



Glen Huntly Primary School

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Principal's Report

A very warm welcome back to school for 2018 to everyone. I hope you had a wonderful break and really enjoyed spending time with your family and friends.

The Stage 2 Building Works has been completed and staff and students in 2M, 2K and 2E have moved into the Grade 2 area. There will be some further additions to this project which we have planned for this term, which will complete the space beautifully. These will be finalised very soon.

The new door, canopy, signage and paving on the East Site has provided a much improved entrance to the school and feels very open and welcoming. We look forward to future landscaping and perhaps some new fencing to complete this project.



Staffing

It gives me great pleasure to welcome new staff to GHPS: Ms Jasmine Roth 5R, Ms Yasmin Makssi 1Y and Ms Ivana Novakovic Prep N. We trust our new staff are inspired by the wonderful GHPS community and enjoy their new appointments.

Congratulations to Ms Amy Tinetti who has been appointed Assistant Principal. Ms Tinetti will be leading and managing several Key Improvement Strategies in the 2018 Annual Implementation Plan, Curriculum Leader, English as an Additional Language (EAL), P-6 Student Wellbeing, Buildings and Grounds, Curriculum. For families new to the school the following outlines the **Class organization 2018:**

WEST SITE

Prep Ms Olivia Fournotis, Ms Mikaela Ristos and Ms Ivana Novakovic

Grade 1: Mr Jake Mackie and Ms Yasmin Makssi

Grade 2: Mr Bill Manuel, Mrs Emma Murnane and Ms Kamila Krauze

EAST SITE

Grade 3: Mrs Eugenia Sassos and Mrs Shannan Fox

Grade 4: Mr John Jacobs and Mrs Melinda Oldham

Grade 5: Mr Callum Swanson and Ms Jasmine Roth

Grade 6: Mr Andrew Aitken and Ms Claire Piscioneri

Specialists Staff & Programs

English and English as Additional Language (EAL): Ms Amy Tinetti, Mrs Lexie Boomsma and Mrs Mandy Zent

Ms Marie Kasambalis: **PE**

Mr David Jenkins: **Music, Choir, Gardening**

Mr Andrew Aitken - **Band**

Ms Juz de Bruyn: **Art and Prep Library/Indonesian**

Mrs Mandy Zent - **Indonesian/Library and EAL**

Education Support Staff

Ms Julie Bruce - **Business Manager**

Mrs Laura James Clark - **Music/Office/Classroom**

Mrs Juliet Brianton - **Tree House Reading/Classroom**

Ms Lisa Oliver & Mrs Tania Casonata - **Little Book**

Worms/Classroom /Uniform Shop

Mrs Yvonne Balfour - **Cooking/classroom**

Ms Jenny Grose, Ms Tanya Matthews, Mrs Denise

Rimanic, Mrs Anu Velamakanni, and Ms Fara Farid and

Mrs Ruth Kinyua- Smyth - **classroom**

2018 Student Leaders

Leading the School and the Houses at Glen Huntly has been a time honoured tradition and the students who have been invested as School, House, Music, eSmart, Sustainability or Sport Captains this year have the opportunity to work with members of the School to encourage and inspire them to be the best they can be and to build team and school morale.



Qi Qi and Metteya

The following students have been selected by their peers and staff at the end of 2017.

School Captains: Qi Qi Chen and Metteya Gharde

eSmart: Krish Patel and Pranitha Kumar

Sports: Derick Maimarosia and Alyana Burns

Sustainability: Swara Rao and Jude Shaked

Music: Alyssa Borirak and Pakhi Joshi

House Captains

Batman: Kayla Pecer

Flinders: Ronnie Bhuteja

Hume: Jamie Heaton

Mitchell: William Carveth

Congratulations to all of our 2018 student Leaders.

Attendance and Punctuality at School

All students are expected to come to school every day that the school is open to students. If students can't come, parents must provide an explanation for their child's absence to the office on the day of the absence. Students should arrive at each class ON TIME and ready to learn. Parents need to assist their child to be punctual so as to create the very best opportunities for their child to learn and not miss vital instruction time which commences at 9am.

