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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and emerging.

Dear GVSS Parents and Community,

This weekend is the weekend of hair cuts and getting ready for school photos on Tuesday 21st May. Our annual school photos will be starting at 9.00 am on this day.

Please ensure that students have their neatest uniforms on this day. Please ensure that long hair is tied up appropriately. Jewellery is to be worn according to the uniform policy and on this day should be out of sight except for simple ear rings. Make-up, including nail-polish should not be worn. A copy of the GVSS Uniform Policy has been included with the newsletter for your reference.

There have been a number of students away ill, we hope that as many students as possible will be at school for the photo day as these are booked a year in advance.

Teachers working together

This week the GVSS teachers had meetings after school online with teachers at Mackenzie, Mt Tarampa and Upper Brookfield State Schools. These meetings involved teachers talking about this terms unit of work, how students in our class were progressing with their learning, discussing student goals for learning leading into this terms assessment of learning. One of the benefits of working with the other schools is the opportunity to share with teachers who are teaching similar unit of work with multi-age classes like we have at Glamorgan Vale State School.

Disco Night – Friday 17th May

The first school disco for the year is on at the CWA Hall in Glamorgan Vale. The students are excited for this fun night and I have heard that there is a new DJ in town for this event this year. Thank you to the P & C for arranging this event – always a highlight on the students calendars!

Cross Country Congratulations

Congratulations Lacey!!! Lacey competed at the Western Ranges District Cross Country recently. She finished 9th out of 49 runners in her age group race, which is a great effort and she has represented GVSS, the Brisbane Valley Small Schools and the Lockyer District well at all of the events she has run in.

CWA Morning

A consent form has been sent home for all students to participate in the CWA School Children's International Competition. On Thursday 6th June we will be walking down to the CWA Community Hall for a special event (and morning tea). Students have been working on their entries for this year's competition and we look forward to a wonderful morning learning about this year's country – Morocco!

Before school

Last Friday I spoke with the students about where and how they should be waiting if they arrive at school before 8.30 am in the morning. I have to report that we have seen an excellent response from the students in where they are waiting before school (under the new undercover area) and how they are waiting (sitting on benches or the ground, not running around). Well done GVSS students in setting yourselves up well for the school day by being calm - that is how to Aim High!

Principal position

Just a quick update for you all. My contract here at GVSS has been extended until the 21st June 2024. There is a recruitment process being run by the Department to fill the position permanently and I will inform you how that process is progressing when I am able to.

Sincerely,



Aaron McDonnell

School Date Claimers

<i>School Photos</i>	<i>Tuesday 21 May</i>
<i>Sports Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 4 June</i>
<i>CWA Morning Tea</i>	<i>Thursday 6 June</i>
<i>Space Night</i>	<i>Tuesday 11 June</i>
<i>Readers Cup</i>	<i>Wednesday 12 June</i>
<i>Last day of term 2</i>	<i>Friday 21 June</i>

Community Date Claimers

<i>P & C Meeting</i>	<i>Friday 14 June</i>
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School Photos – Tuesday 21st May 2024

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Students of the Week



Marburg Show Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a place at the Marburg Show.

Prep Handwriting	Isobel
Year 2 – Handwriting	Kian
Year 5 - Handwriting	Femke
Year 5 - Art	Chevelle
Year 5 – Art	Lewis
Year 5 – Art	Michael
Year 6 - Handwriting	Nikki-Lea
Year 6 – Art	Lacey



P & C Day 2024

May 24 is P & C Day. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our hardworking P & C for their tireless work to improve our educational facilities, resources and student outcomes. We appreciate all you do to support our students, staff and parents.

THANK YOU!



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Uniform and Dress Code

School Uniform

All items are available for purchase from the school. Families may purchase items before or after school by arrangement with the P&C representative. A small quantity of low priced, second-hand clothing is also available for purchase. Students are expected to wear school uniform.

