Guthrie Street GAZETTE

27th March 2025

Message from Mrs Grumley!

Dear Parents,

2025 Fundraising

All fundraising will be going towards upgrading our playgrounds. We have successfully completed our Ninja Playground. We are in the process of putting together a plan for our other school playgrounds that we will share with our community as soon as we can.

School Council

Congratulations and thankyou to our school councillors for 2025:

School Council President: Jaclyn Bell

Vice President: Kath Bradshaw

Amy Steer

Kate Coghlan

Bec White

Ellen Sheils

Alan Arthur

Michael Donovan

Angela Grumley

Suzy Turton

Jo Pickles

Ian Wright

A big thank you to our retiring School Councillors Travis Kreeck, Tom Robinson, Josie Logan and Amelia Perkins. Your contribution to our school council is greatly appreciated.

Parents Association

I am pleased to announce that Chenara Newbegin has been voted in as the new Parents Association President and will be well supported by Sinead Besim-Dixon as Vice President. Our Treasurer is Kaye-Maree Johnson and Secretary Ebony Woolstencroft. Thanks to all those who have put their hand up to help out on Parents Association. This group is integral to the fundraising of our school.

Fete

We have our annual school fete on tonight, and we have great weather and a range of activities for our guest to participate in. Look forward to seeing you there tonight from 4pm to 6pm! We also have our Parents Association selling second-hand GSPS uniforms should you wish to grab a bargain!

Harmony Day activities

Mrs Pugh has been busy preparing for Harmony Day. This will be on Friday (tomorrow) and is an out of uniform day with all students encouraged to wear orange. We have many different cultures across our school, and we believe we are really inclusive. Harmony Day is a day of celebrating diversity and culture.

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

Next week we are holding our Parent Student Teacher Interviews after school on Monday and Tuesday. We then continue these on Friday our last day of the term. There will be no formal school for students on Friday 4th April. Students are encouraged to attend these interviews with their parents to find out how they have settled into school.

Last School Assembly

Tomorrow is our final assembly for Term 1. We highly recommend that you attend. Assembly will commence at 2:30pm in our Bartlett Centre (school stadium).

2026 Foundation Students

If you have a child who is ready to start school next year and haven't received a letter from the school to confirm your child's 2026 enrolment, please call the school office on 5821 1944.

Easter

Please take the opportunity to enjoy a well-earned rest this coming Easter and enjoy time with family and friends. I look forward to catching up with everyone after the holidays when we return to school on Monday 15th April.

Take Care, Mrs Grumley

Calendar-Upcoming Events

MARCH

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'.

World Down Syndrome Day

On Friday 21st March, we are celebrating World Down Syndrome Day. Some of the teachers and students wore odd socks to remind us of the importance of inclusion, kindness, and seeing the incredible abilities of every individual.

At GSPS, we believe that everyone belongs, and that diversity makes our community stronger. Let's continue to advocate for a world where everyone is valued, included, and celebrated for who they are!



EQ Award Winners

It has come to our attention that we had forgotten to place a few EQ photos in our previous newsletters. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

EQ Week 2 - 7th Feb 2025



EQ Week 3-14th Feb 2025



EQ Week 4-21st Feb 2025



EQ Week 5 - 28th Feb 2025



EQ Week 7 -14th March 2025



EQ Week 8 - 21st March 2025



In Other News



SECONDHAND UNIFORM FETE SPECIALS







Shorts, skirts, skorts and trackpants all \$3 each or 2 for \$5





T-shirts and long sleeve shirts \$5 each







Jumpers, bomber jackets, polar fleece & raincoats all \$5 each





Softshell jackets and dresses \$15 each
CASH or EFTPOS IS AVAILABLE





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

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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.



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 - Easter Monday 21st April

22nd April

23rd April Year 4 Polly Woodside/Immigration Museum

NO SCHOOL - ANZAC Day 25th April Foundation 2026 Tour 11:30am

30th April Fun Run School Photos 1st May

Foundation 2026 Tour 10am | Interschool Cross Country

8th May Mother's Day Stall 9th May Mother's Day Breaky 12th May NO SCHOOL- Curriculum Day

14th May Grandparents/Parents/Special Friend Day 9am-10am

Foundation 2026 Tour 11:30am | Year 6 Bendigo Science Trip 15th May

20th May Year 1 Kyabram Fauna Park

Division Footy/Netball/Soccer Championships 23rd May

Foundation 2026 Tour 10am

5th June Foundation 2026 Tour 10am NO SCHOOL - Public Holiday 9th June 13th June Regional Cross Country Benalla 18th June Foundation 2026 Tour 11:30am 24th June Foundation 2026 Tour 11:30am 27th June Last Assembly 2:30pm

Student Reports available on COMPASS from 4pm 30th June

Last day of Term 2, finish at 2:30pm | out of uniform day

6th July Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Please note: events can change so please ensure you keep up to date on COMPASS



