Gooseberry Hill Primary School

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SPRING FAIR

Now that the dust has settled on the Spring Fair, I would again like to take the opportunity to thank the P&C and all of the volunteers that made the day possible. It was an amazing display of community with the busy, but fun atmosphere making for an amazing day.

The Fair raised around \$20,000 that will go toward the construction of an outdoor classroom that will be used for Science and Technology among other things. We expect planning and construction on this to take place in 2019.

What cannot be measured fiscally was the opportunity to showcase our school in such amazing fashion to the wider community. I have received so much positive feedback from community members, who used to go to GHPS or have not yet, but intend to in the future. This type of publicity is invaluable and just continues to remind me how lucky we are to have such a great school.

PRIMARY SCIENCE LABORATORY

I am pleased to let you know that our school has been successful in our application for a specialist science laboratory. Work on converting the Cooke Room will occur during 2020 or 2021, depending on construction schedules. Newsletter Issue 17 – 31 October 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 2 November Triathlon

Tuesday 6 November Melbourne Cup Hat/Tie Day

Tuesday 13 November Assembly 2pm. Hosted by SIMS

Wednesday 14 November Kindy/PP Orientation 9am

Thursday 15 November Grandparents Morning tea 10am

UPCOMING EVENTS Tuesday 27 November 2nd Hand Uniform Store Assembly at 2pm. Hosted by SIMS

Wednesday 28 November Triple P – Steps to Positive Parenting

We will also receive \$25,000 to purchase science resources to equip the laboratory. Funding will be allocated to our school on completion of the refurbishment.

These new facilities will allow us to grow our science program and motivate our students to excel from Kindergarten to Year 6 and beyond.

WELL DONE GHPS INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS TEAM!!!

It was a privilege to accompany our Interschool Athletics Team to Walliston PS last Friday as they competed in the Stirk Carnival hoping for a clean sweep of the Interschool events for 2018. After a promising start, we lead by 12 points after the throws and jumps and extended the lead during the individual sprints. However, it didn't all go our way. Team games are double points and after a costly mistake to start with, our leaderball teams had some trouble and despite all of the training, made some simple errors, costing them valuable points. As Kalamunda PS reduced our lead, we regrouped in time for the relays and came home strong to win the carnival by 60 points.

It was great to see the students dig deep and continue to work hard after not having it come easy all of the time. This was a great show of resilience and trust in the training they had done. The encouragement for one another and the sportsmanship shown was also fantastic to see. I also commend the team on outstanding behaviour throughout the day.

Thank you to all of the parents and supporters who came along to support, once again we were one of the best supported teams on the day.

PRE-PRIMARY STAFF CHANGES TERM 4

Unfortunately, due to illness, Mrs Woods will not be returning to work for the remainder of 2018. To cover her absence, we have made the decision that Miss Nicholson will go into PP1 as the teacher with Ms



Anesbury providing DOTT for her on a Thursday. Mrs Marsh will remain in PP2 and Ms Anesbury will also provide her DOTT on a Wednesday.

We are sure you all wish Mrs Woods a speedy recovery and hopefully she is well enough to join the children for some of the celebrations toward the end of term.

CLASS STRUCTURE AND PLACEMENT REQUESTS 2019

After much deliberation and consultation, we have come up with class structure for 2019. Some notable differences include the creation of a P/1 class to cater for our increased enrolments in Pre-primary as well as a third Year 6 class to allow for the Year 6 program to be inclusive of all classes. All three Year 6 classes will be housed in the Brooks Room with teachers working together to continuing the successful Year 6 program that prepares our students so well for secondary school.

Significantly, all students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will access the Specialist teachers with all classes accessing classes in Art, Music, Indonesian and Physical Education throughout the week. This will provide some challenges with regard to timetabling, but we are confident that the quality of the programs will remain high.

There will also be some extra staffing required, which will need to be filled via a recruitment process so we will be welcoming several new staff members in 2019. For this reason, we are still unsure as to which teachers will be in each class.

