



Gulfview Heights Primary School

"Working Together to reach New Heights"

Newsletter

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From The Leadership Team

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Classes for 2020

In our last newsletter we outlined a process for developing class structures which best accommodate the needs of all students in 2020.

The number, structure (ie straight year level or composite) and size is determined by enrolments. At this stage our predicted starting enrolment for 2020 is approximately 420 students. This figure is always difficult to predict accurately due to families leaving Gulfview Heights Primary School and new enrolments arriving over the summer holiday period. Based on a minor fluctuation in enrolments we will be starting the 2020 school year with 15 classes.

At this stage the class structures are as follows

Early Years Classes-

Two Reception classes

Two Yr1 classes

Two Yr2 classes

Primary Years Classes-

Two Yr3 classes

Two Yr4 classes

One Yr5 class

One Yr 5/6 class

Upper Primary Year Classes -

One Yr6 class

Two Yr6/7 classes

For this reason we need to be informed immediately if you know your child will not be attending Gulfview Heights Primary School in 2020. Please inform the Principal directly in writing if your child(ren) will not be returning next year.

In some circumstances, whereby we may experience an influx of enrolments over the holiday period, there may need to be changes made to class structures affecting several classes, students and families. This is regrettable but unavoidable at times. Please assist us in this process by providing accurate information immediately so we can plan cohesive class groups that work effectively and bring minimal disruption to classes.

Bushfire Information

Please keep reading our newsletter for updated information on our Bushfire preparedness in terms 1 and 4 each year.

Our Bushfire Refuge Area in the event of a bushfire is the gymnasium and is marked with appropriate signage.

All schools which have a fire audit rating of Extreme, Very High and High will implement the Department for Education policy for the closure of these schools on days when Catastrophic (Code Red) bushfire weather conditions are forecast within affected Fire Ban Districts. **Gulfview Heights Primary School has a HIGH rating due to our**

- Friday 8th November
Community Assembly 2:30pm
Mrs Thames/Mrs P/Mr Bayaziti
- Monday 11th November
Remembrance Day
- Wednesday 13th November
School Tour / Open Morning
9:30am/2020 Reception
Transition visit to recess
- Thursday 14th Nov
Walk-a-thon
- Wednesday 20th Nov
2020 Rec Transition to recess
- Friday 22nd November
Community Assembly 2:30pm
Miss Stagarevich/Mr Foley
- Monday 25th November
Governing Council
Celebration 6pm/Meeting 7pm
- Wednesday 27th November
2020 Rec Transition to 12:00pm
- Wednesday 4th December
2020 Rec Transition to 12:00pm
- Thursday 5th December
Volunteer Morning Tea/
School Disco-
Junior Primary 6:00pm-7:15pm/
Primary 7:30pm-9:00pm
- Friday 6th November
Community Assembly 2:00pm
Mrs Keenan
- Thursday 12th December
Reports go home/whole school
transition
- Friday 13th December
Last day of Term 4 / Casual Day
2:10pm dismissal



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location in the Adelaide Metro Fire Ban district. A dedicated website with information on bushfire related events and announcements is available through the **Department for Education website www.education.sa.gov.au** and click the link **Sites and Facilities Bushfire and Emergency Closures.** All families are encouraged to read 'Bushfires and Your Child's School - A Guide for Families'. We have also forwarded a hard copy brochure titled 'Your Children and the Bushfire Season' listing important contact details in the event of a fire. Additional information about our Bushfire Action Plan can be obtained via our school website: www.ghps.sa.edu.au

Materials and Services Charges 2020

Department for Education has outlined a process for determining Materials & Services charges (school fees) for 2020. Each year the Finance Committee (Governing Council) determines the legally recoverable amount to be charged for school fees - \$330 per child for 2020. Approval has been received by Department for Education and we held a special community meeting on Friday 1st November at 3.30pm. Following this meeting the community will be polled before final approval is granted.