21st July Term 3 starts
24th July State Cross Country

28th July Student Led Conferences 3:30pm-4:30pm

29th July Student Led Conferences 3:30pm-4:30pm

30th July Year 5/6 Winter Sports31st July 100 days of Foundation

1st August NO FORMAL SCHOOL -Student Led Conferences

6th August Year 5/6 Winter Sports | Regional Soccer Championships - Wangaratta

8th August Region Footy/Netball/Soccer Championships - Benalla
15th August Region Hockey 7's Championships - Shepparton

20th August Year 5/6 Winter Sports
27th August Year 5/6 Winter Sports
29th August Book Week Parade & Incursion

3rd September Indigenous Literacy Day | Year 5/6 Winter Sports

4th September Father's Day Stall
5th September Father's Day Breakfast

9th September GSPS House Athletics 10th September ASHEfest Foundation - Year 3

11th September ASHEfest Year 4 - Year 6

12th September Milo & Treat Day | Last assembly 2:30pm

19th September Last day of Term 3, school finishes at 2:30pm | out of uniform day

CAMP INFO

13th - 15th August Year 6 Urban Camp

OTHER EVENTS

19th - 21st August Dental Visits

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6th October Term 4 starts
7th October Year 6 Athletics
8th October Year 5 Athletics
9th October Year 4 Athletics
10th October Year 3 Athletics

13th October Kinder / Foundation transition; 9am-10am | Division Athletics

17th October Regional Athletics Championships - Albury
24th October Regional Basketball Championships - Shepparton
28th October Kinder / Foundation Transition; 9am-10am

29th October Middle Years Mania20th October Year 2 Sleepover

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7th November Division Kanga 8's - Mooroopna

13th November Year 1 Activity Night

19th November Kinder / Foundation Transition; 9am-10am

20th November Foundation Activity Evening

21st November Regional Kanga 8's - Mooroopna

4th December Rinder / Foundation Transition; 9am - 10:30am

8th December 2026 Foundation Parent Information Session; 5:30pm

9th December Orientation Day | 2026 Foundation & Year 6 Buddy BBQ lunch

11th December GSPS Christmas BBQ
12th December Last assembly, starts 2:30pm

12th December Student Reports available on COMPASS from 4pm | Year 6 Graduation

16th December Foundation Graduation
17th December Year 5/6 Mooroopna Pool

. 19th December Last day of Term 4, finish at 1:30pm | out of uniform day

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Upcoming Events







WHAT'S ON - MARCH 2025

Family Fun Night
Date: Thursday 20 March
Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Where: Mooroopna Primary School

Ultimate Wildlife Experience Date: Sunday 23 March Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm Where: Community Centre, Bunbartha

Salsa in the Park

Messy Play
Date: Wednesday 26 March
Time: 9.00am - 11.00am
Where: Kidstown - Sprout Edible Garden,
Mooroogna

Celebrate International Women's Day Saturday 8 March Yoga in the Park Time: 830sm. 930sm. Scones in the Park



FOR MORE INFORMATION



**Activity requires booking
FOR BOOKING CONTACT:
03 5832 9592
healthycommunities@sh

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All activities are drug, vape, alcohol and smoking-free.



activities in the park

WHAT'S ON - APRIL 2025

Chuckin Chickens Game & Temporary Airbrush Tattoos Date: Thursday 10 April Time: 1000am - 100pm Where: Maude Street Mall, Shepparton

Converge on the Goulburn -Silent Disco & Lake Activities"

Running as One Date: Sunday 13 April Time: 9.00am - 12.00p

Playground Escapade in Small Towns**

Messy Play
Date: Wednesday 23 April
Time: 9:00am - 11:00am
Where: Kidstown - Sprout Edible Garden,





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Orchestra Victoria presents

Musical Storytime: Bila's Big Dance



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Mooroopna Library 🙀 **Holiday Program**



Tape Resist Bone Art Tuesday 8th April, 10:30am

Pterodactyl Puppets Wednesday 16th April, 10:30am





Bookings essential as places are limited.

Phone 1300 374 765 or email mooroopna@gvlibraries.com.au. Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

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9-11 Morrell St, Mooroopna Tel: 1300 374 765 www.gvlibraries.com.au

Tatura Library **Holiday Program**



Nintendo Switch Gaming Tuesday 8th April 1:30pm - 5:00pm

Tape Resist Bone Art Tuesday 15th April, 11:30am





Bookings essential as places are limited.

Phone 1300 374 765 or email tatura@gvlibraries.com.au. Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

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12-16 Casey St, Tatura Tel: 1300 374 765 www.gvlibraries.com.au

Shepparton Library **Holiday Program**



Scratch Board

Dino Magnets Thursday 10th April, 2:30pm

Bird Flyers (STEAM) Thursday 17th April, 2:30pm





Bookings essential as places are limited.

Phone 1300 374 765 or email shepparton@gvlibraries.com.au. Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

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41-43 Marungi St, Shepparton Tel: 1300 374 765 www.gvlibraries.com.au

Tatura LibraryHoliday Program



Rhyme & Story Time Easter



Tuesday 15th April 10:30am



Pop on your favourite pair of bunny ears and hop along for songs, Easter stories and craft.

Bookings essential as places are limited.

Phone 1300 374 765 or email tatura@gvlibraries.com.au.

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Become a Berry Street foster carer

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







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



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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