

Guthrie Street Gazette

Friday 4th September 2026



Message from Mrs Grumley!

Dear Families,

The end of term is fast approaching! We have had a busy and productive term and the next two weeks will be no different.

School Hats: Guthrie Street PS is a Sun Smart school. As the weather is warming up students need to wear their school bucket hat or broad brimmed hat when outside at recess and lunchtime as well as PE. If you are purchasing a new hat, could you please make sure that it has your child's name on it. That way it can be returned to you child if it is misplaced.

Father's Day Stall: Thank-you to our Parents Association who organised, purchased, and manned the stall so the students could purchase a gift. We appreciate the time and effort that you put in to organising this event. We appreciate what you do, for without this support we would not be able to provide this opportunity for our students. Dads, enjoy the spoils on Sunday.

Father's Day Breakfast: What a great morning we had in our school stadium on Friday 4th September, celebrating the dads. The stadium had a positive vibe, and it was lovely to see everyone having breakfast together. We announced the winners of the Father's Day raffle. Thank you to MSK Engineering, Harvey Norman Shepparton, Resolute Gym, Stellar Coffee, GJ Gardner and ECR Garden Supplies. Your generous support allows us to raise money for our school and in turn our school community can support your businesses.

Term 3 Final Assembly: Our last whole school assembly will be held in the stadium at 2:30pm. We will announce the Terrific Kid Award for this term at this assembly.

The annual GSPS House Athletics Sports will be held at McEwan Reserve on Tuesday 8th September. Check Compass for details.

Reading Nights

Congratulations to these reading legends! They have built a good routine and read regularly at home.

50 Reading Nights 1EP: Harrison, Stacey

75 Reading Nights - JPF: Hudson, Jordi, Sophia, Cohen, Avleen **4CJ:** Dean **4PH:** Lucas

100 Reading Nights JPF: Nixon, Grace, Jack, Violet **GMF:** Audrey **1HM:** Alexis **3NW:** Declan S
GMF: Hope, **2AP** Aleeza

125 Reading Nights 1HM: Phoenix **4PH:** Beau, Eli **GMF:** Cora **4PH:** Reid

150 Reading Nights GMF: Saynt **1HM:** Emin **3KT:** Max D **3NW:** Archer

175 Reading Nights: GMF: Charlie D **3JN:** Jewel, Grace **GMF:** Alex A

200 Reading Nights GMF: Howie **1HM:** Jaxon **3KT:** Max D **3NW:** Maeve **5CH:** Olivia **4CJ:** Austen
2AP: Alice, Scarlett **3JN:** Jewel

Remember...Do Your Best Be Your Best.

Take Care,
Angela Grumley



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION PARENT NOTIFICATION

Notify parents of supervision arrangements before and after school at
Guthrie Street Primary School:

Student safety at Guthrie Street Primary School is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

Before school: School grounds are supervised from 8:30am – 8:55am. Leadership supervise the grassed areas and Tiger Turf. Education Support staff supervise the playgrounds.

After school: School grounds are supervised from 3:15pm-3:30pm. Leadership supervise the grassed areas, Tiger Turf and playgrounds.

Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity).

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care, or a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice).

Families are encouraged to contact the principal on 03 58 211944 or refer to the school's website for more information about the before and after school care facilities available to our school community or if you would like any further information about our student supervision arrangements.

For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy refer to the school website or contact the school office. This policy includes Example School's student supervision arrangements across the school day, including before and after school.



Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton

Volunteers Policy



HELP FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton on 03 5821 1944 or guthrie.street.ps.shepparton@education.vic.gov.au.

PURPOSE

To outline the processes that Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton will follow to recruit, screen, supervise and manage volunteers to provide a child safe environment, and to explain the legal rights of volunteers.

SCOPE

This policy applies to the recruitment, screening, supervision and management of all people who volunteer at our school.

DEFINITIONS

Child-connected work: work authorised by the school governing authority/provider of a school boarding services and performed by an adult in a school or school boarding premises environment while children are present or reasonably expected to be present.

Child-related work: As defined by the [Worker Screening Act 2020](#) (Vic), child-related work is work that usually involves direct contact (including in person, over the phone, written and online communication) with a child that is a central part of that person's duties. It does not include work that involves occasional direct contact with children that is incidental to the work.

Closely related family member: parent, carer, parent/carer's spouse or domestic partner, stepparent, parent/carer's mother or father in-law, grandparent, uncle or aunt, brother or sister, including step or half siblings.

