**WELCOME TO OUR PREPS**
I would like to welcome our Prep children and families who have started their schooling at GPS this week. Many of our Prep families gathered last Monday morning, along with PFA members for the annual ‘Tea and Tissues’ session. It was a lovely opportunity to chat with our families. Thank you to the PFA for hosting this event.

**LEARNING TO LEARN**
Thank you to all of our families who came along to our Learning to Learn open afternoon on Tuesday. The students have been working hard on establishing the structures that will support their learning for 2017 and it was a great to see this work being shared with families.

**BUS TRAVELLERS**
It has come to our attention that there have been several issues at bus stops that impact the safety of children and the wider community.
Please ensure that when waiting for children at bus stops, that cars park on the same side of the road as the bus. Also, could parents be mindful of not parking on private property or blocking access to driveways, and ensure any rubbish is not left at bus stops or where vehicles are parked.

**OVAL UPDATE**
After consulting with Dan from Earth Craft this morning we have been advised that the oval will require two more fortnightly treatments and is still unable to be used. Once we have further information on when this will take place, we will update the community on when students can resume playing on it and the date of the Family picnic.

Regards,
Brea Terris
Acting Principal

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**Diary Dates**

**Wed 15th Feb**
- School Council Meeting

**Thu 16th Feb 2016**
- House Swimming—
  (District Trials)
- World Read Aloud Day

**Fri 20th Feb**
PFA Meeting

**Tue 21st Feb**
Grade 5&6 Parent Cyber Safety Night

**Wed 22nd Feb**
- District Swimming Carnival
- No School for Preps

**Mon 6th Mar**
School Photos

**Wed 8th Mar**
- School Tennis
- Prep Dentist Incursion

**Mon 13th Mar**
Labour Day Public Holiday

**Wed 15th Mar**
School Council Meeting

**Thu 16th Mar**
Division Swimming Carnival

**Fri 17th Mar**
- National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
- National Ride2School Day

**Mon 20th Mar**
PFA Meeting & AGM

**Fri 24th Mar**
House Cross Country

**Mon 27th Mar**
Parent Teacher Interviews

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**PAYMENTS & FORMS DUE**

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SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR THE BUSHFIRE SEASON

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days’ notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- All bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters or by checking our website http://www.gisborneps.vic.edu.au/

Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.


For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

We will send home a TEST text message tomorrow to all families. Please contact us if you don’t receive this message.
LEARNING TO LEARN OPEN AFTERNOON
What a delight it was to visit classrooms at the open afternoon on Tuesday and celebrate the wonderful start to the year with parents, staff and students at the conclusion of the Learning to Learn Program. It was a pleasure to see how happy and settled students were and the fantastic effort staff have made to ensure their students have a positive start to the year. Thank you to the parents who could attend the afternoon.
If you were unable to attend, please know that you are welcome to drop in and introduce yourself or discuss any concerns with your child’s teacher before or after school or at a mutually agreed time.

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY
Next Thursday is National Read Aloud Day. As with our normal literacy program, throughout the week students will be participating in activities that promote and encourage the love of books, reading aloud and reading strategies.

Regards,
Lisa Maxwell
Acting Assistant Principal

It was lovely to see our prep students settling in so well after starting on Monday.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
School councils are comprised of parents, school principal, staff and often community members. School council elections are held in February or March each year. All parents or guardians of students enrolled at the school are eligible to vote for parent members, and staff vote for staff members. Community members are co-opted by the School Council.

- Three vacancies exist in the Parent category of School Council Membership;
- One vacancy exists for Community member category (PFA Representative)
- One Staff vacancy exists, for which staff will elect a representative in due course.

A parent notice and nomination/self nomination forms can be accessed on the school website via the following link: http://www.gisborneps.vic.edu.au/school-council.html. Nomination forms are also available from the school office.

We encourage those parents who are interested to discuss any questions regarding School Council with Acting Principal Brea Terris, Acting Assistant Principal Lisa Maxwell, or other current School Council members.

Nominations will be accepted from Monday 13th February and will close at 4pm on Monday 20th February 2017 for the Parent category of the Gisborne Primary School Council.
Dear Families, here is an important letter to our GPS community from the family of our Grade 2 student, Edward.

In 2011, just 15 days after his second birthday, Edward was diagnosed with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma (cancer). Edward had a medical device implanted in his chest called an infusa port and started chemotherapy. He had 58 doses of chemotherapy and 28 doses of radiotherapy in a nine month period. In that nine months he also had 7 trips to the Emergency Department of the Children's Hospital and one in an ambulance, he also had 40 finger pricks. Edward then had a CT (computerised tomography) and an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) every three months for three years, then the cancer came back in Edward's prep year. Over the last two years Edward has had 356 doses of chemotherapy, 23 doses of radiotherapy 5 trips to the Emergency Department at the Children's Hospital, 39 finger pricks and 8 blood transfusions. Edward has also had more injections than I can count.

