

Guthrie Street GAZETTE

13th March 2025

Message from Mrs Grumley!

Dear Parents,

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is well under way! Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have completed two tests with two to go. Conventions of Language on the 14th March and Numeracy on the 17th March. Catch up tests will be held next week.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons are nearly drawing to a close. It has been a busy and productive two weeks. Thank you to all that have supported this initiative. It is an important life skill.

Friendly Reminder with school times / attendance

Just a friendly reminder that if you are needing to pick your child up early from school you will need to present at the office to get an 'Early Release' pass before going to your child's classroom. The 'Early Release' pass needs to be handed to your child's teacher. If your child is late to school, after 8:55am, they will need to come through the office and get a 'Late Pass' to give to their classroom teacher. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Please remember to look after each other and Treat Others The Way You Would Like to Be Treated!

Take Care,
Mrs Grumley

Calendar - Upcoming Events

MARCH

Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th

- Swimming Lessons for 1LC, 1EP, 1JC, 2MN, 2PP, 4KT, 4CJ, 4RM, 6AP, 6GN & 6NR

Tuesday 12th - Friday 14th

- NAPLAN

Thursday 27th

- GSPS Fete

Friday 28th

- Harmony Day

- Last school assembly 2:30pm

Monday 31st

- Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 3:30pm-4:30pm

APRIL

Tuesday 1st

- Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 3:30pm-4:30pm

Thursday 3rd

- Last day of Term 1, school finishes at 3:15pm

Friday 4th

-Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews - NO FORMAL SCHOOL

On the LOOKOUT



We use this closed statement with our students to remind and to recognise when they make great choices.

It is a quick beginning and end to behaviour we do and don't want to see continuing.

E.g, In the yard if kids are climbing on the poles a quick statement is 'We do the right thing because the right things is the best thing to do'.

EQ Award Winners



JNF	whole class	self control and self motivation
NWF	Jaxx Frappell	Building relationships
JPF	Aria Durso	Self Motivation
1EP	Brooklynn Hancock	All Pillars
1LC	Najia Khan	Self Control
1JC	Billy Lacy	Self-Control & Self-Motivation
2LK	Lilybeth Miller	All Pillars
2PP	Archer Conti	All 5 Pillars of EQ
2GP	Frankie Van Der Zwaan	All Pillars
2MN	Jewel Clarke	Self awareness and motivation
3HD	Ben Moon	All Pillars
3GL	Austin White	Self Motivation
3PH	Jameson Winters	Self Motivation
4RM	Niihah Giles	All Pillars
4CJ	Edward Barzen	Self-Motivation
4KT	Marley Hancock	self- motivation
5CH	Cayden Kemp	Self Motivation
5JH	Roqia Hosseini	All Pillars
5JM	Rhylee Mae Sutherland	All pillars
6GN	Asher Duggan	Self Motivation
6AP	Nellie Long	All Pillars
6NR	Abel Mulholland	Self Motivation

ART: Em Kelly 5JH

Creative Arts: Ally Giatrakos 1LC

Auslan: Ryder Boulton 2MN & Manvi Majoka 5JM

Reading Nights Acknowledgements

Reading Nights Friday 28th February

25 Reading Nights

JNF- Isaac, Paisley, Jaxon

1JC - Sebastian, Evie, Audrey,

1LC - Preston, Asher, Harvey

1EP- Angus, Alfie

3GL - Sion Isabelle Bella

3PH - Casen, Frankie, Ernie, Emily, Philippa, Logan.

3HD Isla, Kate

2MN Mia D, Arlo

4CJ - Olivia R, Zahra K, Henry M, Addi C, Harper W

2PP - Isla, Jack, Indi

4RM Annabelle H, Yar A

2GP George Marsden

In Other News

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GUTHRIE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

HARMONY DAY

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

Celebrating Australia's Cultural Diversity



Wear something orange
Koorie Dancing | Samoan Dancing | Harmony
Day Activities | Picnic style lunch on the oval



EVERY DAY COUNTS

PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOUR CHILD IS THERE

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates.

It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

IN VICTORIA SCHOOL IS COMPULSORY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 6 -17 YEARS

Student Absences

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and developing good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

Family holidays - It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term. If you are planning to go on holiday during term time, make sure that you talk to your child's school in advance, and work with them to develop an absence learning plan.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.



