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### Newsletter

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14 February 2024

### Dear Gosnells Primary School Community Coming Events

Amazing to think how quickly the last 3 weeks have flown by. I am greatly impressed by the work of our students and staff as we hit the ground running for the new school year.

#### Inclement weather policy:

During periods of extreme heat and discomfort or extreme weather conditions, we implement what is known as an inclement weather policy. This means that students remain indoors or undercover during all classes and breaks throughout the day. This has been in place since our first occurrence of warmer weather and will continue throughout this current heat wave. Extra activities are added during every break time to make this as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.

As part of this policy, students are also encouraged to bring their drink bottles and lunch boxes indoors to prevent food spoilage. Rest assured, the comfort and safety of our students and staff is always a top priority!

#### Year 6 Bike Workshops and Bike Servicing:

We have been very fortunate as part of our special relationship with the Department of Transport to secure free bike workshops and bike servicing for all our Year 6 students. It has been great to upskill our

students and also to see some of our students experiencing the joy of bike riding for the very first time. We strongly encourage all students to ride, walk or scooter to school with a helmet and recommend purchasing a cheap bike lock from places such as Kmart for added safety throughout the day.



#### **Student Leaders 2024 First Assembly:**

Our student councillors will host their first official assembly on **Thursday 22 February**. The assembly is held in our undercover area (on the school oval) and begins from approximately 8:45am. All are welcome to join us!

# Friday 16 February Kindy Yellow Parent Meetings 2:50pm to 3:30pm

#### Monday 19 February

Kindy Blue & Pre-Primary Parent Meetings 2:50pm to 3:30pm

#### Tuesday 20 February

Years 1 & 2 Parent Meetings 2:50pm to 3:30pm

#### Wednesday 21 February

Years 3 & 4 Parent Meetings 2:50pm to 3:30pm

#### Thursday 22 February

8:50am - Leaders Assembly

Years 5 & 6 Parent Meetings 2:50pm to 3:30pm

#### Tuesday 27 February

Top 100 Ear Bus Screenings

#### Wednesday 28 February

Student Council Meeting

#### Friday 1 March

GPS Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

#### Monday 4 March

Public Holiday - Labour Day students do not attend school

#### Monday 11 March

P&C Easter Raffle Tickets Sent Home

Wednesday 13, Thursday 14, Friday 15, Monday 18 March

NAPLAN - Years 3 and 5

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

#### Change of Address/Telephone Number/Email Address:

To ensure our records are current, please notify the school of all changes to your contact and emergency contact details.

#### Year 6 Fundraising:

The Year 6 students have begun their camp fundraising with icy poles on sale every Friday at lunch time to coincide with the warmer weather. Icy pole sales will be available from the canteen and continue each Friday for the foreseeable future. \$1 for a full and 50c for a half.

#### **Absences:**

Parents are required to notify the school in advance of any planned extended leave (i.e. vacations). It is also a requirement that any unplanned leave (illness/emergency) is explained as soon as is practical. This can be done in a number of ways, including:

- 1. Letter/Diary Entry to the teacher
- 2. E-mail to gosnells.ps@education.wa.edu.au
- 3. Phone call to the office on 9234 6350

Staff from the school will be making contact with families when students have missed two or more consecutive days without explanation to ensure your child is not slipping unnecessarily into the academic risk categories associated with poor attendance.

#### **Parent Contributions:**

Thank you to each family who has already paid their 2024 parent contributions. This \$60 payment is a small price for the full year and will go towards:

- Photocopying;
- Text/Work books;
- Student consumable materials;
- Science materials; and
- Sports equipment.

Voluntary Contributions can be made utilising our Qkr App or at the office by cash only. Thank you for your continued support.

#### **Class Welcome Meetings:**

Parent meetings start from this Friday 16 February and are a great opportunity to meet your teacher and for them to share how the class will run for 2024! Don't worry if you can't attend, you can always contact the teacher directly to meet at another time. Teachers have been sending class information letters home with all the key information that you will need too.

#### P&C Committee 2024:

A big CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected Gosnells Primary School P&C Association Executive of 2024! Thank you to all parents who joined us and who nominated at the most recent Parents and Citizens Meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 13 March** at **5:30pm**. All are welcome to join us for family friendly meetings.

#### The 2024 Executive Team:

President: Allanah Walker Vice President: Kayla Rogers

Honourary Secretary: Pay Pay Lee (Semester 1), Lauren Mills (Semester 2)

Honourary Treasurer: Sean Carthew

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator: Amanda Mellican

General Executive: Rhys Falls, A'Bidah Durrant and Sarah Abbott



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

#### Parent, Staff and Student Feedback:

At GPS, we greatly appreciate your contributions and feedback to create a leading community focused school. GPS certainly goes above and beyond to take the feedback of its stakeholders seriously with many of the changes and initiatives coming directly from the feedback received throughout the year. As part our commitment to reflective practices, please find a survey link which provides us with an invaluable opportunity to assess whether the work we are completing as a school is being reflected in the community: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/SQimd78BkQ">https://forms.office.com/r/SQimd78BkQ</a>.

This will be used in the formulation of our 2024-2026 Business Plan and contains 11 questions. The link will close at the end of this week. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far. We appreciate any contribution you can make as we prepare for the next phase of our school's journey together.

Wishing you all a cooler weekend ahead.

Regards

#### Scott Tapper | Principal

Voluntary Contributions 2024 - Kindergarten to Year 6 - \$60 per year per child Payments can be made in cash at the School Administration office or online via Qkr!



Download the app for free from Apple's app store for iPhones (for iPads download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

After downloading the app and registering, select **Gosnells Primary School** from 'Nearby Location' on Qkr or type **Gosnells** after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen on Qkr.

### **P&C UNIFORM SHOP**

School Uniforms can now be ordered by two different methods:

- On-line using QuickCliq <a href="https://app.quickcliq.com.au/">https://app.quickcliq.com.au/</a>
   Online orders close every Thursday morning at 7am
- Filling out a paper copy of the order form (available from the school office)
   Paper copy orders close every Thursday morning at 8:30am
   Payment is by cash only for ordering through the school office

The uniform order form and QuickCliq instructions can also be found on the school's website: <a href="https://gosnellsps.wa.edu.au/parent-information/uniforms/">https://gosnellsps.wa.edu.au/parent-information/uniforms/</a>

Orders will be delivered on Thursday to the classroom or, if requested, a text message will be sent to parents who choose to collect their orders from the school office.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the Pre-Order Summer Uniforms that were collected on 25, 29 and 30 January 2024 please send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:amanda.mellican@gmail.com">amanda.mellican@gmail.com</a>

#### Amanda Mellican

P&C Uniform Shop Co-ordinator



### **SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE**

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Tia and I am the School Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Additionally, the nurse can be contacted at any time throughout primary school if you have concerns about your child's health, development, or wellbeing.

School Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. They also work in partnership with schools to support teachers in health-related curriculum and can assist in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs.

The services provided are free and confidential. Please contact me on 0448 912 960



### THE FATHERING PROJECT