It has been great to see the students in grades Prep – 6 settle into class so happily today including the new Preps on their first special day. They all looked very excited, attentive, keen and so smartly attired in the lovely GHPS school uniform.

Ms Fourniotis, Ms Mikaela Ristos and Ms Ivana Novakovic happily welcomed the new Preps into the classrooms for an exciting day of learning. Lots of first day photos, smiles and very heartfelt looks from the Preps' loved ones as they wished them a happy day. Some parents even managed to express relief that it all took place so smoothly.

A lovely morning tea was ready in the Art room for the Prep parents and friends to enjoy and to spend some time reflecting to others about this very special day. Thank you so much to the Glen Huntly Parents Association (GPA) and all parents who helped to provide the goodies to eat, and organizing every detail. It was very nice to chat with everyone and I hope you enjoyed your first school morning! There will be lots of opportunities for new and current parents and friends to be involved in the school and your children will love seeing you here volunteering.

Finance & School Council Meeting

The first meeting for the year will be held on **Monday 26 February, 2018** at 6.30pm and 7pm respectively in the East Site Staff Room.

Before and After School Care- Wendy Wilson Hall East Site

The Before and After School Care program at GHPS is a Licensed Out of Hours Care facility with an accredited

program and operated by Youth Leadership Victoria. I would like to welcome back the Coordinator, Fara and staff to the school year and thank them for providing the excellent holiday program over the break. If your child needs supervision at the following times due to parents or carers working, study, attending appointments or have other commitments, enroll online at: www.ylv.com.au

The program operates every school day from 7am – 8.45am and from 3.30 – 6pm (2.30 – 3.30pm for Preps during Feb as well) in the WW Hall on the East Site.

Scooters and bikes

Scooters and bikes are a great way for kids to travel to school and if parents could provide a bike lock or some way of securing them in the bike shed (East Site) or near the Water tank on Garden Ave (West Site), we can make sure they are safe and do not go missing. We ask that parents teach their child about road and bike safety before they ride to school. Very important is:

- You can only ride on a footpath if you are under the age of 12 or an adult (18 years or older) supervising a child under 12
- When riding on a footpath, you must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians.

Bicycle Helmets. A reminder to parents and children that school policy and Victorian Law requires **all** children who wish to ride a bicycle to and from school, **must wear a safety helmet approved by the Australian Safety Association.**

Supervision of Pupils Before / After School

The school grounds are supervised by teachers between **8.45 and 9.00am** and children may be left by parents from 8.45am onwards **and supervised at 3.30 to 3.45pm after school.**

Please be **prompt** in collecting your child following dismissal of school, as the grounds are unsupervised before and after the above mentioned times. This also assists with the After School Program in the Activities Centre as children are unable to play outside until the others have vacated the grounds.

The following procedures will apply after 3.45pm for any child not collected by this time:

1. Children who are already permanently booked into the Aftercare program will go directly to Aftercare at 3.30pm.

2. After 3.45pm children will be placed in the school's Aftercare program

(N.B. You will be charged at the applicable Aftercare rates if your child is placed in Aftercare).

Parents are urged to make any necessary alternative arrangements for the collection of their children and to notify the school accordingly.

It is essential also that parents provide reliable Emergency Contacts to avoid unnecessary distress to their children.

Children Leaving School Prior to Dismissal Time

A reminder to parents that Government Law requires all children to attend school between given hours of 9.00am - 3.30pm. Should a parent wish to take his/her child(ren) from school before 3.30pm, then that parent should seek permission from the Principal.

Parents, please either write a note or telephone to advise of the date, the time you wish to collect your child(ren), the reason for your request and the name of the person who will be collecting the child if it is not yourself. In the interest of children's safety, please advise the office (West Site: Class Teacher) upon your arrival to collect and sign out your child(ren).

Home Studies Policy

Every family should have received a copy of the school's home studies policy which was distributed earlier this week. This policy provides a guideline of the amount and type of homework parents could expect for their children.

