

# Guthrie Street Gazette

19th February 2026



## Message from Mrs Grumley!

Hi GSPS Families,

On Friday 6th February we had our Curriculum Day. The students stayed home and the teachers had a day dedicated to Professional Learning around Literacy and in particular spelling. We had an Education Consultant work with us for the day. This day enabled the teachers to collaborate, share ideas, learn new concepts, set goals for themselves and their students and look at strengthening the great work that we already do.

On Monday 23rd February from 9:00am-10:00am we are opening our classrooms to parents, carers, grandparents and special friends to our wonderful school to share in the learning of our students. Reading, Writing, Maths, and EQ will be showcased. If you can come along, I know that the children will love it!

Many thanks to Prabhleen and Avleen's family that donated some apples for us to share with the students at school. They were delicious!

Breakfast Club is up and running and is available on Thursday and Friday mornings from the lunch order window near the library. Breakfast is available from 8:00am-8:30am. Toast, fruit, milk and cereal are available.

Swimming lessons will take place from 3rd-6th March and 10th -13th March depending on your child's year level. Please check Compass for information and parent consent and payment. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

NAPLAN testing for our Year 3 and Year 5 students will occur between the 11th March and the 23rd March. There is a 9 day testing window and time for catch up tests. More information will be distributed to the families with children in these Year Levels closer to the time. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Grumley at school.

Enjoy the weekend when it arrives!

Take care,  
Angela Grumley

# WELLBEING NEWS

## **Playground Problem-Solving & Help-Seeking**

At school, the playground is a place for fun, friendships and learning important life skills. One of the key skills we are developing in students is **problem-solving and knowing when to ask for help**.

### **Solving Small Problems First**

We encourage students to try safe, simple strategies when small problems arise, such as:

- Using kind words: "Please stop."
- Taking turns or suggesting a solution
- Walking away from minor disagreements
- Taking a few deep breaths to calm down
- Playing somewhere else if needed

These strategies help children build confidence and resilience.

### **Knowing When to Seek Help**

An important life skill is recognising when a problem is too big to solve alone.

We teach students to seek help from a yard duty teacher when:

- Someone is hurt
- Someone is being unsafe
- There is repeated unkind behaviour

Asking for help is not “telling on someone” – it is a safe and responsible choice.

### **How to Ask for Help**

We encourage students to:

1. Walk calmly to the yard duty teacher
2. Use clear words:

*“I need help. I tried to solve this, but it’s still happening.”*

3. Explain what happened and who was involved

This helps staff support students quickly and fairly.

### **How Families Can Support at Home**

- Role-play playground scenarios.
- Practice using “I” statements.
- Reinforce the difference between small problems and big problems.
- Praise your child when they seek help appropriately.
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By working together, we can help students become confident problem-solvers who know how to keep themselves and others safe.

The best question to ask your child is ‘What problem did you solve today?’

Instead of ‘What happened today?’

**EQ AWARD  
WINNERS**



## EQ Friday 13th February 2026

Please type in name and reason selected for Emotional Intelligence students of the week

GMF	Kai Scott Howie Shiels	Self Control Week 2 Self Control & Self Motivation Week 3
LCF	Mia Sinclair Adam Iskander Abdul Fatah	Self Control Self Motivation
JPF	Finn Grace Violet Borg	Self Motivation Self Motivation
1EP	Harrison Whitby Chloe Kennedy	Self Motivation Week 2 Ability To Build Relationships Week 3
1HM	Jaxon Dunham Aria Durso	All Pillars All Pillars
1JC	Mia Shay Demonic Spencer	Self Control and Self Motivation Week 2 Self Control Week 3
2PP	Beau Facer Hannah Fletcher	Self Motivation and Self Control Week 2 All 5 pillars Week 3
2GP	Ruby Crofts Asher Men	All pillars Week 2 All pillars Week 3
2AP	Alice Denny Sebastian Mather	All Pillars Week 2 All Pillars Week 3
3DK	Jimmy Riordan Liana Barlow	Ability to Build Relationships Week 2 Self Motivation
3NW	Charlie Rath Isla Crosby	Resilience Self Motivation
3JN	Jewel Clarke Harry Powles	self motivation Self motivation and building relationships
3KT	Nixon Boyle Ali Al-Shawaf	All Pillars Self Motivation
4RM	Jack James Savage Emily Thomson	Self Motivation Self Awareness
4CJ	Frankie Robinson Sion Shay	All Pillars Week 2 All Pillars Week 3
4PH	Harlow Longmore Eli Adornato	Building Relationships + Self Motivation Week 2 Building Relationships + Self Awareness Week 3
5CH	Sofia Hall Ryder Woolstencroft	Self Motivation & Building Relationships Self Motivation & Empathy
5JH	Eva Conte Zavier Mather	Building Relationships Building Relationships
5BM	Addison Cann Mila Freer	Empathy Building Relationships
6OK	Ruby Clarke Freya Simpson	All Pillars Week 2 All Pillars Week 3
6JM	Ashmin Kaur Nixon Argentino	Building Relationships Self Motivation

