



Newsletter

Term 1

Issue 2

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DIARY DATES:

MONDAY 1st March
TUESDAY 2nd March
WEDNESDAY 3rd March
YR 3/4 Sunnystones Camp

MONDAY 8th March
LABOUR DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 9th March
WEDNESDAY 10th March
YR 5/6 Science Incursion

FRIDAY 12th March
YR 5/6 Interschool sport

THURSDAY 1st APRIL
LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Students dismissed at
2.30pm

MONDAY 8TH
MARCH
LABOUR DAY
PUBLIC
HOLIDAY

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

At this early stage of the school year, it is important that all families are aware of the GPPS Mobile Phone Policy and requirements directed by the Department of Education.

We ask that families:

Familiarise themselves with the [GPPS Mobile Phone Policy](#) and school requirements and discuss them with their children.

Understand that students are required to place their mobile phone or wearable device in a special cabinet in the administration office when they arrive at school and collect it prior to going home.

The Mobile Phone Policy can be accessed on the website or by clicking the above link.

COVID

Until very recently, we have been doing very well in Victoria in regards to COVID-19. Unfortunately, the recent infection cases clearly shows that we certainly cannot become complacent. This point was very clearly highlighted two weeks ago when as a school we found ourselves at the forefront of the COVID-19 response, managing a very sudden return to remote learning. The brief 'Circuit-Breaker' lockdown serves as a reminder that although we are making our plans for a COVID normal year, things can change quite quickly so we all need to be flexible and adaptable in our approach. In terms of school operations, families who have had an association with us over a number of years will notice that due to the restrictions a number of our usual events will either not be happening or happening differently during this year. A case in point is our 'New Families Afternoon Tea' which is usually held in early Term 1. This has traditionally been a great way of introducing new families to one another and the school, so we are sad not to be holding it this year.

My thanks to parents for adhering to our request that you say goodbye to your children outside and only enter the main building if you need to visit the office or have an organised meeting with a member of staff. Thank you also to the visitors so far for remembering to wear a mask inside the building, as required by the Victorian Government.

MEET THE TEACHER (Years 1 to 6)

It was terrific seeing so many families attend the 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon on Tuesday. The meetings were a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet with teachers and share and discuss any relevant information regarding their child. We thank all those families who remembered to check-in using their mobile phones to scan the QR code displayed outside each classroom.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to **SIMRON SIWAKOTI** and **NICKOLAS GALANIS** on their selection as School Captains, and to **ANNA BREEN** and **JAMES PORTLOCK** on their selection as Vice Captains for 2021. We are very confident that Simron, Nickolas, Anna and James will fulfil their leadership responsibilities very effectively.



YEAR 5/6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT

On FRIDAY 12TH MARCH Year 5 and 6 our students will be playing their first round of Interschool Sport. The following sports and where they will be played are listed below:

Cricket: Willowbrook Reserve, Westmeadows

T-ball: Jacana Reserve, Jacana

Please note: The sports below are indoors and due to capacity limitations, spectators aren't permitted:

Volleyball: Broadmeadows Leisure Centre

Basketball: Broadmeadows Basketball Stadium

WE ARE COLLECTING! PLEASE HELP TO SPREAD THE WORD.



If you shop at Woolworths but aren't too keen on collecting the current Discovery Garden pots, the school would love them for our garden. Please send them to the school with your child/ grandchild/ awesome GPSS student that you know! Thank you in advance.

Rebecca Cowan

IMMERSION AT GLADSTONE PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE

Gladstone Park Secondary College is very excited to be able to offer a Select Entry Language Immersion Program! It is the first secondary school in Victoria to offer Italian utilising this methodology. Language Immersion is the most effective form of bilingual education as it enables students to learn a language through content, leading to a more engaging and effective process of language acquisition.

How it works...

Immersion students at Gladstone Park Secondary College experience the full breadth of the curriculum offered at the college while studying Mathematics, History and Geography in Italian from Year 7 to Year 9. During the Italian language classes students learn new vocabulary and grammar that will facilitate their understanding of the above-mentioned subjects. In Year 10, Language Immersion students will have the choice to study Year 11 LOTE Italian, and will have the choice to study an additional VCE subject. In Year 11, Immersion students study Year 12 Italian. By the completion of Year 12, Immersion students will have a great range of VCE subjects from which their ATAR is then calculated.

In the next few weeks...

Year 7 Immersion students and Immersion staff will be visiting your Primary School to give a small presentation and answer any questions. In the meantime please save the date... **Wednesday 5th May** for our annual **Immersion Celebration Night**. We hope to see you there for a night of fun, celebration and everything Italian.



OSHCLUB NEWS

Monday-Friday:
BSC: 7-9am
ASC: 3-6pm

Dear parents and caregivers,

We at Gladstone Park OSHClub thank you for welcoming us to your school community last year. We have loved getting to know the school, the students and everyone involved.

As we move into the New School Year, we are aiming to increase our fun, activities and learning. Before and After School Care has vacancies and we would love to welcome any students for participation.

For this week we are working to complete our back-to-school plans which include making bookmarks, named labels and preparing for school activities.

Enjoy some photographs of this past week and we hope to see many more students.

Kind regards,

Chris and Jeyda.



Dear Parents,

This morning a parent reported that a child had head lice.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILDREN'S HAIR TONIGHT, and take appropriate action if needed.

FINDING HEAD LICE

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them.

Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can't be brushed off.

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

Step 1 Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.

Step 2 Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.

Step 3 Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

Step 4 Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

Step 5 Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.



If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.

If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

HEAD LICE EGGS

Head lice eggs are small (the size of a pinhead) and oval. A live egg will 'pop' when squashed between fingernails.

Dead eggs have crumpled sides and hatched eggs look like tiny boiled eggs with their tops cut off.

HEAD LICE CAN INFEST ANYONE.

NITS ARE SMALL WHITISH EGGS, ABOUT THE SIZE OF A PIN HEAD, GLUED TO HAIRS. LOOK AT ALL HAIR, ESPECIALLY NEAR THE SCALP.

NITS ARE THIS SHAPE  AND WON'T READILY PULL OFF THE HAIR. Dandruff is easily brushed from the hair.

LICE vary in size from a speck to 1cm long – and look like this ..



IF YOU FIND NITS OR LICE, CHECK THE HAIR OF EVERYONE IN THE HOUSE - ADULTS CAN BE INFESTED BY HEAD LICE TOO.

IF YOUR CHILD OR ANYONE ELSE IS FOUND TO BE INFESTED ... TREAT THEM. DO NOT TREAT PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT INFESTED - IT DOES NOT PREVENT IT.

THE INFESTATION CANNOT BE CONSIDERED CLEAR UNTIL ALL NITS ARE REMOVED AND NO LICE ARE PRESENT. LOTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM YOUR LOCAL CHEMIST.

Responsibility for the inspection and treatment of your children relies heavily on you as parents.

Thanks,

Tony Malgioglio

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