



Gladysdale Primary School

Monday, March 4th, 2024

Dates to remember:

- March 18: F/1/2 visiting the Alpine School
- March 25: Melbourne Museum
- March 27: 3-6 Athletics Day
- March 28: Passion Project Learning Expo 2pm and last day of term 1
- April 15th Term 2 begins
- May 3rd Curriculum Day



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024!

The students of Gladysdale have made an outstanding start to the year. We have all settled straight into learning, setting goals and aiming for excellence. We are so impressed with the calm, focused and considerate way every student has started the year!

As a whole school we have been working on increasing our writing stamina, timing each day how long each student can stay on task and focused. We are absolutely delighted with how well every student has worked on improving their personal best.

Another big focus for the year is learning to be in the learning pit or productive struggle. Studies have shown students in American Mathematics classes actively struggle 2 percent compared to students in Japanese Mathematics classes who actively struggle 40 percent of the time. The results indicate Japanese students are happy to be in the productive struggle where they are investigating alternative solutions to problem solve.

We want our students to understand that not everything will be easy. They will need to work hard, think flexibly and try a variety of strategies whenever they face a problem. We want students who are resilient and don't give up when the going gets hard.





Individual Education Plans

Your child's Individual Education Plan has been sent home. If you have not received this or have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

Big Writes

A HUGE thank you to all the parents and carers who have been supporting the Big Write by talking with your children during the week beforehand. It makes a huge difference seeing the students prepared and approaching the task with confidence. One student bought a word list to support them with spelling of the names and places – a fabulous idea!

Thank you!

I am constantly amazed and impressed with the Gladysdale Community. There are so many people to thank this term that I am fearful of missing someone out, but here goes...

Thank you to all the amazing people who have supported playgroup, brought in the mail, helped with the recycling bins, cleaned and sorted the library, dealt with a spider in assembly, provided a class novel, run an amazing stall at the Poweltown market, helped with Patch to Plate and working on our garden, attended school council, run breakfast club and woodworking and encouraged all the students.

You are all truly amazing!

Naplan

A notice has gone home to all students participating in NAPLAN on March 13- March 18. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. .



Hi Everyone,

I have had my hip replaced and I am doing really well, I can walk around my house without crutches but still need one crutch if I go outside. I have physiotherapy twice a week which is really helping.

I miss you all very much and I hope to come and visit you soon. Rosie can't wait to get back to school to see you all!

Thanks Tara

Students were asked what they have enjoyed most this year. Here are their answers...

It has been great how everyone has been getting along so well and playing nicely. – Mabel

Soccer has been so much fun at lunchtime. – Vincent H

Art is fun. I loved making my face with paper even though it was complicated. – Maggie

Soccer is so much fun. The new nets are great. – Hunter

Mathletics is a fun way to learn. – Bryden

I love that my peers chose me to be school captain and leading assemblies. – Vincent G

My passion project about echidnas is excellent. – Charlii

I love playing on the Big Red. – Ivy

My favourite thing this year is my passion project. It has been good learning new things about miniature ponies and fun making my stable. – Millie

My passion project about pickles has been an extraordinary experience. – Lewis

I love the brain breaks. My favourite is the Nemo one. – Lilly

The egg drop was really fun. – Estella

The Big Red slide is my favourite. – Carter

PE is my favourite subject but my favourite thing at school is playing soccer at recess and lunch. – Fynn

The best thing at school is the Big Red. - Noah



School Captain – Mabel



Hello, My name is Mabel Morrissey,

As a school leader at Gladysdale Primary School, I will be a positive role-model to younger students so they can see what kind of leader they can and will grow up to be. Positive role models help form positive people. I grew up with a positive family so now I am always trying my best to achieve my 100%.

I will represent a Gladysdale Primary School at excursions, community events and also all school events. As school captain I will lead whole school assemblies and make a focus on being kind and helping one another.

I will respect all the school rules and values and do my best to model these for our students. I will make a difference by educating my peers on positive attitudes and respectful relationships, I can do this by holding meetings with students, addressing any behavioural issues amongst our great school. We will work with the teachers and staff to resolve any issues that may arise.

Vice Captain – Vincent



Hi my name is Vincent Georgiou.

I am 11 years old and I live in Gladysdale, my school roles are School Vice Captain, SRC Secretary and Green House Captain.

My personal qualities are that I am approachable, friendly, empathetic and funny. I will fulfil my role of school captain by making school a safe, positive place where you can feel like home.