School refusal - School refusing children will experience significant emotional distress not only when going to school but also at the thought of going to school; they may be absent from school for weeks or even months at a time. School refusal differs from truancy as children generally stay home with the knowledge of the parents and despite their best efforts to encourage their child to go to school. See: [My child or teenager has anxiety](#)

BEING AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR ONE DAY A FORTNIGHT EQUALS MISSING 1.5 YEARS OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL

If your child is away

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

Inform the school

- Speak with your child's classroom teacher and find out what work they need to do to keep up.
 - Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.
- Remember, **every day counts**. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Chronic or ongoing attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice being issued to parent/s.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Top attendance tips for parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

Further information

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/studentmanagement/attendance/Pages/improve-attendance.aspx>

GSPS Book Swap

The Book Swap trolley was an initiative that was introduced two years ago.

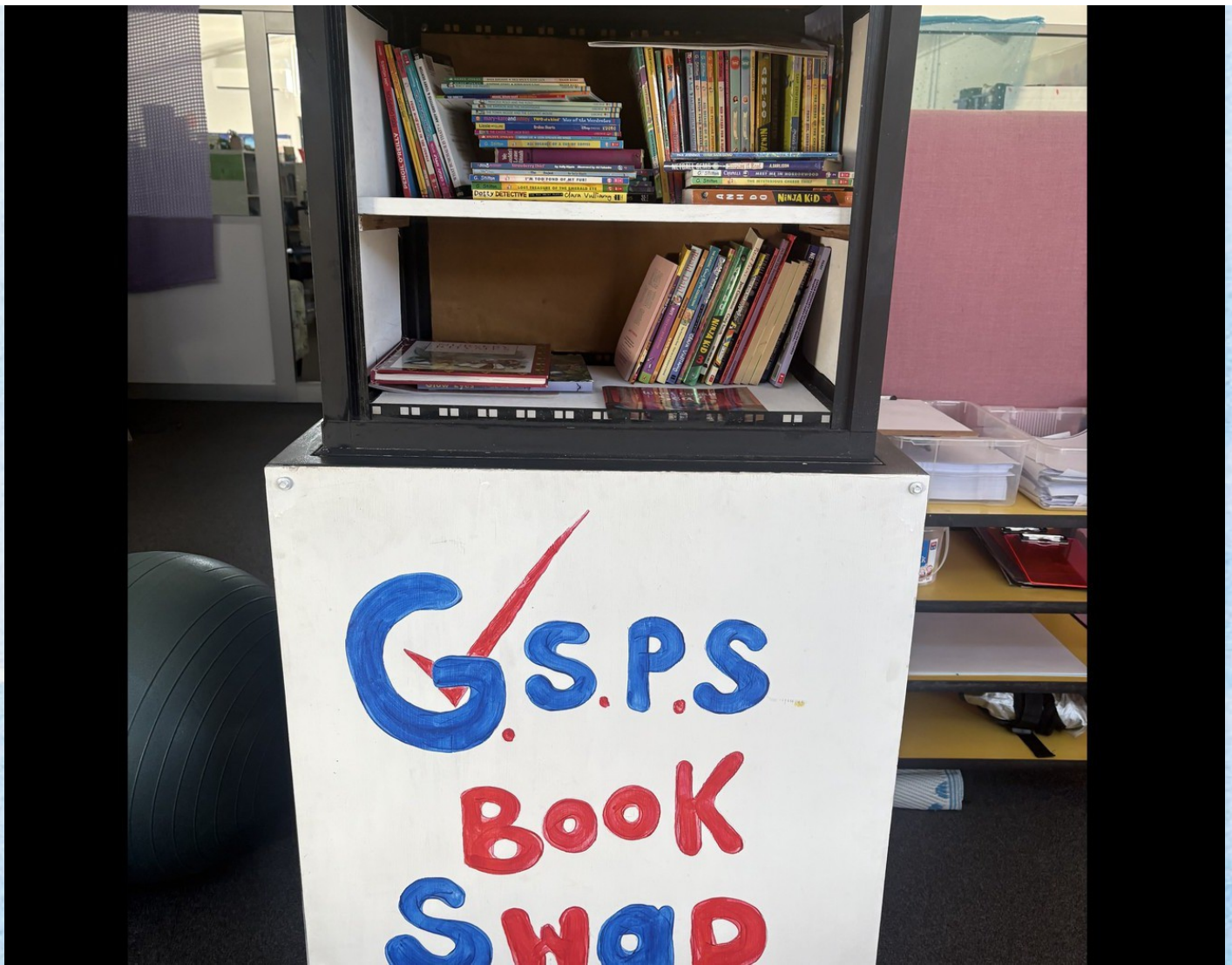
The idea behind the Book Swap was to encourage a love of reading by reading a pre-loved book that didn't cost any money.

