

# GLADSTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

*From The Principal*

*Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June*

## **CYBERBULLYING**

Cyberbullying is bullying behaviour, using digital technology, including the internet, email or mobile phones. It is pervasive and incessant. Cyberbullying differs from face-to-face bullying in that the bully can 'follow' their victim 24/7, and continue the bullying in the home. Cyberbullies may take advantage of the perception of anonymity (e.g. using an account in a fake name, or a blocked number) but in many cases, it is clear who is behind the bullying.

Cyberbullying can be particularly harmful as it is often a public form of humiliation and many others are able to see what is written or posted. Once something is published online, it is difficult, if not impossible, to remove all traces of it.

### ***Forms of Cyberbullying***

- Sending nasty texts, picture messages, emails, or instant messages (e.g. MSN or Facebook)
- Repeated prank phone calls
- Using a person's screen name to pretend to be them (setting up a fake account)
- Using a person's password to access their account and then pretending to be that
- Forwarding others' private emails, messages, pictures or videos without permission
- Posting mean or nasty comments or pictures on chat forums
- Sending and/or forwarding sexually explicit images ('sexting')
- Intentionally excluding others from an online group.



### ***What can you do if your child is cyberbullied?***

- **Praise your child for coming to you and do not be angry with them-** This is a big step as many young people may be frightened to tell a parent about cyberbullying.
- **Do not respond to the bullying-** It is important not to respond to nasty emails, chats, SMS or comments. This is usually what the bully wants, so ignore them.
- **Let the school know-** It is important that we know what is going on so we can provide support and monitor any issues that may spill onto the playground or classroom.
- **Save and store the content-** Keep copies of emails, chat logs, text messages, comments or posts. Take a screen shot of the evidence—ask your child for help to do this if necessary.
- **Help your child to block and delete the bully from all contact lists-** Most social networking sites allow the user to control who has access to communicate with them.
- **Use the 'report abuse' button-** Most social networking sites have a method to let the site administrators know that a particular user is behaving unacceptably.
- **Have some 'down time' without technology-** It is important for both mental and physical health that your child's life is balanced—so he or she is not constantly 'online' or spending hours on a mobile phone.
- **If ongoing, report to police-** Most cyberbullying between students can be resolved at school level. However, a report to the police may be necessary where, despite the best efforts of the school, bullying does not stop or when it is not possible to know who is behind the abuse (e.g., fake accounts/blocked numbers) or when threats have been made to your child's personal safety.

**Please be aware that most social media services and apps require users to be 13 years old to join.**

For information on the age limit, parents are encouraged to go to the following website:

[www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

Regrettably, our long-standing PFA President, **Nicole Bell** has resigned from the role. On behalf of the entire school community, I wish to thank Nicole for her terrific commitment to the school and all the effort and hard work she has put into fundraising and promotion for the school.

**Tony Malgioglio**  
**Principal**

## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 2 201

MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

PUBLIC HOLIDAY QUEENS BIRTHDAY

NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE

YR 1/2 BOTANICAL GARDENS EXCURSION

WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

SCHOOL INTERVIEWS 11AM -6PM

STUDENT FREE DAY

### STEP INTO PREP

FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE

STEP INTO PREP 1.50PM – 3.00PM

FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

STEP INTO PREP 1.50PM – 3.00PM

FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

STEP INTO PREP 1.50PM – 3.00PM

FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

STEP INTO PREP 1.50PM – 3.00PM

## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

In 2017 every PREP government school student who is in receipt of the CSEF payment, automatically qualifies to receive a uniform pack through State School's Relief.

Each PREP parent is entitled to ONE pair of shoes, ONE pair of Track pants and the choice of ONE Windcheater OR Bomber Jacket OR Long sleeved Polo/ OR a Short sleeve polo. If you have any questions please see the Administration staff in the office. *All forms must be returned to the office by FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2017*



This week GPPS had a focus on SCIENCE. We were very lucky to have had Dr Peter Eastwell visit our school and share his knowledge and skills and spread his enthusiasm about Science.

The students participated in a 1-hour presentation, looking at air (pressure, gravity, expansion and contraction).

Staff participated in a seminar, after school, learning about Science Inquiry and the best way to teach Science investigations.

Families enjoyed an entertaining evening of electricity and lightning experiments.

Thank you to all the families that came along.

*Included with this newsletter are a couple of science experiments that you might like to try with your children.*

Thank you for supporting our Science week.

MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL

