

GLADSTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 15th November

Principal's Comment

REMEMBRANCE DAY



I want to acknowledge our two school captains, Tyler Bell and Angelica D'Angelo, for representing the school at the Remembrance Day Service held on Sunday in Moonee Ponds. They made us all very proud as they laid the wreath at the cenotaph in Queen's Park. I also want to thank those parents and staff who came along to support the students. By the way...Tyler and Angelica did a terrific job at our own Remembrance Day service held at school on Monday.

PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM

A '2019 Preps' Information Evening will be held this coming Monday at 6.30pm in the Gymnasium. I encourage all our new Prep families to come along and hear about what the children's first year of schooling will be like.

The first of three Prep orientation sessions was held yesterday and our new Preps enjoyed investigating their new environment. The next session will be held in the Prep classrooms next **Wednesday from 9.30am to 12.30pm.**

2019 STUDENT PLACEMENTS

Our class teachers are going through the process of placing students for 2019. The current year's teachers compile class lists of students for the following year based on consideration of factors including:

- a spread of mixed ability students in every class (i.e. students working at the same level academically)
- a range of learning styles
- social and emotional needs
- friendships
- a good mix of students from previous classes
- gender balance
- other relevant individual needs

Please be assured that **respect** and **care** will be shown by teachers when placing children and please trust that teachers **do** know your child and will make the best possible decision for them, even if it is not the one you would have chosen. We seek your support by following the GPPS process. If your child is not placed in a class with their best friend, help them to become more **resilient** and **tolerant** of others so they can make additional friends. Children can still meet their special friend and play together every recess and lunchtime.

Please let us know ASAP if your Prep to Yr. 5 child will not be returning to GPPS in 2019.

PUNCTUALITY

All GPPS students are required to attend school from 8.55 - 3.20 unless reasonable and valid grounds exist for them to be absent. Late arrivals in particular often mean students miss important stages in the development of topics, causing them to find 'catching up' difficult.

BEREAVEMENT

The school has been deeply saddened by the news of the recent passing of Diane Martin's father. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Diane and her family during this difficult time.

Tony Malgioglio, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER	PREP INFORMATION NIGHT 6.30 IN THE GYM
WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER	PREP ORIENTATION 9.30-12.30
THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER	YR 5/6 MINI MARKET 1.40 – 3.30 IN THE GYM
WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER	PREP ORIENTATION 9.30-12.30
WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER	VIOLIN CONCERT 6.30 IN THE GYM GOLD COIN DONATION YR 3-6 VIOLIN STUDENTS
FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER	GPPS NIGHT MARKET 5.00PM IN THE GYM

MUSIC NEWS

Hi everyone, welcome to the world of term 4 music! So far we have performed a Whole School Concert at the Shopping Centre for One Day One Song and highlighted a beautiful Australian song for Remembrance Day earlier this week.

On **Friday 23rd November** we will be singing at the Night Market. This is a fantastic parent run venture and the choirs have been invited to sing at 5:30pm for 20-30 minutes. We will be in the area between the school buildings under the shade sails [if the weather is unfavourable we have a back-up plan]! All students belonging to our choirs are warmly invited to come along and sing [years 3-6] and any child who is at the market is highly encouraged to join us for the songs they know. I really would like this to be a large, inclusive group.

On **Wednesday 28th November** we will hold our annual Violin concert in the gym. It starts at 6:30pm and should go for a little under an hour. An invitation will go home to violin students and their families but anyone who is interested can attend. Cost? Gold coin donation at the door!

There are many other performances this term but dates to save are:

Saturday 8th December- Santa's Arrival at the Shopping Centre

Wednesday 19th December- 9:30am- Whole School Christmas Carols at the Shopping Centre.

1:50pm-3:10pm- Christmas Carols in the gym.

Hope to see you at a concert

Rosalie Birney Arts Co-ordinator

COLOUR FUN RUN

Congratulations to our Parents and Friends Club for organising the terrific Colour Fun Run last week. The school exploded in a blaze of colour as students made their way around the oval whilst being sprayed with coloured powder. The school raised around \$4000.00 with funds going towards interactive screens for the classrooms.

GPPS NIGHT MARKET

On Friday 23rd November the PFC are running a market night in the gym. The market starts at 5.00pm. There will be lots of stall holders selling various items. Come along and get a head start on your Christmas shopping. There will be food trucks, a petting zoo, raffles, show bags and lots lots more. Children are welcome. So come along and have a great family night out.

YEAR 5 & 6 NEWS

The Year 5 and 6 students will be holding a mini market day, as part of their Economics Unit. All students across the school are invited. Bring some money, come along and grab a bargain or two!

Prices start from 50 cents.

When: Thursday 22 November

Time: 1:40—3:30

Where: GPPS Gym



CHRISTMAS VIP DAY

The Advantage Pharmacy at Gladstone Park Shopping Centre is holding a Christmas VIP day on 20th November starting at 11am till 7pm. Lots of prizes and giveaways. The Advantage Chemist regularly donates to our various raffles held through the year, so please come along and help support them. Shop 104, Gladstone Park Shopping PH: 9338-1033