AUSLAN: Sophia Higgins JPF \* Rylan Brereton 1HM

# CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS



# FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4<sup>th</sup> February - No school for Foundation students
- 6<sup>th</sup> February - Curriculum Day - no school
- 11<sup>th</sup> February - No school for Foundation students
- 12<sup>th</sup> February - GSPS House Swimming Carnival for Year 3-6 students
- 13<sup>th</sup> February - National Apology Day Breakfast at Queens Garden
- 17<sup>th</sup> February - Division Swimming Carnival
- 18<sup>th</sup> February - No school for Foundation students | Regional Swimming Championships - Wangaratta
- 20<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Association AGM 3:45pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February - GSPS Open Morning
- 25<sup>th</sup> February - No school for Foundation students

**For more information, please check our Compass Newsfeed and in our school newsletter.**



## OPEN MORNING

**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
9 AM - 10 AM**

**Parents, grandparents and special friends are invited to join us for our Open Morning. Students will love showing you their classroom, introducing their friends and teacher, and sharing what they've been learning.**

# IN OTHER NEWS

## Year 3 - 6 Swimming Carnival

A big congratulations to our Year 3 - Year 6 swimming carnival winners.

LONGSTAFF - swimming carnival winners

KILGOUR - best team spirit award





# Guthrie Street Soccer – 2026 Season Registrations NOW OPEN!

We're excited to officially open soccer registrations for the 2026 season!

Registrations are open from today for two weeks only, with a strict cut-off date of Wednesday 4th March. Unfortunately, no late registrations will be accepted, so please make sure you get your forms in on time.

## Who can play?

Foundation students – This is a fantastic way to get involved in team sport from a young age.

Teams are generally formed with Foundation classmates where possible.

Under 6, 7, 8 & Under 10.

Under 12's we haven't had a team in 2 years, but can register and we can find another school team if you like.

## Season Information

First Round: Saturday May 2nd

MiniRoos (Kinder–U10): 16-week season

Under 12's & above: Season format depends on team numbers (includes finals series)

General Byes: July 4th & July 11th (school holidays)

Grand Final: Saturday September 12th (U12's & above)

Games are played on Saturdays, with times varying week to week.

Each team will train once per week on the school grounds (training days to be confirmed).

## Fees

\$140 per player

This covers insurance, referees, ground hire, line marking, equipment, medallions/trophies, match balls and facility costs. SJSA has moved to PlayHQ for online registration in 2026.

For now, to secure your child's place, we only require the paper registration form (attached to this post or available at the main office). Once registrations close, teams will be formed, and we will then provide instructions for completing the online PlayHQ registration.

## Important Reminders

Please return paper registrations to the main office (emails will not be accepted).

By registering your child, families may be asked to volunteer as a coach or team managers.

All families will also be required to complete a canteen duty during the season.

\* Registration forms have been sent out on Compass & can be collected from school office.

Lastly please also join the Guthrie St Soccer Facebook group.

'Together since Year 7'  
Mortaza and mates



'More special with friends'  
Vera



'We're insanely close'  
Lincoln

'Choice of what you want to be'  
Mouneeb



'Help along the way'  
Klara

# Resilient, united and unstoppable

The more than 300 Year 12 students who make up GSSC's Class of 2026 have seen it all.

They entered high school in the damaging wake of COVID-19, were temporarily taught at the ageing McGuire campus in Year 7 and then transitioned into the most transformational development in the history of public education in Greater Shepparton.

The Class of 2026 got on with their learning – from teamwork to time management, to tolerance and taking advantage of all that was "new" at one of the country's most contemporary schools. They shared a journey of ups and downs together.

Now in their final year, these GSSC seniors are an incredibly diverse and exceptionally close cohort. They have only known GSSC – and they've developed an awesome pride in themselves, their collective experience and their school.

Scan to hear from some of the students who know the college best - the Class of 2026.

## SHEPPARTON EDUCATION PLAN

The Shepparton Education Plan  
Improving education outcomes & life opportunities from early years to adulthood  
[www.vic.gov.au/education-plans](http://www.vic.gov.au/education-plans)

This event is open to all GSSC students and their families, community members, and those considering enrolling at our College in the future.



REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE HERE!



5:30 TO 7:00PM

# GSSC EXPO



GREATER SHEPPARTON SECONDARY COLLEGE



THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2026

Discover your place at GSSC

31-71 HAWDON ST, SHEPPARTON

- Music entertainment
- Giveaways and goodie bags
- Free BBQ (halal)
- Meet Teachers and staff
- Neighbourhood Tours
- Meet our 2026 Student Leaders
- Information Booths on clubs, careers, pathways, hands on learning, wellbeing services, disability support and more



[www.gssc.vic.edu.au](http://www.gssc.vic.edu.au)

## 2026 GSSC Welcome Expo at Greater Shepparton Secondary College.

This event is open to all GSSC students and their families, community members, and those considering enrolling at our college now or in the future

**Date:** Thursday 12 March 2026

**Time:** 5.30pm – 7.00pm

**Location:** 31–71 Hawdon Street, Shepparton

The Welcome Expo is an opportunity to visit the College, explore our facilities, and learn more about the wide range of learning opportunities, programs and support services available to students. Throughout the evening there will be music and entertainment, technology giveaways including tablets, laptops, monitors and headphones, and prizes available across every stall. A free BBQ will be provided with Halal options available.

Visitors will have the chance to meet teachers, staff and student leaders, take tours of our Neighbourhoods, and learn more about subject areas and domains through interactive showcases of classroom learning. Information will also be available on clubs, hands-on learning programs, careers and pathways, wellbeing services, disability support, and administrative assistance including bus travel and local permission forms.

Our doors will be open for the evening, and we encourage families and community members to come along and take a look at the facilities and opportunities available across the College. To register your attendance, please select yes via the link below or by scanning the QR code. [RSVP GSSC Expo – Fill in form](#)

## Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy [Schools privacy policy English](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [[Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#)] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

[**Note** that the parent guidance documents linked to from the paragraph above are for the department provided version of M365 and Google. Schools can use these or link to their own guidance, whichever applies.]

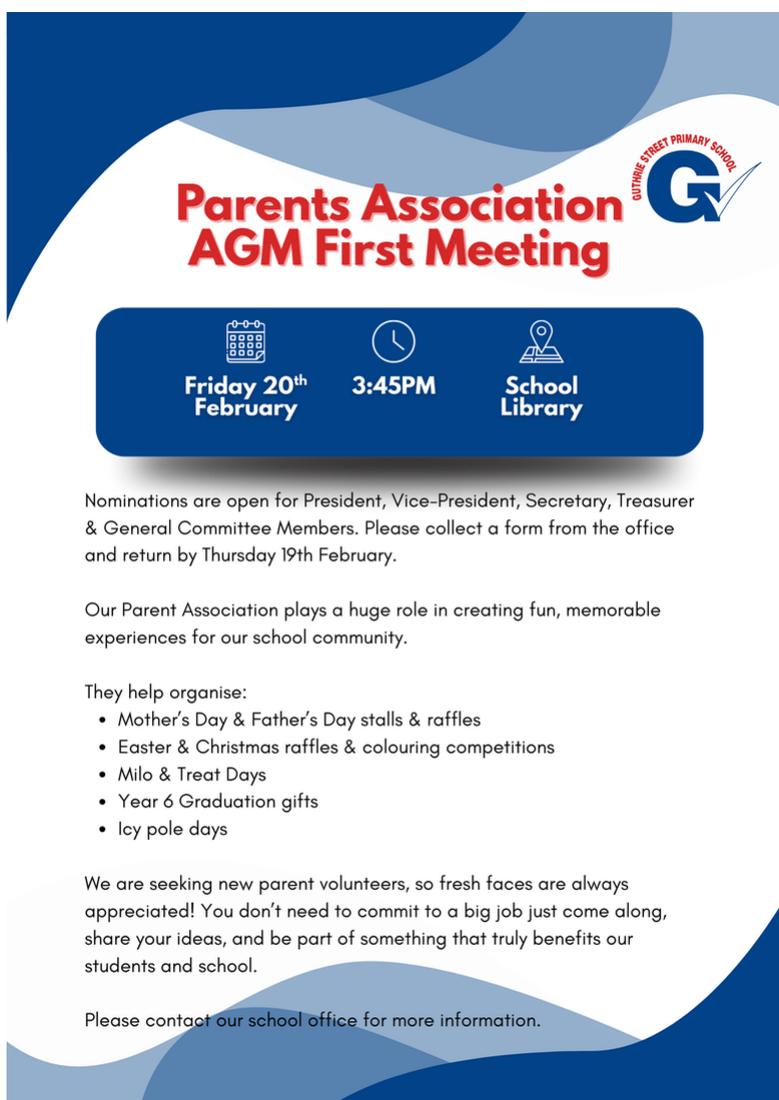
## Parents Association 2026 AGM

The Parents Association are holding their AGM followed by a meeting in the school library at 3:45pm on Friday 20th February 2026

If you would like to be a member of our Parent's Association in 2026, please complete the attached form (located in Compass) and return it to the school office or bring along to the AGM and meeting.