The legacy I would like to leave behind is to be the one who raised enough money to fix big red.

ICY POLES - A friendly reminder that our Grade 6 leaders are selling icy poles every Tuesday and Thursday for 50 cents each!





Senior School News

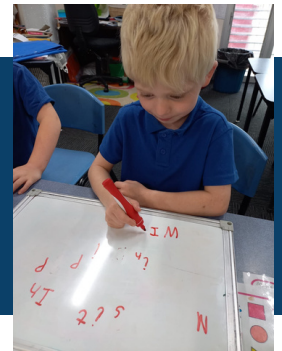
This term we are learning about Gallipoli and the ANZACS. As Lewis stated, “The ANZACS stand for courage, hope and determination.”

In Reading, we are learning the skills of researching, writing information in our own words and summarising.

In Writing, we have finished recount with each student completing a short book of significant memories. At the moment the students are writing some persuasive texts discussing whether schools should close when the temperature is over 35 degrees. Next we will work on writing narratives for the rest of the term.

In Maths, we have been working on our problem solving skills, learning about factors and multiples and have moved onto fractions. We are so impressed with the perseverance our students are showing when they are working on mathematical problems.

Junior School News



We have had an amazing start to school this term in F/1/2! Students have settled into school routines with ease.

In Reading we started off retelling narrative stories. We have retold a number of stories, such as Wombat Stew, using performance. We moved on to looking at the structure of narrative texts and identifying the characters, setting, problem and solution (resolution). Students have also been working on individual goals.

In Writing we began by giving recounts of familiar events such as the holidays, weekend, pasta and Bocce night and our favourite memories. We are now writing our own narrative story. We have also been practising our handwriting and spelling. Students have also worked on their individual goals.

In Maths we have learnt about numbers and counting patterns. In the area of Measurement, we have worked on mass, length and will be working on capacity. We have been working towards individual goals.



We are all extremely proud of what we have been able to achieve so far!

Passion Projects



LEARNING EXPO

You are invited...

On Thursday the 28th of March at 2pm we will be having our Learning Expo to showcase our Passion Projects.

We are absolutely delighted with how our students have approached the passion projects. There is a lot of learning happening – from presentation skills to research skill and time management. There is such a wide range of topics and ways of presenting their learning. Here are the topics!

Mabel – learning to sew a toy pig

Vincent G – The history of Nintendo

Luke – learning to play the ukelele

Fynn – soccer



Lewis – pickling (there will be a taste test at the Expo)

Bryden – the history of a computer game

Amelia – Miniature ponies

Vincent H – The Richmond Football Club

Hunter – soccer

Jack – an online course learning JavaScript

Maggie – Cats

Charlii – Echidnas



Ivy, Noah, Carter, Estella and Lilly – farm animals with Miss Evans



Amazing sentences!

In the senior school we have been extending our vocabulary and using clauses to enhance our sentences. They are based on Jackie French's work "The beach they called Gallipoli."

The wolf howled, the sky thundered black in the foggy sky... And then everything turned silent. -
Millie

The dogs growled, the sky flashed grey on Gallipoli... And then a shot rang and a body fell. -
Vincent G

The crocodiles jumped, the swamp lurked green in the darkness... And then BANG! - Vincent H

The dog wailed, the sky turned wispy grey in the shivering cold... And then silence. - Mabel

The house shook, the storm raged black in the park... And then an earthquake struck. - Hunter

The dog yelped, the moon glowed white in the trees... And then a mysterious car pulled into the
driveway. - Jack

The pugs growled, the sky turned whispery grey in the moonlight... And then two piercing eyes
appeared in the doorway. - Lewis

The metal crackled, the lightning struck yellow over the waves... And then the tornado
stirred. - Bryden

Your Annual privacy reminder for our school

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice. Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents.



Before and After School Care

Don't forget to book into our amazing Before and After School Care Program
0418 118 583