The classes for 2019 will be; Room 16 – Kindergarten Room 17 - Pre-Primary 1 Room 18 – Pre-Primary 2 Room 15 - Pre-Primary / Year 1 Room 1 – Year 1 Room 2 – Year 1 Room 3 – Year 2 Room 4 – Year 2 Room 5 – Year 2 Room 6 – Year 3 Room 7 – Year 3 Room 8 – Year 3/4 Room 9 – Year 4 Room 10 Year 4 Room 11 – Year 5 Room 12 – Year 5 Brooks A – Year 6 Brooks B – Year 6 Brooks C – Year 6

Parents wishing to apply for class placements can do so from Thursday the 1st of November to Thursday the 15 November. When requesting a placement, please outline the requirements of your child and reasons for these. For example, 'Emma would be best suited to a teacher who is nurturing and will challenge her to succeed using encouragement.'

This is not an opportunity to request a specific teacher, or to NOT have a specific teacher. Please respect the staff when requesting a placement. Teaching staff will consider the needs of your child/ren based on their knowledge of them when constructing the classes and will make decisions around this. You may also consider other children that your child may, or may not work well with when requesting a placement. All students are asked to select three or four friends that they wish to be placed with prior to staff constructing classes. As you can imagine, this is an extremely complex task and every effort will be made to accommodate requests, but no guarantees can be made. Parents may also wish to make an appointment to discuss concerns further that may provide extra information.

All application must be IN WRITING, addressed to the Principal, before the 15 November. Late applications will not be considered.

HUNTLEY STREET PROPOSED PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Kalamunda has informed me of a proposal to make upgrades to the parking facilities in Huntley Street in order to create a safer environment for the students and families around drop-off and pick-up times.

The proposed upgrades include;

- 1. The Bollards in front of Huntly Street Reserve will be repositioned to provide space for parallel parking in the verge.
- 2. The 'eyebrow' in the road at Huntley Street will be removed to stop drivers turning around here.
- 3. The end of Huntley Street is being improved as a cul-de-sac for easy turning.
- 4. The informal parking area in Ledger Road Reserve will be formalised as perpendicular parking in the verge, outlined by bollards.
- 5. Parking controls are to be extended along the full west side of the street with no parking 7-9am and 2-4pm on school days (residents excepted).

The City is asking for feedback on the proposed parking control plan by the 9 November 2018. Please complete the forma attached to this newsletter and return to <u>enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au</u>

HEALTH NINJA'S

Health Ninja's continues to be a focus this term with purple belt focussing on posture, the spin and how posture effects the nervous system. I have been handing out lots of stickers and it is great talking to the students about how they have been earning their points.

Don't forget to join the Health Ninja's Facebook Community so you can support you program. <u>Health Ninjas facebook page</u>

Principal Matthew Snell



FROM THE LIBRARY

There are only three more weeks for borrowing from the library this year. Could parents/carers please ensure that books come back consistently each week so I am not generating reminders for short term overdue books.

Could all longer term overdue books be returned as soon as possible? A print out of overdue items will be mailed and I urge you to contact me via the library should there be any problems. Mary Nardone – Library Officer

CIRQUE MUSICALA

There are still tickets remaining for both the Matinee and Evening session of this amazing performance by our students. Parents are welcome to come along and enjoy this event even if your children are not performing. It is an opportunity for everyone to see what a dynamic music program we have at our school.

The venue is the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre, 48 Canning Road, Kalamunda, on Saturday, 3 November 2018. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from the school office.

MELBOURNE CUP

We will be holding a fundraiser for Motor Neurone Disease on Tuesday 6 November. Students, staff and parents are invited to dress up and wear a tie or hat/ fascinator with their school uniform to support those suffering from MND. A gold coin donation is required please on the day.

SHARING A HILLS CHRISTMAS

Each year our school is proud to be involved in this initiative organised by the combined churches of Kalamunda. This group organises food and gift parcels for local families in need and nursing home residents.

For those of us fortunate enough to enjoy Christmas with family and friends it is a good time to reflect on what this time of the year means to us and take a moment to reach out and help others.

The following is a list of some items that are suitable for food parcels. If you are able to help please leave your donation at the office.

