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PRINCIPAL TEAM NEWS

Respect, Resilience, Achievement & Community



Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this Land on which our school lies. We would also like to pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and future.

Important Dates

- 18th March – School Council Special Meeting
- 27th March – Last day of term 2:30 pm finish.
- 14th April – First day of Term 2
- 12th May to 22nd May – NAPLAN online testing (schedule to be developed and shared)

Teachers on Leave

Emma Hollingsworth on leave from 14th April to 16th April.

Reading Awards

Charlie W; Elijah H; Taylor H; Ava F; Aria C; Layton C; Mackenzie P; Willow A; Cooper T; Emily H; Evie W; Tahlia G; Avah M; Olive L; Charlotte B.

Values Awards

Poppy M; Olive C; Lilly W-M; Geroge C; Abbey C; Jayla H; Jack T x2; Jacob M; Makayla S; Nicola P; Ashley R-B; Lucia P; Isla A; Moira M; Angus W; Owen M; Evie N; Zach C.

Learning in our school

We have been sharing the learning experiences of our children and staff with you regularly so that you are aware of how we are implementing the actions and activities that relate to our School Strategic Plan. This week it is very timely to share with you some of the work that has been happening behind the scenes to ensure that learning can still occur **if** there was to be a school closure. We are planning on using the Department's preferred systems which will enable staff to collaborate with each other online. This will allow us to continue the work around the documentation of curriculum that is carefully planned and sequenced to meet the learning needs of every child. Goal 1 of our School Strategic Plan.

We are also planning on using Compass to provide curriculum and deliver feedback on the learning to children. We are exploring the best ways to have virtual face to face sessions with the children while still adhering to the Child Safe Standards. We recognise the importance of staying connected at this time whilst still supporting and following the recommendations around public health. Please ensure that you can log on to Compass. If not, make contact with us at the school. If you are a family that does not have internet connection, please let us know. We will provide your child's learning in a different way. The outcomes will be the same but the delivery will be different. For this to be successful, we need to work as a partnership. Goal 3 of our School Strategic Plan.

The plan we have in place and the methods we use will vary dependent on the length of time that we are to remain isolated. This is one of the questions that we do not have answers for at this time. What we do know is that we are all committed to ensuring that our work remains our work and we work as one to continue to provide every child with an outstanding education.

Additional Coronavirus Information

At this time of uncertainty, it is often trusted information that bring with it a sense of safety. I highly recommend that you access the Department of Health and Human Services website that has daily updates and recommendations around how we can all contribute to the safety of our local community and beyond. The website is: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

Messages from Victoria's Chief Health Officer can also be found here.

Our weekly assembly will not be happening until further notice. Instead we will present certificates to the children in their classroom.

Camps and excursions have been cancelled and there is no known end date for the directive at this stage.

Leanne Miller Principal & Marita Eddy Assistant Principal

Golden Square Primary School has a zero tolerance to child abuse.

SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW

Goal 1

To improve the learning growth and achievement of all students with a rigorous focus on literacy.

Key Improvement Strategies

- 1.1 To develop, document and implement a guaranteed and viable curriculum.
- 1.2 To develop the pedagogical practices of staff and leaders using an embedded PLC approach.
- 1.3 To develop staff capabilities in understanding data and consistent collection, use and evaluation of data to inform student learning growth and achievement.

Goal 2

All students are engaged and connected to their learning.

Key Improvement Strategies

- 2.1 To develop and implement student agency in their learning.
- 2.2 To develop and implement a distributed leadership model in the school to ensure engagement, wellbeing and achievement goals are addressed and enacted.

Goal 3

To improve student health, wellbeing and inclusion.

Key Improvement Strategies

- 3.1 Establish and implement with fidelity the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support framework and Respectful Relationships throughout the school community.
- 3.2 Further develop and strengthen authentic, collaborative and inclusive partnerships between the school and its stakeholders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following Students

Mark D
Issac T
Hunter T
Wendy L
McKenzie D



NOTICE FROM COMMBANK SCHOOL BANKING

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20 March 2020** until the start of **Term 2**.

Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.

CommonwealthBank 



PUBLIC NOTICES

Autumn Holiday Club

Bookings are now open for Autumn Holiday Club.

Our most popular Holiday Club workshops are cooking and science. They allow your children to get experimental, have fun and learn!

Every season, parents tell us that they want to see more of these, so we're excited to present to you our Mexican Fiesta cooking class and Science Spectacular experimental extravaganza.

Mexican Fiesta



We're making cheesy quesadillas, moreish guacamole and tasty bionico fruit cocktail desserts, while learning about Mexican cooking and culture.

Science Spectacular



We've got the Exploding Toothpaste experiment; they'll mix science and art in the gelatin Streaking experiment and the wonder of the Magical Water Blossom.

Book now. To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and to find your nearest service, visit: www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs.

We look forward to seeing you at **Holiday Club**.

The Camp Australia Team



Access any one of our 230+ Holiday Club locations Australia-wide. Near home, work or even your holiday destination!

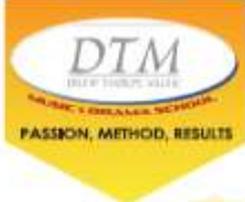


Want more excursions? Maybe more club days? Pick any program near you, they're all unique.



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To find locations near you and to book, visit www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs



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CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

Welcome to our CHILD SAFE STANDARDS section of the newsletter. Each week I will be providing information to our school community regarding the Child Safe Standards. Firstly, below is background information about our obligations to ensure that we are a Child Safe organisation and why we need Child Safe Standards.

BEING A CHILD SAFE ORGANISATION

We all have an obligation to do the best we can to keep children safe from harm and abuse.

Victorian organisations that provide services or facilities for children are required by law to implement Child Safe Standards to protect children from harm.

Organisations and businesses that employ children to provide goods or services, whether paid or unpaid, must also implement the standards.

Children are defined in the standards as anyone under 18 years old.

WHY DO WE NEED CHILD SAFE STANDARDS?

All organisations working with children must take steps to prevent abuse. They cannot assume that child abuse does not and cannot, happen within their organisation.

The standards are a result of recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust inquiry and evidence of what works to prevent child abuse.

In 2012 and 2013 the inquiry looked into the handling of child abuse by religious and non-government organisations. Its report highlighted poor and inconsistent practices for keeping children safe. It found some organisations' cultures did not focus on children's safety and many failed to report or act on child abuse allegations.

Source: <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safety/being-a-child-safe-organisation/>

Cheers,

Kerrienne Hocking

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos this year will be taken on **Friday, June 12.**

Once again packages will be offered similar to last year. Cost of the different packages will vary, but will start at around the \$26.00 mark and vary up to about \$50.00 according to the package you order. As the payment system is **PRE-PAID** we are letting you know about this upcoming expense now to allow for some saving or budgeting for the expected cost. Actual details and prices will be explained on the order form which will be sent home a couple of weeks before the photos are taken.

Debbie Kent
Coordinator



SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETICS SPORTS

Last Wednesday the Grade 3-6s had their House Athletics Sports at the Flora Hill Athletics Track. Overall the children participated fantastically and performed admirably throughout the day. Whilst the focus of the day is on participation there were some notable performances by some students who broke some Golden Square PS records.

Sienna B 10years 100m, Keysha W 12years Javelin and Hurdles, Chelsea T 11years 100m, 800m, Triple Jump and Long Jump. Ava M 9 years Triple Jump. Hudson H 10 years Long Jump. Will T 11years Hurdles, Bailey R 12 years Hurdles.

The results of the house points were as followed

- 1st Kennedy
- 2nd Carshalton
- 3rd Lansell
- 4th Deborah.



The District Athletics that was scheduled for next week has been postponed.

Shane Freer
Sports Coordinator