Volunteer worker: A volunteer school worker is a person who voluntarily engages in school work or approved community work without payment or reward.

School work: School work means:

- Carrying out the functions of a school council
- Any activity carried out for the welfare of a school, by the school council, any parents' club or association or any other body organised to promote the welfare of the school
- Any activity carried out for the welfare of the school at the request of the principal or school council
- Providing assistance in the work of any school or kindergarten
- Attending meetings in relation to government schools convened by any organisation which receives government financial support

This is a broad definition and means that volunteers who participate in school community activities, such as fundraising and assisting with excursions, are legally protected (i.e., indemnified) from action by others in the event of an injury or accident whilst they are performing volunteer schoolwork in good faith.

POLICY

Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton is committed to implementing and following practices which protect the safety and wellbeing of children and our staff and volunteers. Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton also recognises the valuable contribution that volunteers provide to our school community and the work that we do.

The procedures set out below are designed to ensure that Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton's volunteers are suitable to work with children and are well-placed to make a positive contribution to our school community.

1. Becoming a volunteer

Members of our school community who would like to volunteer are encouraged to express their offer of assistance through the school office, where it will be directed to the School Principal.

2. Suitability checks including Working with Children Clearances

Working with students

Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton values the many volunteers that assist in our classrooms/with sports events/camps/excursions/school concerts/other events and programs. To ensure that we are meeting our legal obligations under the *Worker Screening Act* and the Child Safe Standards, Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton is required to undertake suitability checks which in most cases will involve asking for evidence of a Working with Children (WWC) Clearance and may also involve undertaking reference, proof of identity, qualification and work history involving children checks.

Considering our legal obligations, and our commitment to ensuring that Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton is a child safe environment, we will require volunteers to obtain a WWC clearance and produce their valid card to the office administration staff for verification in the following circumstances:

- **Volunteers who are not parent/family members** of any student at the school if they are engaged in child-related work regardless of whether they are being supervised.
- **Parent/family volunteers** who are assisting with any classroom or school activities involving direct contact with children in circumstances where the volunteer's child is **not** participating, or does not ordinarily participate in, the activity.
- **Parent/family volunteers** who assist with excursions (including swimming), camps and similar events, regardless of whether their own child is participating or not.
- **Parent/family volunteers** who regularly assist in school activities, regardless of whether their own child is participating or not.
- **Parent/community School Council members** sitting on School Council with student School Council members, regardless of whether their own child is a student member or not.

In addition, depending on the nature of the volunteer work, our school may ask the volunteer to provide other suitability checks at its discretion (for example, references, work history involving children and/or qualifications). Proof of identity may also be required in some circumstances.

Non child-related work

On some occasions, parents and other members of the school community may volunteer to do work that is not child related. For example: volunteering on the weekend for gardening, maintenance, working bees, parents and friends club coordination, school council, participating in sub-committees of school council, fete coordination, other fundraising groups that meet in the evenings during which children will not be, or would not reasonably be expected to be, present.

At Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton, volunteers for this type of work will still be required to provide a valid WWC Clearance.

3. Training and induction

Under the Child Safe Standards volunteers must have an appropriate induction and training in child safety and wellbeing.

To support us to maintain a child safe environment, before engaging in any work where children are present or reasonably likely to be present, volunteers must familiarise themselves with the policies, procedures and code of conduct referred to in our Child Safety Induction Pack and ensure the actions and requirements in these documents are followed when volunteering for our school.

Depending on the nature and responsibilities of their role, Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton may also require volunteers to complete additional child safety training.

4. Management and supervision

Volunteer workers will be expected to comply with any reasonable direction of the principal (or their nominee). This will include the requirement to follow our school's policies, including, but not limited to our Child Safety Policy and our Child Safety Code of Conduct.

Volunteer workers will also be expected to act consistently with Department of Education policies, to the extent that they apply to volunteer workers, including the Department's policies relating to [Equal Opportunity and Anti-Discrimination](#), [Sexual Harassment](#) and [Workplace Bullying](#).

The principal (or their nominee) will determine the level of school staff supervision required for volunteers, depending on the type of work being performed, and with a focus on ensuring the safety and wellbeing of students.

The principal has the discretion to make a decision about the ongoing suitability of a volunteer worker and may determine at any time whether or not a person is suitable to volunteer at Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton.

5. Privacy and information-sharing

Volunteers must ensure that any student information they become aware of because of their volunteer work is managed sensitively and in accordance with the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the Department's policy on [Privacy and Information Sharing](#).