SHIRT	Blue and Gold
SHORTS OR WRAP AROUND SKIRT OR CULOTTES OR SKORTS	Blue
SHOES	Closed in with socks
HAT	Bucket, Broad-rimmed or Legionnaires Hat
TRACKSUITS OR JUMPERS	Blue and Gold
SUN SMART SWIMMING SHIRT	For swimming classes

Inappropriate Dress

Inappropriate Dress is not permitted at the school. Mixing of school uniform items with other items of clothing is not permitted. Inappropriate dress refers to clothing or apparel the student wears that is, or could be deemed to be:

- offensive; e.g. displaying offensive language, signs, images or symbols, etc.
- likely to disrupt, or negatively influence, the normal operation of the school;
- unsafe for the student or others; e.g. large earrings, necklaces, etc.
- likely to result in a risk to the health of the student or others e.g. lack of a hat, shoes, dirty clothing etc.

Jewellery

- Any items of jewellery must be kept to a minimum and must not detract from the overall neat presentation of students, otherwise the student will be asked to remove the jewellery.
- Students may be required to remove jewellery in any classes where injury may be a concern e.g. for sport, all jewellery may have to be removed.
- Teachers may also direct students to remove jewellery where it is felt the wearing of jewellery may hinder educational activities.
- Some examples of approved jewellery include:-
 - Watch
 - Signet ring
 - A maximum of two studs or sleepers in each ear lobe
 - Medical alert jewellery
- Some examples of jewellery which should not be worn include:-
 - Chains
 - Necklaces
 - Anklets
 - Bangles

Body Piercing

Due to workplace health and safety concerns, body piercing is not permitted other than as mentioned above – a maximum of two studs or sleepers in each ear.

Hair

Hair style and colour are an integral part of the neat presentation of a student. As such, hair styles and colouring should be appropriate for school in that they do not distract from the core functions of teaching and learning. This includes styles such as tracks.

Make-Up

The wearing of make-up is not encouraged.

- Some examples of make-up which should not be worn include:- coloured nail polish, coloured face make-up, coloured lipstick, coloured sunburn cream, glitter, mascara, tattoos, etc.

Exemptions from the Dress Code

- The objective is to have all students uphold the dress code however the school is aware of circumstances where temporary exemptions may be required e.g.
 - For new students to the school
 - While students await the purchase of a replacement lost or stolen item e.g. a hat
 - Where inclement weather makes uniforms impractical
- Permanent exemptions may be granted in exceptional circumstances. For example, for students:-
 - with a physical impairment
 - due to religious beliefs or cultural grounds

Consequences for Non-compliance

For cases of non-compliance with the Dress Code, a variety of steps may be taken such as:-

- Advising the student s/he is not following the dress code and seeking their support
- Advising the parents and seeking their support
- For families who suffer economic hardship, the school, at its discretion, may offer assistance to assist students to comply with the dress code.
- The school may choose to impose sanctions for non-compliance. These consequences may include preventing a student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which student is representing school, especially those activities where the school is represented in the public domain.

Health and Wellbeing



Title: The Benefits of Volunteering

Author: Daniel Matuzelski. Student Wellbeing Worker

Sometimes selfcare is about taking care of others and not just ourselves. Volunteering is the part of selfcare that allows for us to feel connected and useful to our communities.

Seek Purpose

When we volunteer, we give life a purpose beyond our own needs. When that sense of meaning is nurtured, it increases feelings of self-worth and achievement.

Create Connections

If you choose a cause that you are passionate you will get to meet likeminded people. This will help to expanding your social circle as you develop friendships with you fellow volunteers.

Build Community

When we lend a hand to others, we are helping to shape the community we live in. This not only brings benefit to others but to ourselves, proving the old adage “when others success so do I”.

If you are interested in volunteering but are unsure where to start you can look at Volunteering Queensland (<https://volunteeringqld.org.au/>) or volunteer with our P&C (<https://www.pandcsqld.com.au/index.cfm/parents-as-partners/helping-your-school/volunteering-your-pc/>).