Please be advised that all 2019 school fees that have not been paid are now overdue and need to be finalised immediately. If you think you may be eligible for school card please submit an application to the front office immediately. Any outstanding debts after this date will be forwarded for debt collection as per our debt recovery policy.

Sun Smart Policy

In accordance with our Sunsmart Policy all classes have been provided with sunscreen. Students are expected to apply and re-apply sunscreen when participating in outdoor activities. Students who may have reactions to some brands of sunscreens are expected to have their own. A reminder that all students are expected to **wear their hats in term 1,3 and 4** when outdoors, and throughout the year for excursions and extended periods of outdoor lessons.



Medication

All families are reminded that any **prescribed/over the counter medication** to be administered at school must be in the original prescribed packaging with the prescription label attached including name, dosage, medication description etc. Prescribed medication must also be accompanied by a **medication agreement & care plan** which must be completed by a health professional (i.e. doctor, specialist). All over the counter medication needs to be accompanied by a **medication agreement** completed by a parent/carer. Copies of all **agreements** are available from the front office staff.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property stand inside the front office for any lost items before or after school. Any left over items by the end of term 4 will be donated to a local charity store.

Volunteer Celebration Morning Tea

Gulfview Heights Primary School
Thursday 5th December, 2019
11:00am – 12:00pm



Mobile Phones

In the interest of student safety, our mobile phone policy states that all mobile phones and other electronic equipment should be handed into the class teacher in the morning and collected at the end of the day.

Students/Parents wishing to contact one another should do so via the front office.



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in term 1, 3 & 4**

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL



Parent Update

Week 3, Term 4 - 2019

Your child's wellbeing is important

Your child's wellbeing is just as important in high school as it is in primary school.

We know from our high schools that already have year 7s and from interstate learnings that year 7s look forward to the excitement, challenges and broader opportunities that high school brings. Watch the [video](#) on our website to see how year 7s are thriving at Clare High School.

Support will be available

Schools will help year 7s adjust to new routines and different academic demands for starting high school in 2022. They will be given evidence about what works to support early adolescents to feel safe and confident. The supports will vary across schools, so it's best to check with your new high school about how transition will work.

Schools also have frameworks in place to manage interactions between students of different ages.

These already operate in our B-12, R-12, area and primary schools to manage younger children interacting with older students.

It's a big year for our year 8s

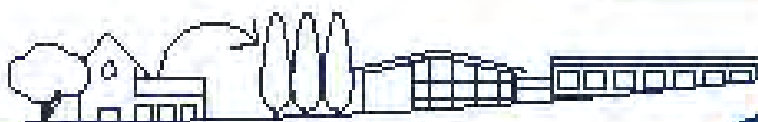
In 2022, year 7 and 8 students will begin high school in the same year for the first time. We are very mindful of having a smooth transition for all new high school students. Our year 7s and year 8s will receive appropriate support when starting high school for the first time in 2022.

Primary schools will be thinking about graduation and transition practices, and high schools will be planning open days and transition activities ahead of the move.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au.

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

New Synthetic Turf

The Governing council has approved the instillation of a new synthetic turf surface on the front lawn area by the main and early years buildings. This will be available for use immediately upon the completion of the installation. In the interest of safety and maintenance to this new area staff, students and parents are advised not to eat or drink on the new synthetic turf. Classes will be able to access this area for eating purposes only when supervised by a staff member. Any spills or soils will need to be cleaned immediately. We hope you enjoy this new shaded play space!



Principal Awards Term 4 Week 2



Gulfview Heights Now Has Its Own App!



You can install the app on your phone or tablet device by following these instructions:



For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install".
5. When installed, click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



For Android users:

- You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android device.
 2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
 3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
 4. Click the "Install" button.
 5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Term 4 Canteen Specials

Tuesday

Hawaiian, bacon cheese or bbq chicken pizza + half garlic bread \$4

Wednesday

Hamburger - Plain - \$3.50

Hamburger - Cheese - \$3.80

Hamburger - Lettuce + Tomato + Mayo - \$4

(Tomato, BBQ, Mustard 20c each extra)





Community Noticeboard

Salisbury South East Training
Programs in Term 1, 2020
10 week programs

- Introduction to Women's Studies
- Introduction to Correctional Services

INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

Would you like to learn in a relaxed and supportive environment? Do you feel that you need to increase your confidence and communication skills? Would you like to learn with other women, find your power, share your stories and learn more about women within Australia? Our program will help prepare you for further study, volunteering and work.

