



Gulfview Heights Primary School

"Working Together to reach New Heights"

Newsletter

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From The Leadership Team

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- Friday 6th Sept
Community Assembly
2:30pm Totani/Hancock
- Monday 9th Sept
Governing Council Meeting
7:00pm
- Friday 13th September
Final Rehearsal/Festival of
Music Concert
Festival Theatre 7:30pm
- Mon 16th - Fri 20th Sept
Swimming Week /
Elizabeth Aquadome/
Teacher Requested
Interviews Week
- Friday 20th Sept
Community Assembly
Longwill/Tsalamangos
2:30pm
- Friday 27th September
Last day of Term 3
Casual Day/ (gold coin
donation for the
'Leukaemia Foundation')
Early Dismissal 2:10pm
- Monday 14th October
First Day of Term 4
- Monday 21st October
Governing Council Meeting
7:00pm
- Friday 25th October
Community Assembly
2:30pm Upper Primary
Classes
- **Monday 28th October**
Pupil Free Day (OSHC
available)
- **Wed 30th –Thurs 31st Oct**
Mrs Thames/Mrs P Yr2/3
Zoo Snooze Camp
- **Thurs 31st Oct –Fri 1st Nov**
Mr Bayaziti's Yr2/3 Zoo
Snooze Camp

Nature Play & Curiosity

Students access our new Nature Play area during class/yard time and whilst attending Out of School Hours Care program, promoting learning through interaction with the Natural Environment and a 'Curiosity for learning'.

As educators, we have devised a clear set of expectations when accessing this space which differs from our general learning and play expectations. For example, students are encouraged to use materials from the natural environment (sticks and stones) in a safe manner when creating and constructing and have permission to climb trees.

Please take the time to familiarise yourselves with the Nature Play guidelines on the following page and discuss these with your children on a regular basis.

We must understand this learning environment encourages risk taking, problem solving, curiosity and collaboration with our peers and wish to reassure you we have undertaken the necessary risk assessments to maintain a safe learning environment at all times under direct staff supervision.

Smoke Free Zone

Parent/Carers are reminded that the entire school grounds are smoke free zones at all times. This includes families using the OSHC service.

Bushfire Season

Term 4 signals the beginning of bushfire season. The need for us to have a Bushfire Action Plan as part of our Emergency Management plan (EMP) is in place due to our high risk rating. This is reviewed annually with updated information communicated via the newsletter.

The EMP encompasses a range of strategies and responsibilities in preparation for bushfire season:

- A plan of action in the event of a fire on site or in the immediate vicinity to our school.
- School response to a 'Total Fire Ban day'.
- School response to a fire reported within the local district.

It is essential that all members of the school community are familiar with our Bushfire Action Plan. Throughout terms 1 & 4 of each year information from our EMP will be communicated via our newsletter as a reminder of our responsibilities in ensuring everyone's safety during Bushfire Season.

The following information indicates the action taken to-date as a school in preparing our site for Bushfire Season.

- An Emergency Response team has been established
- Emergency drills have been carried out by staff with students.

- All staff are familiar with our EMP and their responsibilities.
- Administration staff have received training in the operation of sprinkler and water systems.
- Administration staff monitor ABC radio 891 AM for bushfire information.
- All trees have been trimmed and gutters cleaned.
- Timber and paintwork is well maintained.
- The gymnasium has been identified as our Bushfire Refuge Area in the event of a fire.
- A Bushfire Ready Kit of emergency supplies is kept.
- Student and staff medications have been listed and can be easily transported to the Bushfire Refuge area in the Gym.
- Student rolls and staff/visitor registers are to be taken to the Bushfire Ready area in event of fire.

Please familiarise yourself with this information and ask any questions if unsure of our EMP procedures outlined. Please access our EMP and up-dated information by visiting our website www.ghps.sa.edu.au and follow the links: Safety Information/Bushfire Procedures or Menu Bar/Key Documents/Bushfire Information..

Nature Play Guidelines

Nature Play Rules / Guidelines

- Cover the pointy end and drag big sticks.
- Sticks and rocks must be carried and not thrown or used as weapons.
- Use water wisely- no splashing others.
- Rocks are not to be put in trees.
- All materials are to be shared (this includes rocks and sticks).
- Be aware of people around you when building.
- Make constructions in a safe way.
- Cooperate and solve problems.
- Collect materials and build in Nature Play space only.
- Only trees clearly identified are to be climbed. Trees will have markings to show how high you are able to climb.
- No eating in the Nature Play space (there is a table on the top grass area).

NAPLAN Student Reports

All parents/caregivers of Year 3,5 & 7 students should receive their child's individual student reports by the end of term.

We encourage all parents/carers to make a time with their child's teacher to discuss their NAPLAN achievement and how this will inform future learning goals for your child.

Student not returning in 2020

Families are requested to advise of any students who will not be attending Gulfview Heights Primary School in 2020. Please inform us in writing as soon as possible. This information assists us greatly in developing class structures which best accommodate the needs of all students.

Hats

In accordance with our sun smart policy hats are to be worn in Term 1, 3 and 4.

School hats are in stock and available for purchase from the office for \$10 each.

Please note that all hats worn must be sun safe and in good condition (no holes) -**baseball caps and snapbacks are not suitable for school wear.**



Parent Opinion Survey

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see school survey link attached to provide your feedback about the school. Survey takes about 20 mins to complete.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/yVAbSRAx>

Teacher Requested Interviews - Week 9

Teachers are conducting 'Teacher Requested Interviews' in week 9 for many students .Please be advised that the purpose of these interviews differs from the Family Teacher Interviews held in Term 1 of each year. If you have not been requested to meet with your child's teacher during this week you are still able to make a time to meet with them at your request, at any time.

