



Gosnells PRIMARY SCHOOL

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28 February 2024

Dear Gosnells Primary School Community

What a very productive fortnight of learning and opportunity we have had at GPS.

Day of Action against bullying and violence:

With the GPS Day of Action against bullying and violence this coming Friday, it is an opportune moment for us to reflect and share the successful practices we have in place here at GPS:

What sets us apart? We are proud to have one of the lowest reported rates of bullying in the state. Staff are highly proactive and engage students in positive conversations to mitigate and eliminate opportunities for bullying to occur in the first place.

When an issue is reported to us by a student, staff member or parent, we act immediately. This involves engaging the impacted parties in what is known as a restorative conversation where each party understands the point of view of the other party and shares their individual concerns. Even if a relatively small issue we prefer to act quickly and nip it in the bud.

In most cases we intervene before it can even become bullying (e.g. bullying is when people **repeatedly** and **intentionally** use words or actions against someone or a group of people to cause distress and risk to their wellbeing). The vast majority of events reported are rare and generally 'one off' occasions that are dealt with quickly.

What can you do to help? To support this proactive approach it is critical that your child/children let us know of ANY concern they have so we can address this right away. We cannot assist unless we know an issue exists.

How can I limit the possibility of this occurring at home? We strongly encourage parents to be mindful of students using social media or chat apps such as Snapchat at home which is a common place where such issues arise and can often spill into the school. These applications are designed for high school students and adults for a good reason and are not recommended for primary school aged children. We also encourage parents not to post personal details on social media as facts can easily be misrepresented and you can inadvertently defame an individual or organisation. This can be seen as bullying in itself as you invite others to comment negatively on another. It is also prohibited to post the names or images of students under the age of 18 without permission sought first. Exceptions do apply but best to avoid altogether.

Coming Events

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

Tuesday 19 March

Crazy Hair Day
Gold Coin Donation

Thursday 21 March

8:50am - Rooms 14 and 16
Harmony Day Assembly
and Events

Friday 22 March

Interschool Summer Carnival
to be confirmed

Monday 25 March

Good Standing Event
Fathering Project Event
Board Meeting - 5pm

Wednesday 27 March

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Easter Raffle Drawn

Friday 28 March

Final Day of Term 1



FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

Class Welcome Meetings:

Thank you to those parents who attended our most recent parent welcome meetings. Don't worry if you were unable to attend, you can always contact the teacher directly to meet at another time. Teachers have also sent class information letters home with all the key information you will need.

Are you coming into school before 2.40pm?

Parents who arrive to school early for pick up are strongly encouraged and most welcome to sit in the muster area (big area in the centre of the school). Please avoid sitting outside classrooms as students are still working and can be easily distracted by your presence. The noise from conversation does also admittedly carry into the classrooms and students are often also working outside with school staff. The muster area is the best space as such impacts are limited.

Top 100:

Congratulations again to the top 100 students who were acknowledged with a special movie afternoon yesterday. These students received the most amount of pride points for demonstrating our Maali (school mascot) expectations of 'be respectful', 'be responsible', 'be safe' and 'be better' or were nominated for showing the most improvement.

NAPLAN:

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, and is the only nationwide assessment that all Australian children undertake. It's a measure to see whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning, and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community. This year all schools will complete the tests in week 7 of Term 1 with students completing practice tests at our school over the last week.

How are NAPLAN results used? Students and parents/carers use individual results to discuss progress with teachers. Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support. Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy. Best wishes to all students conducting this testing. We as a school do our utmost to ensure any test pressures are reduced and students feel as if they are completing any other test they may have throughout the year. We recommend to parents that they are careful not to add too much weight to the tests in an effort to reduce any anxiety or fear of the tests. Information letters have been sent home to parents of participating students but you can also access extra information regarding the assessment with the NAPLAN brochure attached to this newsletter.

Parent, Staff and Student Feedback:

Thank you to all parents who have contributed their ideas to the creation of our new Business Plan. This guiding document will set the directions for our school to follow over the next 3 years. Whilst I compile all the responses, I have extended the feedback period to close on Friday, 15 March.

To add your feedback simply click this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/SQimd78BkQ>

It is very important to me that our Business Plan reflects our students, staff and families as much as possible, so your ideas and feedback are strongly welcomed and encouraged.

Wishing you another great fortnight ahead.

Best wishes,

Scott Tapper | Principal

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students who received an Honour Certificate at our Assembly on **22 February 2024**

Ellisse, Joeryns, Rena, Wyntah, Theo, Keiran, Blake, Ella, Eraj, Mason, Paige, Bhavya, Alice, Erin, Sia, Viraaj, Dev, Krysten, Imogen, Joshua, Eiliyah, Luther, Emma, Amber, Allison, Evania, Tejasvi, Isla-Rose, Rishona, Joshua, Scarlett, Tiana and Naomi



PRIDE POINT RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following students whose names were drawn in the **Pride Point Raffle** at the Assembly on **22 February 2024**

Diana, Jimmy, Mahan and Meraj

BRONZE PRIDE CERTIFICATE 75 POINTS

Congratulations to the following students who are the first recipients of a Bronze Pride Certificate for 2024

Keiran and Meraj



P&C UNIFORM SHOP

School Uniforms can now be ordered by two different methods:

- On-line using **QuickCliq** - <https://app.quickcliq.com.au/>
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:
<https://gosnellsps.wa.edu.au/parent-information/uniforms/>

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 amanda.mellican@gmail.com

Amanda Mellican
P&C Uniform Shop Co-ordinator



THE FATHERING PROJECT

Bonding: What your kids really need is 'you'

Top Tips

- Fathers really matter and children need you to be present and actively engaged in their lives.
- Tell them you love them.
- Be warm and supportive.
- Listen to them.
- Cherish the everyday moments.



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