home to become a traveler and see all the amazing areas of the world. And she loved it already. As she walked into the apartment she saw that everything she owned was put away neatly and all she needed to do was get ready for bed. Before Emma settled down into her comfy new bed she made a hot chocolate and watched the city below from the balcony and saw how busy it still was even though it was about 9 o’clock.

The next morning Emma was woken by an extremely loud sound. Emma sat bolt upright and realized that it was just an extremely noisy truck. “Hully-dully!” cried Emma relaxing them looked around making herself at home in her new surroundings. She got up and got dressed had some breakfast and went for a walk around the city. As Emma walked along the street she saw a good looking coffee shop to stop and get a take away coffee to wake her up a bit more.

Emma noticed as she walked the different sounds and smells that seeped into her and she realized that New York was very different in the morning. The smells of fresh bread wafted out the door of the
bakery, people chatted happily to friends and family outside a number of different cafes and coffee shops. Emma finished her coffee and decided to go to the supermarket to get some food for the week or she might go hungry and that would not be good especially for a traveller like Emma.

Emma walked into her apartment with all of her groceries and put them away then sat down on the couch and turned on her cd player and planned out her next adventure. This time she planned to go to Paris. Now you might be thinking, “What?! She just got to New York! And now she’s going to Paris! She’s mad!” but she is just planning ahead so she can enjoy more and not have to worry about it. Oh and she is in New York for a few months so don’t worry. Have you calmed down? If so let’s get back to the story.

Emma enjoyed writing and taking photos so she kept a scrap book and on this adventure she was going to need a lot of space in her book than she thought because she was in for the most amazing adventure any one has ever been on!

A few weeks in Emma was on her morning stroll she saw a little cardboard box down a side street and a sound was coming out of it she bent down to see what was inside and saw a little black kitten all alone. “Oh! You poor thing.” She said picking up the kitten and stroking its back. The kitten purred loudly and Emma decided to see if she could adopt it so off to the vet she went with the little kitten and the box.

A week later the little black kitten (Tiny) had settled in really well and was very playful. Tiny enjoyed going to the park, going on Emmas morning strolls and being around Emma.

A month later Emma and Tiny were walking in the park when a man in black came and grabbed Tiny. Tiny got quite a shock but when she realised what was happening she meowed. This meow was so loud it made the man in black drop Tiny. Tiny was free! Until she realised that Emma was no were to be seen.

When the man raced off with Tiny Emma ran after him but he was to fast. Emma walked and walked but could not find her. Then she spotted a park ranger and asked him to see if he could find Tiny and he agreed to help. As it got dark it got to hard to keep looking and the park ranger tried to convince Emma that it was time to go home but Emma refused. “Please Miss! We all need a break! We’ll get straight back to it in the morning.” said the park ranger walking Emma towards the front gate. “Alright.” sighed Emma and walked home.

The next morning there was a knock on the door. “Coming!” said Emma walking to the door. When she opened the door there stood the park ranger and in his arms was Tiny. Emma’s eyes opened wide; “TINY!” she squealed taking the little kitten into her arms and dancing around the room. Then she put Tiny down and turned to park ranger, “Thank you so much for finding her for me I owe you one.” said Emma to happy for words. “No problem. But if you wanted you could let me in and give me a cup of coffee and I might tell you what happened.” said the park ranger with a smile. “OH! Of cause! How rude of me! Come in, come in!” said Emma leading the park ranger into the kitchen.
The park ranger explained everything. It turned out that Tiny had found her way to the front gate through
the dark and stayed in the safety of the park until morning and when the park ranger had come back to
the park that morning for work he found her curled up in a ball

Emma was delighted and a month later she and Tiny went to the airport and started off there next adven-
ture in Paris. Oh and here are some pictures of New York below that Emma took for you to enjoy!

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Lost Property

We have a HUGE amount of lost property at Gladesville at the moment. Parents and students are asked to please come in and have a look for any lost property before Friday 15th May. After this date, lost property will be sorted and donated to the Second Hand Uniform Shop. We also ask that parents ensure that ALL clothing is clearly labelled with the child’s name.
Gladesville Primary School and Croydon RSL

invite you to

a Gallipoli Oak Planting Ceremony

The Ceremony will be held
on
Wednesday 13th May, 2015
at 9:30am
in the grounds of Gladesville Primary School

The planting of the Gallipoli Oak and also the Lone Pine
will be an opportunity for the school and community to commemorate,
not only the soldiers who landed at Gallipoli but all servicemen and women
who have served our country.
### Student of the Week Monday 27th April —Friday 1st May

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<td>For your detailed story writing</td>
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### Student of the Week Monday 4th May —Friday 8th May

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<td>Crystal C</td>
<td>For her excellent MIOOW results and settling well back into class</td>
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<td>For having a go and participating in the 3Cs</td>
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<td>Willow M</td>
<td>For brilliant focus and choices in the classroom</td>
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<td>Zoe J</td>
<td>For her information report brainstorming and drafting. Excellent work!</td>
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Basketball News

Results

Gremlins  L 0 - 16  Dylan N for being a little to getter
Gems  W18 - 12  Paisley M, Skye M, Charlize S, Aleisha D for winning a tough game with only 4 players

Goannas  27/4  L4 - 30  Leonardo R for always doing his best
         4/5  L1 - 15  Aryan G for great improvement
Grizzlies  27/4  L8 - 16  Sam F for his great defense against a Goliath like opponent. Keep up the hard work!
         4/5  L9 - 12  Shantelle S for her brilliant effort against a taller and stronger team
Giants  27/4  D 17 - 17  Jackson D for great stamina and defence and always being on the ball
        4/5  W11 - 10  Jackson D for getting his foul shot in to help the team win. Good shooting under pressure

Next Game

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Reminder—Please make sure Team Managers are aware if your child cannot attend training or a game

Players needed for the Grade 2 basketball team

Community Information

Supporting our Young People in an Online World

We are holding an information session for parents on:

Wednesday 22nd July 2015
7pm – 8.30pm @
Mount Lilydale Mercy College
120 Anderson Street, Lilydale
RSVP- Monday 20th July ph. 9735 4022

Join the discussion with an ACMA Cybersmart expert.
Arm yourself with the knowledge of what’s trending and how to assist your child navigate safety online.
FREE EVENT – TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED
www.cybersmart.gov.au

FRESH YARRA VALLEY APPLES

Available via the school
$10 per bag (5-6 kilos)

Orders and money (cash only) must be placed at the office by 9:30am Friday (tomorrow)

Delivery tomorrow
Community Information

Montrose Pre School
Open Day

Saturday 16th May 2015
10am - 12pm
Meet Our Staff
Explore Our Pre School
Sausage Sizzle
Craft Activities
Face Painting

16 Lcesth Road, Montrose
Vic 3795
(03) 9728 2225
In association with Yarra Ranges Kindergartens Inc.
03 9728 2225

Sarah Court Preschool
OPEN DAY 2015
SATURDAY MAY 16
9am - 12noon
25 Sarah Court, Montrose
For enquiries call 9728 3453
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St John’s Kindergarten
OPEN DAY
Sat May 23
10am-12:30pm
9 Toorak Ave Croydon
learn through play
Bake Sale, try our toys,
play outside and meet
our fantastic teachers!
www.stjohnskindergartencroydon.org.au