It is with great excitement I write my first newsletter for the 2016 year. I am delighted to be the Principal at Gladesville Primary School and I am looking forward to continuing to work in partnership with staff, students and families to provide your children with exciting and engaging learning opportunities this year.

This week we have had Getting to Know You meetings with parents and teachers. These sessions have provided an excellent opportunity for parents to share information about their children that will enable teachers to plan a more personalised learning program. All students at Gladesville have a Communication Book this year. This important tool is a link in sharing specific information about your child and what is happening at home and school. These book are a confidential document between school and the parents. We ask that you please do not share personal information that is documented in these books.

Have a great week!

A Tribes Learning Community

* Mutual Respect, Personal Best, Appreciation, Participation/Right to Pass, Attentive Listening
Our first Community Group Meeting for the year will be held at 2:30pm on Friday 5th February in the new Well Being Room. We are looking forward to seeing many new faces there to join in the fun of meeting Gladesville community members and working together to support our fantastic school.

See you there!
At Gladesville Primary, we love our volunteers and look forward to many more family members being able to volunteer at our school. School must establish and implement policies to assess and verify the suitability of volunteers who will work with children including requiring all volunteers to provide evidence of their suitability. This evidence is generally a **working with children check (WWC Check)**; however if a volunteer's occupation exempts them from the requirement to also have a WWC check e.g. police officers, teachers, they must provide evidence to support their claim to an exemption.

All teaching staff will have an up to date list of parents and family members who have a current working with children check. If you wish to be involved in volunteering through classroom help, Community Group, School Banking, canteen or other school activities and do not yet have your WWC Check go to [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) and apply online. These checks are FREE for volunteers.

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### Let’s Talk Breaky!

**Breakfast is an important meal for adults and children.**

**Breakfast replenishes your glucose level. It provides essential vitamins and minerals to keep your energy levels up during the day.**

**Skipping Breakfast**  
Extensive research in Australia and overseas has found:

- Many children who skip breakfast are significantly heavier than those who eat breakfast.

- Skipping breakfast may diminish mental performance. Eating breakfast may aid learning, as you are better able to pay attention and are more interested in learning.

- Eating high-fibre breakfast cereals reduces fatigue.

- Children who eat an inadequate breakfast are more likely to make poor food choices for the rest of the day and in the long term.

- People who eat breakfast have more nutritious diets than people who skip breakfast. They also have better eating habits as they are less likely to be hungry for snacks during the day.
The first day of school is always a very exciting time! It was lovely to see so many excited faces ready to embrace the 2016 school year. As to be expected, there was a combination of a buzz of excitement, as well as a few tears (not all from the children) as our Prep students commenced the next phase of their learning journey.

I would especially like to welcome families that are new to the Gladesville community. I hope that you have been made to feel as welcome as I have been. Here are our Preps with their new library bags.
From our Art Room

Our focus for Visual Art this term is on the elements of art. All grade will be starting off by focusing on the element of line. Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for the first of many pieces to be displayed.

From our Library

Library borrowing started today! In library session we will be exploring authors and illustrators and what makes a good book. Our new Library Captains are keeping the library well organised under the watchful eye of Mrs Douglas. We are always looking for help in the library. If you can spare even an hour a week see Mrs Douglas.

From our Italian Program

As you may be aware, we have advertised for a new Italian teacher following the announcement of Yolanda Cuttriss’ retirement on the last day of Term 4. WATCH THIS SPACE!!

Help

Mrs Wood needs help from parents, aunties, uncles or grandparents to prepare materials for some exciting new displays. The only skills required is the ability to laminate, cut, trim or pin! If you are able to help out for even 15 minutes at drop off or pick up time, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please pop in or call to let Mrs Wood know if you are able to help and I will add you to the list.

Student of the Week

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<th>Prep A</th>
<th>Max W</th>
<th>For being so polite Miss Alexander and the class</th>
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<td>1/ 2O</td>
<td>Deklan M</td>
<td>For always trying his Personal Best</td>
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<td>2/3 C</td>
<td>Ryder G</td>
<td>For such a fantastic start to the year</td>
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<td>4 J</td>
<td>Paisley M</td>
<td>For working independently during maths. She was able to work out the place value of numbers to four digits</td>
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<td>5/6 G</td>
<td>Declan H</td>
<td>For being responsible, reliable and constantly showing initiative and leadership</td>
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<td>5/ 6 H</td>
<td>Bella C</td>
<td>For doing your Personal Best during writing sessions</td>
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NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE

2016 TOUR DATES

Tours of Norwood Secondary College have been organised for the following dates in 2016. Bookings are necessary for tours and interested persons should telephone 9871-0400 to organise a suitable date. Tours commence at 9am from the General Office and are of approximately one hour duration.

Tuesday, 23 February
Tuesday, 8 March
Wednesday, 16 March
Tuesday, 12 April
Tuesday, 19 April
Tuesday 26, April
Tuesday, 3 May
Wednesday, 11 May

Wednesday, 2 March
Tuesday, 15 March
Monday, 21 March
Wednesday, 13 April
Wednesday, 20 April
Wednesday, 27 April
Tuesday, 10 May

Open Night will be held on

Wednesday, 4 May 2016 commencing at 7pm

MONTROSE TENNIS CLUB

• ANZ Hot Shots program 4-9 yrs
• Group coaching 10-17 yrs
• Cardio Tennis (adults)
• Great Fun & exercise
Community News

2016 Auskick Registrations are now open –
www.aflauskick.com.au
Or contact Montrose Auskick at montroseauskick@hotmail.com

2016 Season starts : Saturday 9th April, 9am
At the Montrose Reserve Junior Oval (behind the clubrooms)

KILSYTH FOOTBALL CLUB
Players wanted for:
8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s, & 17s

New Players free registration
Contact Danny 0419 348 669
Bonnie 0411 406 443
Foodie & Maker’s Community Market
Friday 19th February
5pm - 8:30pm

40 + Market Stalls
Food Stalls Galore
Home Made Goods
Free Admission
Live Music
Kids Entertainment

BRING THE FAMILY & ENJOY A NIGHT OF
AMAZING FOOD, SHOPPING & FUN

Billanook Primary School
270 Sheffield Rd Montrose

Bringing the community together