

GLADSTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 20th February 2020

From The Principal

COMPASS

The school is currently setting up *COMPASS*, an all-in-one school management system designed to improve your child's learning outcomes, drive in-school efficiency, and enable more communication in our school community.

As various elements of the program are rolled out, Compass will enable parents to communicate more readily with their child's teacher, view schedules and keep track of homework. Parents will stay in-the-loop with automated school updates via **SMS, email and push notification.**



More information will be available as we get closer to launching the *Compass Parent Portal*.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS



Congratulations
2020
House
Captains



Congratulations to LILY ROBERTSON and BRADLEY ROYALS on their selection as School Captains and to DWAIN DELOS REYES and JUDY EL MOUSTAFA on their selection as Vice Captains for 2020. I am very confident that Lily, Bradley, Dwaine and Judy will carry out their leadership responsibilities very effectively- modelling appropriate behaviour and attitudes and representing the school at a number of events and activities.

ANNUAL PRIVACY INFORMATION REMINDER FOR PARENTS

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's data collection statement, found on our website: <http://www.gladstoneparkps.vic.edu.au>

FREE FEMININE SANITARY PRODUCTS

The Victorian Government is currently installing feminine sanitary product dispensers in girls' toilets in every government primary and secondary school throughout the state in order to provide free sanitary pads and tampons. The use of sanitary items provided at school will be entirely voluntary. Providing both sanitary pads and tampons allows students to make a choice based on their own needs, cultural beliefs, maturity and preferences. Parents are encouraged to discuss responsible use of this new facility with their daughters.

Tony Malgioglio, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

THURSDAY 27TH FEB- **CURRICULUM DAY NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL**
MONDAY 2ND MAR PREP TO 4 SWIMMING
TUESDAY 3RD MAR PREP TO 4 SWIMMING
WEDNESDAY 4TH MAR PREP TO 4 SWIMMING
THURSDAY 5TH MAR PREP TO 4 SWIMMING
FRIDAY 6TH MAR PREP TO 4 SWIMMING
MONDAY 9TH MAR- **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL**
TUESDAY 10TH MAR PREP TO 4 SWIMMING
WEDNESDAY 11TH MAR PREP TO 4 SWIMMING
THURSDAY 12TH MAR PREP TO 4 SWIMMING
FRIDAY 13TH MAR PREP TO 4 SWIMMING



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to 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.

HOW TO APPLY

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

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

STUDENT PAYMENTS

Please note: If you are making a direct deposit to our school for excursions, camps, book packs etc., You must also fill in the appropriate permission forms for your child to participate in the activity you are paying for and ensure forms are returned to the classroom teacher or the front office.

THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY

CURRICULUM DAY

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DAY**

MONDAY 9th MARCH

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY