



Newsletter

Term 4 Issue Week Date 27 October 2022

DIARY DATES:

TUE SDAY 1ST NOV
MELB CUP DAY
NO STUDENTS REQUIRED

THURSDAY 3RD NOV
PREP ORIENTATION

MONDAY 7TH NOV
SCHOOL COUNCIL

THURSDAY 10TH NOV
PREP ORIENTATION
PARENT INFORMATION
9.40AM

THURSDAY 10TH
YR 5/6 BUDGETING
INCURSION

WEDNESDAY 16TH
CURRICULUM DAY
SUDENT FREE DAY

MONDAY
31ST OCT
ALL STUDENTS
ARE
REQUIRED AT
SCHOOL
THIS IS NOT A
PUBLIC
HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 1ST NOV
MELBOURNE CUP
PUBLIC
HOLIDAY

From The Principal

COVID-19 ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE CHANGED

As you will be aware from the COMPASS notification I recently sent out, the Victorian Government announced the end of the Pandemic Declaration and associated Pandemic Orders and these changes applied from 13th October. Although restrictions have eased, we would like to remind parents and carers of the following guidelines outlined by the Department of Health.

It is strongly recommended that students:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
- should not attend school after 5 days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school
- advise the school of the COVID-19 positive test result

Where students become symptomatic at school they should be collected by their parents/ carers and undergo testing for COVID-19.

Face masks:

- Staff and students who wish to wear a face mask will be supported to do so.
- The Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when leaving home.

Rapid Antigen Tests:

RAT kits are available at the school and can be supplied free of charge on request.

SHADE SAIL

I am very pleased to report the new shade sail that was funded through a special State Government grant has finally been installed. The sail has created a shaded outdoor learning area between the portable and senior building. We intend to enhance the area in 2023 by laying artificial turf and providing outdoor tables and seating.



PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE STUDENT-FREE DAY

A reminder to families that **WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER** is a **student-free day** which will be used by teachers to participate in a range of professional learning activities.

STAFF NEWS

This coming Monday we say a temporary '*farewell*' to **Rebecca Cowan** as she goes on family leave. On behalf of the whole school community, I wish Bec and her husband Scott all the very best for the birth of their second child. Bec will be replaced by **Rhiannon Quill** who returns from her own family leave.



BABY NEWS

On Monday, we were delighted to hear of the arrival a little girl- **Mila Rose**- to Gemma and Peter Meletis. From all accounts, baby is doing well, along with her ecstatic and very proud Mum and Dad. We're all looking forward to meeting Mila Rose in the near future.

Tony Malgioglio, Principal

SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS WOOLWORTHS CRICKET PROGRAM

Cricket Victoria is running an after-school cricket program only for Girls at GPPS. It will run between 3:30-4:30pm at school on

Monday November 14th, 21st, 28th & December 5th.

Total cost for all 4 days is \$10. You will also receive a ball, bag, and bottle.

ALL Girls (any age) are welcomed to register and play cricket together.

Use Discount Code 1DEBDAA3 for a \$20 discount when you register.

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/03c2e5>

Regards,

Shane Mallia

Specialists PLC Leader & PE Teacher



Can you believe it?

We (Labeeb Acharya and Michael Sayed from GPPS) have qualified for the state Athletics Championship at Lakeside Arena on the 2nd of November. Labeeb qualified for the boys 12-13 shotput event {the highest grade for primary school level}, and Michael qualified for the 12-13 boys long jump. Labeeb stated that he was very nervous for the event but what lead him to the victory was the motivation he got representing the school. After the events we felt a sense of achievement and accomplishment.

Should you wish to watch us, there is a livestream link below, make sure you are watching the Primary Field Stream located at the bottom of the page.

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/state/pages/Track-Field.aspx>

2/11/2022 - Labeeb is competing at **11:15am** in Shot Put. Michael is competing at **1pm** in Long Jump.

We will do GPPS Proud!!!

Labeeb Acharya & Michael Sayed



YEAR 3 & 4 SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION

On Thursday 20th October 2022, the grade 3's and 4's went to Sovereign Hill as part of an Inquiry unit. While we were there we got to do the gold panning, mine tour, gold melting, lolly shop, bowling, Blacksmith, Education Centre and the bus ride. The best part was the mine tour, when we got to see the second largest golden nugget in the world! **NUVIN 4B**

On Thursday the 20th of October 2022 all the 3's and 4's went to Sovereign Hill as an excursion for our Inquiry unit. While we were there we went panning for gold, melting, mine tour with the audio guide, bowling, Black Smith Education centre and also the lolly shop. My favourite part of the whole experience was the mine tour. There was a waterfall there and we also got to see the 2nd largest golden nugget. **MIMI 4B**

On the 20th October, the grade 3 and 4 student's from GPSS went on an excursion to Sovereign Hill as part of their Inquiry unit. While we were there we went to a small river to pan for gold, Black Smith, a mine tour, the education centre and the lolly shop. My favourite part was the lolly shop and the mine tour because at the lolly shop there were so many options I chose the raspberry drops and (they were delicious). In the mine tour it was cold and there was an audio guide that was actually kind of funny. **JEYDA 4B**

On the 20th October, the grade 3's and 4's of Gladstone Park Primary School went to Sovereign Hill to learn about life in the 1850's as part of our Term 4 Inquiry unit. Some of many amazing, fun and old fashioned activities included, panning for gold, visiting the lolly shop where we were allowed to spend \$10.00, an education session, 9 pin bowling, a blacksmith demonstration and best of all, an under ground mine tour. My favourite part was the under ground mine tour. It was my favourite part because I was in front of the whole group even Mr Sturmfels. Also because it had my own pale white body. The thing that scared me the most was when we heard a huge rumbling sound and the lights flickered, which meant I couldn't see my own hands, I thought we would be buried alive and die before anyone even came looking for us. **EMILY 4B**

On Thursday the 20th October I had an excellent time at Sovereign Hill. My favourite part was the mine tour, it was cool and a little scary. I learnt that the gold at Sovereign Hill is 92 percent pure gold. **ANISA 3/4C**

When we went to Sovereign Hill, I thought it was quite fun! I learnt that to melt gold, you need to make it 1000 degrees YIKES! That's very hot! Also my favourite part was when we went to the candy shop. YUMMY, SO YUM!
ZAVI 3/4C

Over all the excursion was a great experience and I recommend you go too! My favourite part was the lolly shop but it took forever to get to the front. I bought sour grape drops and a MASSIVE lollipop. I also learnt it was rude to show your ankles or even arms! **ROANNA 3/4C**

My over all statement about Sovereign Hill, AKA: the gold rush town, is that it's a really good town, everyone is super nice, plus, it's just really cool and fun! My favourite part was the mine because it was like a haunted house! I also learnt that Sovereign Hill's gold is 92 percent pure gold. That's almost as pure as you can get it. You should go here sometime, someday! **GABRIELLE 3/4C**