Week Five already... Yes, the term is rolling along quickly and the children are working hard as they commence assessments to finalise the reporting process. With this in mind, please try wherever possible to ensure that your child comes to school each day. Missing valuable lessons in preparation for these assessments is never an ideal preparation. Everyday counts, especially as we near the end of this term.

Amongst many areas of learning this term, the three main tasks have been our preparation towards writing a historical fiction recount. With this activity, the children will present their recount as an oral presentation. We have also been busy finalising and creating posters for the CWA's competition with Morocco as the country of focus. Finally in Science, the students have been studying the lifecycle of living things. After investigating the stages of life for plants, the children are gathering information on a kangaroo's lifecycle. This iconic Australia marsupial has a very interesting life, and it makes an ideal subject to study and present.

A friendly reminder on the value of homework. Firstly, it is regular revision which is essential to academic success because it reinforces learning and helps consolidate knowledge acquired in the classroom. By revisiting and reviewing homework, students can identify and correct mistakes, deepening their understanding of the material. This process promotes retention and mastery of subjects, as repetition and active engagement with content enhance memory. Additionally, homework revision develops critical thinking and problem-solving skills, as students must analyse and improve their work. It also encourages self-discipline and time management, essential skills for academic and professional success. Consistent homework revision transforms learning into a more effective and long-lasting experience, laying a solid foundation for future educational achievements. Remember our Homework Club is available to those who require the support.

We hope all our Mum's felt spoilt on Mother's Day. The keyring, cards, report card and gifts from the school stall were simple ways for the children to show their gratitude. This special day strengthens family bonds, fostering a sense of love and respect within the family unit. Furthermore, taking the time to honour our Mums reinforces the value of recognising and appreciating the efforts of those who tirelessly support and care for us. Ultimately, Mother's Day serves as a heartfelt reminder of the irreplaceable role mothers play in our lives and the importance of showing them how deeply they are loved and cherished.

School photos will occur next Tuesday. Please set aside your best uniform for Tuesday's photos so the children are looking their best. This includes being in full school uniform. Ensure payment slips are sent to the office prior to Tuesday or they can be sent with your child on the day.

Included this week are some photos of the children as they go about their school day. From before school construction, to completing language rotations, there are a collection of recent photos here. There are some photos of the children completing their Mother's Day craft too.

Enjoy the Ipswich Show if you attend, and let's work conscientiously towards the end of term!



Indigenous Art Incursion

On Tuesday the 14th of May, we were visited by First Nations artist Ambrose Killian from Our Yarn and Urban Utilities to teach us about the importance of looking after fresh and salt waterways and how stories can be told through water and art. Ambrose shared some his family history and showed us a map which had all the Aboriginal language groups across Australia displayed, including Arrente country (Alice Springs) where his Grandma grew up and Bundjalung country (Northern Rivers) where his Grandpa and other family lives. He also talked about swimming with dugongs close to Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) and how much we need to take care of our water systems so we can continue to have these amazing experiences with nature. He discussed the importance of painting and artwork in telling history and stories for Aboriginal people and we were able to use indigenous symbols he showed us to paint our own artwork that could tell a story about our connection to water and how important it is in our lives.



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P&C ROUNDUP

17th May 2024

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Tuckshop

Please note new tuckshop forms have come home this week. Please ensure you have them in by 3pm on Friday 😊

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop is open by appointment.
Call Andrea 0438839365 if you have any queries.

Disco

School Disco is 17 May 6pm – 8pm

The theme this year chosen by the year 6's is Comfy Colours! Each class will have a comfy colour dress code and there will be a menu with some comfort food for those that would like dinner as well. We look forward to seeing you all on the 17th.



Term 2 Save the Dates!!

Trivia Night: 20th July – Hollywood Theme



Please note the change of date for the Trivia Night – We look forward to seeing you all there. We have some amazing prizes already for 1st and 2nd place and games winners – it's going to be lots of fun. \$10 per person with tables of 6-8. More details coming soon.

Next Meeting

Friday 14 June
Resource Centre 8am
All Welcome

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