Cars and Safety Reminder

Parents are **not permitted** to drive vehicles into the East or West Sites of the school grounds when bringing their children to, or collecting them from school. It is extremely dangerous as it creates a traffic hazard in Grange Road for staff trying to enter or leave the premises.

The only exception is for parents of children who are not mobile. In these circumstances parents are required to park their vehicle in the marked Visitor's car park at the end of the driveway. If parents feel that it is too dangerous to park in Grange Road, they are advised that there is a gate in the laneway leading from Munro Avenue and another gate at the southern fence leading from Lyons Street. Parents are also required not to park on the school crossing in Garden Avenue. It is a parking infringement and as such, offenders may be fined. Two drop off/pick up zones have been provided in Garden Avenue via signs. These areas are situated on the school side of Garden Avenue between the corner of Grange Road and the school crossing and between the school crossing and the lane. Parents using the drop off/pick up zones (see signs for times) should stop their cars and allow their children to alight or get into the car, then drive off. Please do not park across the crossing as this is a dangerous and illegal practice.

40KM Signage & Pedestrian Lights

The electronic 40km signs are an important safety measure on Grange Road. This highly visible signage further serves as a prompt for motorists to address the road safety issue to lower the speed when driving past

our school. Please travel safely at all times. It is very important that families talk to their children about the importance of using the pedestrian lights to cross Grange Rd if not using the bridge.

Enjoy the Year

The dedicated teaching staff at GHPS look forward to celebrating the success of your child's learning with you and your child, communicating what progress has been made and what we can do in partnership to further this learning.

Libby Alessi – Principal

Student Accident Insurance

The Department of Education (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

Reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.



SCHOOL BANKING is every Tuesday.

Forms are available from the office if you wish to open an account or you may go direct to the Commonwealth Bank in Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly. School Banking packs for the Prep children will be given out.

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 2.00PM TUESDAY.



The Uniform shop is open every **Wednesday morning from 9.00 – 10.00am**. If you cannot make it to the shop on this day, you can fill out a form and we will delivery to your child's classroom.

Thank you to Lisa Oliver for volunteering to run the Uniform Shop.

NOTICES DISTRIBUTED TO PARENTS

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| Jan 31 st | Yr 3-6 students | House Swimming |
| Feb 1 st | All students | Information pack |
| Feb 1 st | All Families | Tennis/chess Club |



STUDENT WELL-BEING

Ms Amy Tinetti will co-ordinate this very important student welfare role. Should parents have any concerns about issues related to their child it is important that they alert their classroom teacher or Ms Amy Tinetti.

If we are aware of any health or social / emotional issues from the outset, the school is far better equipped to ensure such issues can be addressed.

To this end, no school form is more important than the blue Confidential Information Form which gives us much information about your child and most importantly current contact details.

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 Professional Instrumental Teaching
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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

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| Mon 5 th | 3-6 House Swimming |
| Tue 20 th | 1/2 Parent information night |
| Wed 21 st | 3-6 Parent information night |
| Fri 23 rd | Walkathon |
| Tue 27 th | 1/2 Parent/Teacher interviews |
| Wed 28 th | 3-6 Parent/Teacher interviews |



Children in years Prep – 6 must wear a broad brimmed hat.

There are two styles available from the uniform shop, a standard broad brimmed hat and a floppy hat similar to the surf hats.

On days when the temperature reaches 33 degrees or above a "Sweat Day" lunch timetable will be implemented. This means that the children will play in their classrooms between 1.15 – 2.00pm.

Some discretion will occur prevailing weather condition (e.g. hot north wind) regarding the temperature which activates the sweat day timetable and time spent inside particularly with the younger children.

As all classrooms are air-conditioned there is no need for children to have their educational program interrupted by removal from school on extreme hot days.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or foster parents are eligible to apply for the Education State Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a Victorian Primary School **MUST** hold a Pension or Concession Card or Centrelink Health Care Card.

This form is available from the office and must be filled out each year.

For more information, contact the office