School Fees

Families are reminded that school fees are now overdue. If you have not paid please contact the front office as soon as possible. All payment plans need to be finalised by Friday 27th September. If you are experiencing difficulty with fee payments please the front office staff who would be happy to negotiate instalment plans to help ease any potential financial burden on families.

Lost Property

We have collected quite a number of unnamed clothing over the past term. Please check the lost property stand in the Front Office to see if any items of clothing belongs to your child/children.



Canteen Swimming Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are available through the canteen during swimming week from Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th September. Please return the completed order one per child per form. The classroom teacher will have spare order forms available. The normal menu will not be available during this week for students attending swimming. **CASH ONLY TO THE FRONT OFFICE**

Swimming Week Lunch Packs

During swimming week the canteen will be offering special lunch packs as the **normal menu will not be available**. Please use this form to order & pay for lunch packs (not available Monday).

Each pack is \$5.00

JELLY FISH PACK - Vegemite Roll or Cheese Roll or Strawberry Jam Roll
(Please choose ONE option above) + Small Jelly Cup + Choc Chip Muffin + Fruit Box.

TUNA PACK - Tuna Roll + Small Jelly Cup + Choc Chip Muffin + Fruit Box

DOLPHIN PACK - Ham Roll + Small Jelly Cup + Choc Chip Muffin + Fruit Box

SHARK PACK - Chicken Roll + Small Jelly Cup + Choc Chip Muffin + Fruit Box



DAY OF ORDER Tues Wed Thurs Fri **\$5.00 (each day) payment by CASH ONLY**

Preschool to School Transition 2020

At Gulfview Heights we create a place where all children feel safe, healthy and happy, and where they get the best chance to become confident and successful learners.

The transitions children make within and between educational settings (from preschool/kindy to school) are recognised as significant to the achievement of these goals. Successful experiences during transition impact on a child's positive sense of belonging, ongoing well being and continuity of learning.

For these reasons, we are supporting all children and families in the Salisbury cluster of schools by having the 'One Start, One Transition' program for all children starting preschool and school in 2020.

Individual preschools and schools will have transition visits on the same day, at the same time. These dates and times are

- Wednesday November 13th 8.50-Recess
- Wednesday November 20th 8.50-Recess
- Wednesday November 27th 8.50-12.00
- Wednesday December 4th 8.50-12.00

A parent information session will be held for all new families in the lead up to these transition visits. Additionally, please feel free to contact Chris Zunis or Dani Samuel with regards to transition to school.

SCIENCE WEEK 2019

In week 3 we had SciWorld bring the Star Lab to the school to learn more about the solar system, stars and constellations. Students also participated in a SciWorld geology workshop where they learned about the layers of the Earth, Volcanoes and Lava Flow.

In Science lessons with Ms Dyer many of the students participated in a Science Quiz and had fun trying to work out who the famous aliens were! The year 1 students were lucky enough to do some exploring and investigating with the Ozobots which are on loan to us from Adelaide University.

The Science Week Design a Spacecraft Competition was very successful with approximately 80 students entering the competition. Well done to everyone who entered. Congratulations to the following students who won prizes. **Early years 1st** - Lachlan, **2nd** Evie & Bethany, **3rd** Ryder. **Middle Years 1st** Alex & Taj, **2nd** Steven & **3rd** Vivann. **Primary Years 1st** Riley & Brodie, **2nd** Bryce, **3rd** Felicity & Natasha.



Literacy and Numeracy Week Event



A great day was had by all!

Thank you to all of our students for their exceptional behaviour during the event. All students were enthusiastic and engaged in their learning. We were so impressed to see students working as a team and to see older students leading our younger students within their team structure.

Thanks also to the parents who came along on the day and joined in with the activities.

During the race students had to use their Literacy and Numeracy skills to solve Mathematical problems.

Team winners were presented with a calculator at assembly. Congratulations to the Super Stars, Chillee Chillee, The Epic BWS, Nike, The Fruits, Mermicorn Squad, Mathematicians and Girl Power who came first in their buddy class groups.

The Amazing GHPS Race

Monday 26th August 2019



Dear Parent,

Parents are welcome to watch their children at the Aquadome DECD swimming program. As an observer entry to watch is free, but you **must** enter via the main doors. Whilst at the pool please adhere to the Aquadome and DECD policies.

Students do not have access to the pool outside of their lesson time and we ask that you do not allow them in the pool except with their instructor and they must vacate the pool immediately after their lesson has finished.

Parents and siblings of students are not allowed to use the pool whilst the DECD program is operating, (unless as a paid patron of the pool and in the designated casual swimming areas).

Change rooms are provided and the changing of students on poolside is strictly prohibited.

As per Department of Education Swimming and Aquatics flyer re 'Role of Parents': The DECD swimming and Aquatics program is a curriculum based program and as such the direct relationship is between the instructors and the school.

Where a parent attends in a private capacity they can assist the instructors by observing the following guidelines.

- Parents are asked not to communicate with the Instructor or any child during the lesson. Direct communication in this way does distract and can impact on the safety of the class.
- Parents to contact the school, or school representative on site, if they require any further information about the program or their child's involvement in the program.

Any parent wishing to use a camera in the facility needs to;

1. Get approval from the School / Teachers.
2. Read and adhere to the YMCA policy, sign at reception and wear the sticker prior to taking photos. **Please do not take photos of the instructors unless you have their permission.**
3. Only take photos of your own child.
4. The Aquadome has a strict 'NO VIDEO CAMERA Policy'.

Sincerely

Anita Blackmore
DECD Instructor in Charge
Aquadome