Wellbeing check-in		Start of Play →			→ End of Play	
MAKE IT MONDAY LO: MONDAY	EGG CARTON ART LO: ART	MUSICAL BOP LO: BOP	SOCCER LO:	PACK UP LO: UP		
SNACK TIME LO: TIME	DRAWING LO:	CELEBRITY HEADS LO: HEADS	NATURE DRAWING LO: DRAWING	HOME TIME LO: TIME		
SCIENCE TUESDAY LO: TUESDAY	OREO MOON PHASES LO: PHASES	BOUNCY EGG EXPERIMENT LO: EXPERIMENT	FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS LO: BRACELETS	PACK UP HOME TIME LO: HOME TIME		
SNACK TIME LO: TIME	LEGO LO:	NUMBER COLOURING LO: COLOURING	EYE SPY LO: SPY			
COOKING WEDNESDAY LO: WEDNESDAY	MAKE YOUR OWN MINI PIZZA LO: PIZZA	FREEPLAY INDOORS LO: INDOORS	DRAWING LO:	PACK UP LO: UP		
SNACK TIME LO: TIME	RESTAURANT REVIEW LO: REVIEW	KINETIC SAND LO: SAND	WIND DOWN LO: DOWN	HOME TIME LO: TIME		
FREEPLAY THURSDAY LO: THURSDAY	PRESSED FLOWER MATS LO: MATS	HANG MAN LO: MAN	GUESS WHO LO: WHO	PACK UP LO: UP		
SNACK TIME LO: TIME	DRAWING LO:	GAMES INSIDE LO: INSIDE	TAG LO:	HOME TIME LO: TIME		
FUN FRIDAY LO: FRIDAY	BASKETBALL LO:	LEGO CONSTRUCTION LO: CONSTRUCTION	MINDEULNESS LO:	PACK UP LO: UP		
SNACK TIME LO: TIME	OUTSIDE GAMES LO: GAMES	LEGO PACK UP LO: PACK UP	YOGA LO:	HOME TIME LO: TIME		

Domain of Play:

- Flavour Fest
- Creative Inventors
- Zen Masters
- Global Kids
- Super Sports
- Power Teams

Voices:

- Children's Meeting
- Child
- Family Input
- School
- Educators
- Spontaneous

Connections:

- Cultural Learning
- Continuous Improvement
- Extended Activity

Lunch orders every Wednesday

Please ensure that lunch orders are written on a brown paper bag with the exact money enclosed. We use sustainable and recycled packaging where possible. We offer a 20c discount if you provide your own sealed container for pasta/soup/salad. Your child's order needs to be clearly marked with their name and grade.

Please note: A charge of 10 cents will be added to your lunch order if a brown paper bag has not been supplied.

Whilst every endeavour will be made to provide exactly what is ordered there may be occasions where this is not possible. As an external provider we will provide the closest alternative (at a discount) to ensure no one misses out on their lunch!

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Sandwiches & Salads

Salad	\$2.50
Ham or Chicken & Salad	\$3.50
Ham or Chicken & Cheese	\$3.00
Sweet Chilli Sub (w lettuce, chicken tender)	\$2.80
Salad Tray (meat \$1.00 extra)	\$4.00
Fruit Salad (Term 1 & 4)	\$3.50
Homemade Soup (Term 2 & 3)	\$2.00
Ham/Cheese Croissant	\$3.20
Extras	
50c for bread roll or wrap. Gluten free bread also available.	
50c for extras - beetroot, avocado etc. (NO egg)	

Burgers

Cheese Burger (w lettuce, tomato, cheese, sauce)	\$3.80
Parma Burger (w lettuce, cheese, mayonnaise)	\$5.20
Chicken Burger (w lettuce, cheese, mayonnaise)	\$4.60

Snacks

Crunch Pack (Carrot, apple, Cheese, Biscuits)	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$0.80
Hot Jam Donut	\$1.50
Homemade Slice of the week	\$2.20
Jelly Tub	\$1.20
Choc Balls (3)	\$1.20
Giant Choc Chip/M&M Cookie	\$2.50

Hot Food

(Tomato Sauce extra 20c)	
4n20 Pie	\$3.50
Chicken Schnitzel Wrap	\$3.20
Party pies	\$1.10
Sausage Roll -Jumbo	\$3.50
-Regular	\$2.00
Pizza- Ham, Cheese & Pineapple	\$2.60
- Margherita	\$2.60
Dim Sim (Steamed- request soy sauce/no charge)	\$1.20
Corn on the Cob	\$1.30
Hot Dog (cheese 20c extra)	\$3.20
Puppy Dog (cheese 10c extra)	\$1.80
Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Nachos (w Salsa and Cheese)	\$3.50
Chicken nuggets (4)	\$2.40
Vegetarian Spring Roll	\$1.20
Bolognese Pasta (w/Cheese) small	\$3.00
Large	\$4.00

Drinks

Bottled Water	\$1.10
100% Juice (Apple, Blackcurrant, Orange)	\$1.90
Oak Milk(, Strawberry, Chocolate) Small	\$3.40
Large	\$4.40