Gladesville Primary School Update
Thursday 26th November 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

A few messages from the Principal’s desk. . .

Arts Show
On Monday evening the weather was certainly in our favour! Our Art Show and Market was a wonderful community event with fabulous input from the students. We have some very talented artists who are inspired each week by their very creative art teacher, Mrs Naomi Hobbs. Thanks Naomi for all of your organisation of this great event.

2016 School Uniform
A reminder to all families that as of 2016, students are to only wear the blue polo shirt with the school logo. This process was outlined by School Council in August 2014, with 2015 being a phase out year for yellow polo shirts. Blue polo shirts are available through the office uniform shop.

Staffing Update
We would like to congratulate Miss Ashley Alexander on her appointment to a classroom teaching position at Gladesville Primary for the 2016 school year. We look forward to Ashley continuing to be a part of the Gladesville community next year.

Have a great week, Mrs Wood

A Tribes Learning Community
Mutual Respect, Personal Best, Appreciation,
Participation/Right to Pass, Attentive Listening
The Story of Sadako

As you will no doubt be aware, there have recently been a number of significant tragic global events that have impacted the lives of many and challenged how we view the world around us. When discussing these issues with young children, it is important to be honest yet sensitive, and keep in mind the age of the children we are dealing with. In the coming weeks I will be asking children to share in making 1000 paper cranes as a symbol of our collective focus on peace and global citizenship.

The Story of 100 Paper Cranes

Sadako Sasaki was a Japanese girl living in Hiroshima when the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan (August 6, 1945). In 1955, at age 11, Sadako was diagnosed with leukemia, a type of cancer caused by the atomic bomb. While in the hospital, Sadako started to fold paper cranes. In Japan, there is a belief that if you fold 1000 paper cranes, then your wish would come true. Sadako spent 14 months in the hospital, folding paper cranes with whatever paper she could get. Paper was scarce so she used the paper from medicine bottles, candy wrappers, and left over gift wrap paper. Her wish was that she would get well again, and to attain peace & healing to the victims of the world.

Although Sadako died at a very young age, her legacy continues. To this day, the paper crane is probably the most recognized origami model. The paper crane is often given as a wish for peace. Sadako’s brother (Masahiro Sasaki), who is now over 70 years old, saved five of the original paper cranes folded by his sister when she was in the hospital. He hopes to donate the remaining 5 cranes to the five continents of the world.

I invite our Gladesville Community to youtube how to make paper cranes and make some as a family. Students are asked to bring their paper cranes into school where they will be made into a display. You can use what ever paper you have at home...even magazines and catalogues.

Our student leaders will be working on the wording of our Gladesville wish to go with the display. Hopefully we can get to 1000 before the end of the year!
Thank you to our amazing students, families, staff, grand parents and special friends for supporting our second Book Fair of this school year.

We are so happy to let you know the book fair was extremely successful again! Because of you we will be able to purchase $500 worth of new resources for students to enjoy in the library. Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair this year.

**Major Prize Winners**

Alannah C and Tyson M

*Our major prize winners have won a book of their choice from the Fair.*

**Minor Prize Winners**

Max B, Layla H, Mason G, Michelle F, Mykayla S, Emily B, Tallon W, Declan H, Katrina D and Noah R.

*These winners all received a poster.*

**Congratulations to our winners!**
School Banking
4 more banking weeks left!

All tokens are carried over into the New Year so keep saving now to get a head start for next year’s exciting new rewards.

Wonder what the new theme will be for 2016???? Exciting!!!!

School Banking rewards also make great gifts so if you have unused tokens at home perhaps you could use them now to order a special Christmas present for your family or friends.

Be quick though - orders for delivery this year close Thursday 3rd December.

Basketball News

CONGRATULATIONS Gladesville Grizzlies and Gladesville Giants for reaching the Grand Final.

Grand Final - Grizzlies 30/11/15 6pm Lilydale Court 4
- Giants 1/12/15 4.30 pm Lilydale Court 3

GOOD LUCK TO BOTH TEAMS.

*Please note presentation night forms are due back asap for catering purposes. Drinks will be provided for players only on the night. It is expected that all players and siblings are to remain seated for the duration of medal ceremony. NO BASKETBALL to be played during ceremony please.*

Community Group News

29 days to Christmas
22 days til the end of term
20 days til our Christmas Concert

Once again we will be holding a Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas Concert.

For our final fundraiser of the year to be successful we ask families to donate goods to our Christmas Raffle.

Please leave your donation in the basket at the office.