SENSATIONAL BREAKING NEWS

Following a rigorous review process, we have just received notification that...

Gladesville Primary School OSHC has achieved a rating of Exceeding National Quality Standard.

This rating is the highest possible. The review found that:
Curriculum decision-making was based on each child’s knowledge, ideas, culture, abilities and interests. Educators are recognised for consistently engaging in respectful and equitable relationships with children, families and colleagues and for considering each child’s voice when planning and delivering the curriculum. The value that educators placed on working collaboratively to develop their skills and strengthen relationships improved learning outcomes for all children. The service is acknowledged for its positive participation in the assessment and rating process.

This rating is a credit to Debbie Gleisner and her amazing team who are truly dedicated to the families and staff at Gladesville. Well done!

A few messages from the Principal’s desk.

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 Tribes Learning Community

Mutual Respect, Personal Best, Appreciation, Participation/Right to Pass, Attentive Listening

March

- Thursday 3rd
  Little Athletics—whole school
- Friday 4th
  Assembly
  Twilight Working Bee 3:00pm – 5:30pm
- Monday 7th
  Audio testing
- Tuesday 8th
  Audio testing
- Wednesday 9th
  School Council meeting
- Friday 11th
  Community Group meeting
- Monday 14th
  Labour Day holiday - no school
- Monday 21st
  Harmony Day
- Thursday 24th
  Bunny Brunch
Quick Update Information

Communication: (a reminder from last week’s newsletter)
Communication is a vital part of any good community, especially Gladesville. If you need to see me about an important issue, concern or a general catch up the best way is to make a time to meet so that I can ensure that you have my full attention. While I enjoy chatting to parents in the morning and afterschool these are not optimum times for deep conversations. I am also happy for parents to email me if that is more convenient. My email is: wood.nicole.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Facebook
The school has one official Facebook page that is used to communicate with, and celebrate positive things about our school. This page is administered and monitored by the staff at Gladesville, adhering to Department of Education and Training policy.

Unfortunately, we have had some of members of the Gladesville community raising, discussing and playing out concerns and complaints over their personal Facebook pages. I strongly urge parents and community members to manage concerns and complaints by making a time to meet with myself or put your concern in writing to School Council. More often than not, as has been the case this week, Facebook posts may have important pieces of information missing that do not give the full story. This can be damaging to not only individuals, but also too the reputation of the school. Please feel free to contact us anytime. We are here to listen in a mutually respectful way.

School Council Elections

Every year at this time schools hold School Council elections. School Council is a very important body who, in consultation, with the Principal set the key direction of the school within statewide guidelines.

Nomination forms have been sent home. Please consider nominating for a position on School Council, there will be 4 vacancies. Elections will only be held if there are more nominees than positions.

Parking

This year we are very fortunate to have the Department of Education and Training Visiting Teacher service based at our school. This means that we have an additional 8 staff parking their cars at school, along with a large number of Youth Work, Counselling and Psychology workers through our partnership with Thriving Youth Australia. Therefore, I kindly ask parents and caregivers not to park in the staff car park this year. Many of these staff are coming in and out of the school over the day and need a place to park upon their return.

In our car park we have one allocated disabled parking bay. While this is usually adequate for the needs of our school, sometimes we have visitors to our school who may also need this option. If you, or someone you know has a disabled parking permit and the disable car park is full, please park out the front of the office and inform the office staff your need to park there.
Building Work

External Windows: The external windows on the court side of the main building are looking fabulous after many repeated sanding filling, sanding, filling, undercoating, sanding, filling painting cycles last week. These windows are 40 years old and were extremely weather damaged and unsafe due to cracking and splintering. Our window frames have been brought back to life and should be ok for another 7 – 10 years.

Front Office: The front office has had small building works carried out over the past week. This will see the principal office being moved to the front of the administration area. The current principal office will be used as a meeting room and serve a variety of purposes, including staff meetings, parent forums and community group work such as counting order money and notices and preparing events. These changes have come about following a number of occupational health and safety issues that came to light last year.

Toilets: Last year a number of concerns were verbally raised by parents regarding the conditions of the student toilets. Concerns included cleanliness, function and safety. These issues were followed up with our cleaning contractor and inspected by a builder. Our student toilets are indeed clean and functional despite the age of the school. We have investigated a renovation of these facilities in our future planning and resourcing of the school. This will require a significant amount of funds that we simply do not have at this time. School Council will continue to make this a priority area for future funding. In the meantime, please feel assured that the toilets are clean and safe for our students to use each day.

Hallway Carpet: The carpet in the hallway of the main building is due for upgrading. At our last School Council meeting, we discussed how this might be best funded. The decision was made to fund this project with a raffle like fundraiser (with a twist of course) to be organized by School Council. We will need to raise approximately $7000 to re-carpet the space from the double glass doors at the top of the hallway all the way down to the doors that lead into the breezeway, including the two entrance areas. We will also be looking for sponsorship from local business. More information regarding this project and fundraising will be sent home next week.
Twilight Working Bee

Friday 4th March
3:00pm—5:30pm

Please bring your gardening equipment to help us give our school a start to the year tidy up.
We will be spreading the mulch that is in the two piles currently at the school, trimming MANY trees and shrubs, clearing the gutters on the driveway and generally making our school look great! See you there! The more the merrier!

Payment of Essential Educational Supplies

At book pack collection parents had the opportunity to elect to pay for their essential educational supplies on a payment plan. If you chose this method the second payment of

$60 per child is due on the 19th February, 2016
if you haven’t already paid could you please do so as soon as possible

Payments can be made by direct deposit, cash, credit card or eftpos

Direct deposit information
Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 063 255
Account: 10048077

Please include family name and, if possible, what you are paying for eg 2nd payment
The Canteen Menu and volunteers form were sent home yesterday. If you didn’t receive it copies can be obtained from the office.

Minette Perry has stepped up to run the canteen. Due to previous commitments she can only run it two Fridays this term but if we get enough volunteers she should be able to run it every Friday for the remainder of the year.

Please volunteer so that we can continue to offer this wonderful resource to our children.