Christmas puddings Bon Bons Christmas cakes Tinned meat/hams/fish Tinned vegetables Cool drinks Lollies Potato chips/pretzels/nuts Custard Long life milk Fruit mince pies Stuffing Tinned foods Tinned fruits Cordial Shortbreads/biscuits Tinned biscuits Ribbon Money for bulk items

Gifts

Gifts are required for Adults (talcum powder, biscuits, chocolates, soaps, notepaper, etc) Teenagers (toiletries, makeup, books, games, CDs etc.) Children (toys for various age groups, books games etc.)

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of Lost Property including jumpers, drink bottles and all sorts! Items can be found in both the A and B Block Wet Areas. Unnamed items not collected by Friday 2 November will be go to 2nd uniforms or to charity.

NEXT ASSEMBLY

School of Instrumental Music (SIMS) students who are in the orchestra that play clarinet, flute, guitar, percussion and brass will be performing at our assembly on Tuesday 13 November at 2pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following students received honour certificates at our assembly on Tuesday: Dylan, Stella, Flynn, Livia, Levi, Harry, Charlie and Nathan.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Well done to Carmen in Year 6 on being awarded the October "Aussie of the Month".

CIRQUE MUSICALA – SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

The performance will be showcased next Friday 9 November in the Keene Under Cover Area. The junior classes will get to view the show at 9:30am and 10:30am for the senior classes. All welcome.

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS?

Room 8

The students in room 8 are entering the 2019 Dwellingup Pumpkin Festival. They have 7 seeds to grow for the festival in April next year. Good luck Room 8, we look forward to seeing how big you can grow your pumpkins!

ACT-BELONG-COMMIT

Support a Cause That You're Passionate About Knowing that you have done something to contribute to a meaningful cause will make you feel good.

You may like to consider making a financial donation to a charity, joining a committee or participating in a peaceful protest.



P&C News

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If you are planning on having a spring clean out, please consider donating any uniforms that are still in good condition and no longer required to the school. All proceeds from the sale of second hand uniforms are turned into vouchers for our lovely Chaplin, to help her assist families as required.

A second hand uniform store will be held at the next assembly on Tuesday 27 November.

All donations can be left at the school office. Thank you.

Community			
Upcoming Community Events			
Gooseberry Hill Running Club	Every Wednesday 24 October to 28 November		
After School Arts	Term 4 (Thursdays)	Jorgenson Park	
Summer Social Soccer	Term 4 (Fridays)	Hartfield Park	
Learn to Dive	Term 4	Bilgoman Auqatic Centre	
Link to GHPS website for all above flyers:	Upcoming Events in the community and surrounds		
Academic Programs			
WAAPA Summer Program	School Holidays 2018/2019		
Link to GHPS Website for information:	Academic Programs		
Parenting Workshops and Articles			
Relationships Australia	23 October and 9 November		
Triple P – Steps to Positive Parenting	28 November – GHPS (Flyer below)		
Link to GHPS website for information:	Parenting Workshops and Articles		

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Proposed Parking Improvements for Huntley Street adjacent to the Gooseberry Hill Primary School

The City of Kalamunda requests your feedback on the proposed parking improvement plan.

No objection to proposal Object to the proposal Comment on the proposal	(tick as appropriate – one only)
Comments:	
(Please tick) Owner Re	esident Parent/Carer School Staff
Signed: Title & Full Name: Postal Address:	Date:
Email Address: Daytime Phone No:	

Please Note: Feedback to be received within 14 days (i.e. by 9 November 2018)

28 November at GHPS







Five steps to positive parenting

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program has more than 35 years' research to back it up. These are Triple P's five steps to a happier family life.



Create a safe, interesting environment

Children need to play and explore their world so remove potential dangers from your home and teach basic safety. Provide plenty of interesting things for kids to do.



Have a positive learning environment

When your child comes to you for help or to talk, they're ready to learn. Give them positive attention, even if only for a minute or so.



Use assertive discipline

Children do best in a predictable, stable environment so set clear rules and boundaries and follow through with appropriate consequences. Encourage behaviour you like with praise.



Have realistic expectations

Nobody's perfect – children or adults – so don't expect your child to do more than they're capable of. And remember, all parents make mistakes sometimes.



Take care of yourself as a parent

It's all about balance. You've got to look after your own needs too so make sure you're getting some support, time with friends, fun – and maybe even a little time to yourself!

To find out more: www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa

Triple P provides simple ideas to help you raise confident, healthy children and build stronger family relationships.