The idea is that students choose a book to take home and read and when they are finished with it they return it to the trolley for a new book.

The Book Swap Trolley is located on the veranda outside the library Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We are always looking for donations of books.

Choosing a book from the Book Swap Trolley is purely optional.



GSPS School Tours for 2026 Foundation Students

We are currently taking bookings for NEW FAMILIES only for Foundation Students that are commencing in 2026.

To book a school tour, please call the office on 58 211 944.



GUTHRIE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL TOURS FOR 2026 FOUNDATION STUDENTS

TERM ONE
 Tuesday 18th March 2025, 10am
 Wednesday 26th March 2025, 11:30am
 Thursday 3rd April 2025, 10am

TERM TWO
 Tuesday 29th April 2025, 11:30am
 Wednesday 7th May 2025, 10am
 Thursday 15th May 2025, 11:30am
 Tuesday 27th May 2025, 10am
 Thursday 5th June 2025, 10am
 Wednesday 18th June 2025, 11:30am
 Tuesday 24th June 2025, 11:30am

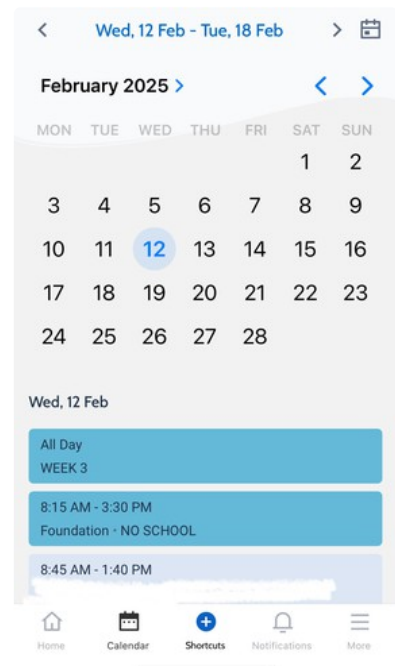
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIALS
 Groups of 10 (maximum)
 03 5821 1944
guthrie.street.ps.shepparton@education.vic.gov.au

Compass Calendar

Please be advised that all 2025 important dates and events have been added to the COMPASS Calendar.

If any changes occur or new dates are added, you will be advised by COMPASS. Other ways of keeping you up to date are also shared in our GSPS Gazette and our Facebook page.

Please see an example below.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Submitting an application

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) system is open for schools to enter applications from 29 January 2024. Parents/carers wishing to apply for CSEF payments for 2024 must submit their application form to the relevant school before 28 June 2024.

However, a parent/carer will only be required to submit an application form to the school in the following circumstances:

- the parent/carer is applying for the CSEF payment for the first time – i.e. an application form was not lodged with the school in the previous year, or
- circumstances have changed – for example, there has been a change in the care arrangement of the student, a change of name or CRN, or a new sibling has started at the school and the parent/carer wishes to apply for the CSEF payment for the new sibling also.

Where a parent/carer is not required to submit a new application, schools can rollover/copy the previous year's application on the CSEF system to the current school year.

Application forms

Schools are able to accept and process applications up until 28 June.

- [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund application form 2025 \(DOCX\)](#)

Applications are also available at our school office.

If there's shared custody

The CSEF system only allows one application per student. Where there are parents/carers in shared custody situations (who both hold a concession card) the parent/carer who submits the eligible card first will be the parent/carer who is to receive the payment.



NO SCHOOL ON THESE DATES

Friday 4th April - Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews; no formal school

Monday 21st April - Easter Monday

Friday 25th April - Anzac Day

Monday 12th May - Curriculum Day

Monday 9th June - Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th June - Curriculum Day

Friday 1st August - Student Led Conferences, no formal school

Monday 3rd November - Curriculum Day

Tuesday 4th November - Public Holiday

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE POSTED ON COMPASS & OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

GUTHRIE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL



What is Braingym?? Educational Kinesiology

The Brain Gym® program is a holistic system based on the principles of kinesiology and learning theory, developed by learning specialist Paul E. Dennison, Ph.D. and his wife and partner Gail Dennison.

