

GLADSTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

From The Principal

9th February 2017

The start of the new-year provides a wonderful opportunity to establish routines that assist us in educating your child. Please help us by:

- *Ensuring your child is at school on time in the morning*
- *Making sure your child is at school every day (unless they are ill)*
- *Establishing routines at home for reading take-home books and the completion of homework*
- *Taking an active interest in your child's education by reading newsletters, attending information sessions, Parent/teacher interviews etc.*
- *Promptly communicating with teachers if you have a concern*

If parents wish to see me about any matter, I am always available by making an appointment through the office.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS



VICE CAPTAINS



Congratulations to **RYLIE GUNASEKERA** and **MARJORIE FALEFATA** on their selection as School Captains and to **BRANDON ZAJKOV** and **TANEISHA CARUSO** on their selection as Vice Captains for 2017. I am very confident that Rylie, Marjorie, Brandon and Taneisha will carry out their leadership responsibilities very effectively- modelling appropriate behaviour and attitudes and representing the school at a number of events and activities.

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Despite recommended ages for users, more and more underage children are accessing a variety of social media sites. I encourage parents who allow their young children to use *Facebook* and *Instagram* etc, to set guidelines and boundaries and actively monitor what their children are doing online.

STUDENT-FREE DAY

The school will be closed on **Friday 24th February** as all staff will be attending a conference in Lancefield on Friday and Saturday.

NEW FAMILIES

A further reminder that School Council is hosting a special afternoon tea in the gym for all our new families on **Monday 13th February from 3:30 to 4:30pm**. Please come along if you are a new member of the Gladstone Park Primary School community.



Tony Malgioglio, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 1 2017

FRIDAY 10TH FEB	Prep Photos ONLY
MONDAY 13TH FEB	Prep and New Families Afternoon Tea
MONDAY 13TH MARCH	School Council
THURSDAY 16TH FEB	Meet the Teacher. School dismissed at 2.20pm Interviews start at 2.30pm
FRIDAY 24TH FEB	<u>CURRICULUM DAY. NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL</u>
MONDAY 13TH MARCH	<u>PUBLIC HOLIDAY LABOR DAY</u> <u>NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL</u>
TUESDAY 14TH MARCH	Yr 5/6 Electricity Incursion \$10.00
WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH	Yr 5/6 Electricity Incursion \$10.00
FRIDAY 31ST MARCH	End of Term 1. Whole School Assembly 2.00pm School dismissed 2.30pm



Tiqbiz is a app which allows us to send you an instant message, newsletters and notices. Tiqbiz will help our school to keep parents fully informed and up to date with newsletters, notices, news and events. It's easy to use and is free. To access this app simply, download tiqbiz to your phone, tablet or computer.

Search for

Once installed, follow the following steps.

1. **LOG IN** 

Open tiqbiz and register/log in.

2. **FIND OUR SCHOOL**

Click the FIND icon and type our school name into the search bar. You will now see our school boxes.

3. **TICK ON**

Click on the grey tick beside our school box and other boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you're connected

4. **INBOX**

Click on the Inbox icon. This is where you will receive our instant messages.

If you require any information on Tiqbiz, please notify the school office.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The CSEF helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

CSEF will be provided to eligible families to help cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.

A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is: \$125 for primary school students. If you have any questions regarding CSEF, please call our office. **YOU ONLY NEED TO FILL IN A NEW APPLICATION IF YOU ARE**

NEW TO OUR SCHOOL.