All Executive Roles are vacant, and an Executive Committee Nomination/Self Nomination Form is available on Compass to download, please complete and return to the School Office before 3:30pm on Thursday 19th February 2026.

Please contact the school office on 5821 1944 if you would like a hard copy sent home.



The poster features a blue and white wavy background. At the top right is the logo for GUTHRIE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL, which includes a stylized 'G' with a checkmark. The main title 'Parents Association AGM First Meeting' is written in bold red text. Below this, a dark blue rounded rectangle contains three white icons: a calendar, a clock, and a location pin, each with corresponding text: 'Friday 20th February', '3:45PM', and 'School Library'. The bottom section of the poster contains several paragraphs of text in a clean, sans-serif font.

**Parents Association  
AGM First Meeting**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
February**

**3:45PM**

**School  
Library**

Nominations are open for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer & General Committee Members. Please collect a form from the office and return by Thursday 19th February.

Our Parent Association plays a huge role in creating fun, memorable experiences for our school community.

They help organise:

- Mother's Day & Father's Day stalls & raffles
- Easter & Christmas raffles & colouring competitions
- Milo & Treat Days
- Year 6 Graduation gifts
- Icy pole days

We are seeking new parent volunteers, so fresh faces are always appreciated! You don't need to commit to a big job just come along, share your ideas, and be part of something that truly benefits our students and school.

Please contact our school office for more information.



# PARENTS ASSOCIATION NOMINATION FORM

The Parents Association AGM for 2026 is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 3:45pm followed by the first meeting for 2026 in our school library.

Everyone is welcome to join.

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All volunteers must have a valid Working with Children's Check for any interactions with students. Nomination forms are required to be returned to the school office by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

## ALL ROLES ARE VACANT

President \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

I nominate (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
for the position of \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Secunder (name) \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

I (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
wish to declare my candidacy for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination forms need to be returned to the Principal on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Date: / / Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 28th January 2026. Parents/carers wishing to apply for CSEF payments for 2026 must submit their application form to the relevant school before 26th June 2026.

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.



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## Stepfamilies - through your children's eyes



*Through the eyes of children: - being part of a stepfamily*

This workshop covers:

- Stepfamily myths
- Stepfamilies through the eyes of children - the good and the tricky bits
- Supporting children with adjusting to new family relationships
- Transitioning between homes
- Ways to support and strengthen your relationship with your child/ren
- Parenting approach
- Common difficulties for couples

This free 3 hour workshop aims to assist parents in developing a greater understanding of what their children need and how they can best support them.

For more information or to register, scan the QR code or visit [www.catholiccarevic.org.au/workshops](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/workshops)





# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Somers School Camp

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FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT SOON

[www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au](http://www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au)

## School staff have a right to be safe at work



**Any abuse will not be tolerated**

**Parents, carers, advocates and adult members of the school community must engage respectfully with school staff.**

Unacceptable behaviour will be addressed promptly. This may include calling the police if required or issuing you a School Community Safety Order.

These behaviours are not permitted in-person, over the phone, by email, text message or on social media:

- ✗ Rudeness
- ✗ Intimidation
- ✗ Insults or offensive communication
- ✗ Discriminatory or derogatory comments
- ✗ Malicious or defamatory communications
- ✗ Threatening gestures
- ✗ Aggression, including raising your voice at a staff member
- ✗ Threats
- ✗ Violence
- ✗ Harassment

These behaviours are **never okay** and can make staff and students feel unsafe.



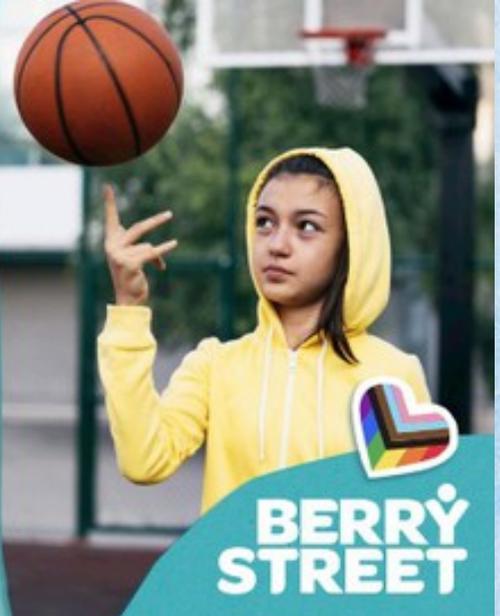
Scan the QR Code to learn more about how you can build positive relationships with school staff in the department's *Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy*.

# Become a Berry Street foster carer

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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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