Utilizing 26 designed movement activities and related techniques, the Brain Gym system assists people to reach their peak mental performance. Brain Gym® addresses the physical components of learning-visual, auditory, motor, and stress management skills.

Brain Gym® is the core of Educational Kinesiology (Edu-K), the study and application of posture and movement. Incorporating 26 specific, easy and enjoyable activities, Brain Gym® develops the brain's neural pathways the way nature does – through movement – and can be used to enhance academic skills, relationships and physical coordination. Brain Gym® is now used in over 80 countries.

This educational and self-development tool brings about improvements in many areas such as concentration, memory, reading, writing, organising, listening, physical coordination, attitude and motivation. Live and learn and reach your full potential.

Holistic
Kinesiology
JADE VIGLIATURO

Braingym 104 2 day certified course March 22nd & 23rd Shepparton

Dive deep into the 26 Brain Gym® activities. Experience them in your body. Gain a better understanding of each movement, the philosophy behind the Brain Gym program, and how this knowledge can support your daily life routine.

Support children with common learning/classroom challenges. Help them to achieve their goals, in and out of the classroom by empowering them with movements that will improve brain integration, muscle tone, visual and auditory skills as well as balance, communication and nervous system regulation.

Learning is not just about the content; it's about being in the right state of mind and body to absorb and integrate new information.

Suitable for parents, Teachers, LSO'S, Coaches, Tutors, Support workers, Allied Health professionals

**Bookings and Enquiries contact
Jade
0404402338
www.holistic kinesiology .net.au**



About Jade

Having used kinesiology as a treatment option for a number of years, I had fallen in love with the modality. Starting a family gave me the opportunity to study, and from there, holistic kinesiology was born.

I enjoy meeting and working with adults and children of all ages, and have found a way to turn my passion for helping people into a career.



BADMINTON
JUNIOR
COMPETITION

2 PRACTICE AND GRADING EVENINGS

COME AND TRY FOR FREE

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2025 - 4 - 6PM
FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025 - 4 - 6PM

Competition starts on the 2nd May and ends the 12th September
For further information call John on 0428 367 791
visit shepbadminton.com.au or
Facebook (Shepparton Badminton Association).
Entries for both school teams and individual players are welcome.
(Entries close 11th April)
Shepparton Sports Stadium, Numurkah Rd



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In our community, some children are not always able to live with their family.

Become a foster carer and support a local child at a crucial moment in their life.

Enquire today
berrystreet.org.au/fostercare
Ph. 1800 816 037





We're Getting Ready for Fun!

Any questions or queries regarding bookings or cancellations
please contact Michael Wilson on 0497 781 120

Now accepting bookings!
Register today at www.theircare.com.au or call 1300 072 410



TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!

Guthrie Street Primary School

- Social, enjoyable & fun experiences for children
- Develop creativity, life skills & confidence through play
- Qualified, caring & engaged staff
- Exciting & thoughtfully developed programs
- Healthy & Yummy food provided each day

Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	6:30 AM to 8:45 AM	\$22.95	\$2.29
After School Care (ASC)	3:15 PM to 6:00 PM	\$27.54	\$2.75
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$80.33	\$8.03
Holiday Program***	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$74.60	\$7.46

*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy | ** Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy | *** Standard fee costs excluding incursions/extracurriculars

Cancellation Fees

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)
BSC/ASC within **48 hours** of session start time: **\$5.00**
Holiday Program within **5 days** of session start time: **\$10.00**
 Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Service Phone Number:
01437 981 330

Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.

Late Booking Fees

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)
BSC/ASC within **48 hours** of session start time: **\$5.00**
Holiday Program: book less than **5 days** from the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

Late Pick-up Fees

(Child Care Subsidy will not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)
\$1 per minute after service close time.

Save up to **90%** with the Child Care Subsidy!



To register visit theircare.com.au

TheirCare support team is available between 6.30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time) on **1300 072 410** or info@theircare.com.au



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

saverplus

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

- laptops & tablets
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- lessons & activities
- camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Richard Pemberton
enquiriesSP@berrystreet.org.au
0407 567 312

DELIVERED BY
BERRY STREET

Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Guthrie St 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

If you would like any pre-loved Guthrie St uniforms please ring Ronika on 0458 281 833.



Guthrie St IRON ON TRANSFERS

Iron on transfers are now available from the School Office.
Red for Polo Shirts and Blue for windcheaters - \$2.50 each



Guthrie Street Primary School

Please contact the office if you have any queries. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram @guthriestreetps

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Guthrie is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