When: Starting Wednesday 29 January 2020 (10 weeks)
Time: Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm
Where: Pooraka Farm Community Centre, 126 Henderson Rd, Pooraka

The program will include

- Explore employment and training pathways
- Planning employment pathways
- Critical and creative thinking basics
- Investigate women in Australia
- Building self-confidence
- Wellbeing and resilience

This program will provide a unit which is accredited from Foundation Skills Training Package. An academic transcript will be issued by TAFE SA upon completion. Foundation Skills Training Package (FSK) Competency: Engage in basic spoken exchanges at work (FSKOCM02).

(Creche will be available please discuss when enrolling)

Expressions of Interest

Contact Zoe
P 8406 8488 or 0432 487 611
E pfccfoundationskills@gmail.com
facebook.com/SalisburySouthEastTrainingFoundationSkillsPrograms

INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Are you ready to re-enter the workforce or are you looking for a change in career? Would you like to learn in a relaxed and supportive environment? Correctional Services officers are in demand in South Australia. Are you ready to find out if this is the career path for you?

When: Starting Thursday 30 January 2020 (10 weeks)
Time: Thursdays and Fridays 9.30am to 12.30pm
Where: Pooraka Farm Community Centre, 126 Henderson Rd, Pooraka

The program will include

- Planning employment pathways
- Exploring correctional services
- Working for government
- Prisoner rehabilitation
- Introduction to WH&S
- Rights and responsibilities in the workplace
- Responsible use of social media
- Basic self-defence skills
- Communication skills in the workplace
- Cultural diversity awareness
- Exploring mental health
- Wellbeing and resilience

This program will provide a unit which is accredited from Foundation Skills Training Package. An academic transcript will be issued by TAFE SA upon completion. Foundation Skills Training Package (FSK) Competency: Use strategies to plan simple workplace tasks (FSKLRG05).

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The Year 6 and 7 Camp to Strathalbyn

What an adventure!

On our year 6 and 7 camp we achieve great things!

We learnt how to:

- Rock climb
- Ride a horse
- Shoot an arrow
- Treat a snake bite
- Walk through the outback

Whilst improving our skills in:

- Team work
- Resilience
- Endurance
- Problem solving

And learnt lots about each other whilst having a great time!



Dung Beetles

Introduction: Dung beetles are very useful when it comes to saving the planet. They are Australia's greatest eco-warriors, because they eat poop.

Appearance: Dung Beetles have dark round bodies and 6 legs therefore it is an insect. They have long wings called elytra. Males have horns on their head for defending their dung.

Habitat: Dung Beetles are found everywhere except Antarctica. Such as Deserts, farmlands, forests and Grasslands. They don't like really cold or dry places because it is not good for resting.

By Tayah



MY 10 have been learning how to write an information report. We decided to learn about one of the strangest, disgusting, yet fascinating insects in the world.... The DUNG BEETLE!

Here are some paragraphs from Tayah, Antonis, Isabelle and Jade.

Classification

Dung beetles are a type of beetle and also an insect. They have 3 different types of dung beetles which are dwellers, tunnellers and rollers. Some people call dung beetles creepy-crawlies.

By Tayah

Life cycle/life span

The female will lay an egg (in some sort of poo) and then after it has hatched, it will have 3 skin changes. Once these 3 skin changes have happened, it will reach the non-feeding pupal stage. Eventually, it will lay another egg and it starts again. These stages will last until they are 5 years old, and then they will die.

By Jade



Interesting facts
 ① Dung beetles are very particular about which type of poo they eat.
 ② Dung beetles can come in very different colours. Some can even roll them off.

By Antonis