While Edward has finished treatment, his immune system is still compromised and will not be able to have his standard childhood immunisations redone until the later half of this year. We ask you (our school community) to please consider the implications of sending your sick child to school. In the past this has led to Edward being hospitalised and placed in isolation, he has also had to endure painful intramuscular injections because of other children's illnesses.

Thanks,
Vashti

FIRST AID INCURSION
This week, we had Kelly from St John's Ambulance come and deliver a presentation to us. We learnt CPR by practising on dummies. Kelly explained step by step instructions on how to do CPR. We learnt DRSABCD, which is the order of what to do in an emergency. First you check for danger, then you check for a response, send for help, check airways, check breathing, CPR and then defibrillation if necessary.

We enjoyed the session, we had lots of fun and learnt all about First Aid.

By Immy S and Tyler M - 5A
This week the Grade 4-6 students participated in the ‘Happy, Healthy Minds’ incursion provided by Supreme Incursions. Students worked through different types of activities exploring mindfulness techniques to help develop their health, resilience and wellbeing.

Keeley DS from 4B had this to say:

“On Tuesday, the workstations we did were Laughter: we did a ‘Beanboozled’ challenge and a ‘bop it’ challenge; Focus: we played games that required good concentration; Meditation: we meditated on yoga mats and listened to iPads with calming music; Creativity: we played with kinetic sand, creative dough and had mandalas to colour in; Exercise: we did push ups, yoga and games; and Music: we chose our own music playlists on iPads. You could listen to anything you liked, rock, hip hop or calm music. It was fun.”
The GPS Gratitude Tree: This tree displays student messages of gratitude. Come into the Administration foyer and take a look!

Our classrooms are looking great, covered with important messages, strategies and goals!
SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:
- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

School Banking at GPS is on Wednesdays.

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CANTENE NEWS
Our school canteen will be open Wednesdays and Fridays for lunch orders and the sale of snacks at morning recess and lunchtime. A canteen price list is available on the school website.

- PARTY PIES HAVE INCREASED TO $1.50
- Please ensure you have updated your child’s 2017 grade on their lunch wallet!
- Please try to include the right money
- No foreign coins please

Canteen Roster

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This year we will be introducing the QKR! App for ordering and payment for canteen lunches. Keep your eye on this space for further information.
CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of you child. The annual CSEF amount per student will be $125 for primary students.

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Applications need to be lodged at school by 28th February 2017.
(Please bring your concession card when submitting your application.)

GPS BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday!! to the following students who celebrate their birthdays this week 5th—11th February:

Jacob R—PB  Tyler E—2C  Mackenzie E—4B  Emily M—1B
Erin K—1B  Harvey M—4B  Temoc R—5B

2017 TERM DATES
Term 1: 1 Feb—31 Mar
Term 2: 18 Apr—30 Jun
Term 3: 17 Jul—22 Sep
Term 4: 9 Oct—22 Dec

Bell Times
8:50am Warning Bell
8:55am Class Bell
10:55 - 11.25am Recess
1:25pm Eat lunch inside
1:40-2:25pm Lunch
3:25pm Dismissal

Order Uniform ONLINE through Beleza
Click here
Or visit 42C Aitken Street
Gisborne
With the school oval unavailable, students may like to participate in some of the following lunchtime activities:

Lunchtime Activities – Term 1

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Community News

We are looking for new and experienced women basketballers to join our midweek daytime competition in Geelong. Children are welcome to watch you play. Enrolments are now open online for teams or individuals – we can place you on a team.

We are holding two free ‘come and learn’ sessions on Feb 2 and 9 from 9.30am-10.30am. Learn or enhance your skills of the game.

Games played Thursday’s from 9.30am, Competition commences Thursday 16 Feb

Game fee cost $8.70 per player/per game & registration fee $16 per player.

Enrol now online mrec.vic.gov.au/thestadium, E: sknot@mrec.vic.gov.au we also welcome your enquiries via phone 5428 1819
Community News

GISBORNE GIANTS
Football Netball Club

Invites
Under 10s & 14s - Football & Under 13 Netball Players to register for our 2017 season

(Please Note to be eligible for Under 10’s your child must turn 7 by 1st April, 2017)

Register now @
www.gisbornegiants.sportingpulse.net

Our Club  Our kids  Our community

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