Under these policies, student information can and should be shared with relevant school staff to:

- support the student's education, wellbeing and health;
- reduce the risk of reasonably foreseeable harm to the student, other students, staff or visitors;
- make reasonable adjustments to accommodate the student's disability; or
- provide a safe and secure workplace.

Volunteers must immediately report any child safety concerns that they become aware of to a member of staff to ensure appropriate action. There are some circumstances where volunteers may also be obliged to disclose information to authorities outside of the school such as to Victoria Police. For further information on child safety responding and reporting obligations refer to: *Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures*.

6. Records management

While it is unlikely volunteers will be responsible for any school records during their volunteer work, any school records that volunteers are responsible for must be provided to principal/office staff to ensure they are managed in accordance with the Department's policy: [Records Management – Schools](#).

7. Compensation

Personal injury

Volunteer workers are covered by the Department of Education's Workers' Compensation Policy if they suffer personal injury in the course of engaging in schoolwork.

Property damage

If a volunteer worker suffers damage to their property in the course of carrying out schoolwork, the Minister (or delegate) may authorise such compensation as they consider reasonable in the circumstances. Claims of this nature should be directed to the principal who will direct them to the Department's Legal Division.

Public liability insurance

The Department of Education's public liability insurance policy applies when a volunteer worker engaged in schoolwork is legally liable for:

- a claim for bodily injury to a third party
- damage to or the destruction of a third party's property.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in induction processes for relevant staff
- Included as a link in all invitations to prospective volunteers
- Included in our staff handbook/manual
- Discussed in an annual staff briefing/meeting
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Guthrie Street Primary School Shepparton policies and resources relevant to this policy (available on the school's [website](#)) include:

- Statement of Values and School Philosophy
- Visitors Policy
- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures
- Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Guthrie Street Primary School Child Safety Induction Pack

Department policies:

- [Equal Opportunity and Anti-Discrimination](#)
- [Child Safe Standards](#)
- [Privacy and Information Sharing](#)
- [Records Management – School Records](#)
- [Sexual Harassment](#)
- [Volunteers in Schools](#)
- [Volunteer OHS Management](#)
- [Working with Children and Other Suitability Checks for School Volunteers and Visitors](#)
- [Workplace Bullying](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	August 2026
Consultation	September 2026 via newsletter to the school community
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	Before August 2028

WELLBEING NEWS

Why Boundaries Matter at School

Boundaries help children feel safe, connected and ready to learn.

At school, boundaries and rules are not simply about telling children what they *can't* do. They are about creating a shared understanding of **how we live, learn and work together as a community**.

Every school has expectations around things such as how we speak to others, how we treat property, how we behave in classrooms and playgrounds, and how we respond when things don't go our way. These expectations provide children with clear and predictable guidelines about what is considered safe, respectful and responsible. With over 450 children our rules keep everyone safe.

Why do schools have rules?

Rules help us to:

- **Keep everyone safe** – physically and emotionally.
- **Create predictability** – children know what is expected of them.
- **Protect learning time** – everyone has the right to learn without unnecessary disruption.
- **Build respectful relationships** – boundaries help children understand how their actions affect others.
- **Develop responsibility** – children learn that choices have consequences.
- **Create a sense of belonging** – shared expectations help us become a community.
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From rules to community norms

Over time, repeated expectations become **community norms**. A norm is an agreed way of doing things that becomes part of the culture of the school.

For example, when we consistently teach students to greet others, listen when someone is speaking, include others in games, look after shared spaces and solve problems respectfully, these behaviours become more than individual rules. They become "**the way we do things here.**"

This is particularly important for children. They are still developing the ability to manage impulses, consider the perspectives of others and make good decisions when emotions are high. Clear and consistent boundaries provide the structure within which these skills can develop.

There will always be moments when children test boundaries, this is a normal part of growing and learning. Our role as adults is to remain calm, consistent and predictable. We can acknowledge how a child is feeling while still maintaining the expectation. We will state, 'Feelings are important, however leading with our thinking and not our feelings are important'.

EQ AWARD WINNERS

Friday 28th August 2026



GMF	Kai Scott	All pillars
LCF	Mackenzie Budge	Self Control
JPF	Nixon Bell	All Pillars
1EP	Jasper Kellow	All Pillars
1HM	Zak Marr	Self Awareness
1JC	Jordan Coghlan	All Pillars
2PP	Hendrix Allen	Self Control
2GP	Georgia	All Pillars
2AP	Zainab Aalhasan	Self Motivation
3DK	Hunter Groves	Building Relationships
3JN	Jewel clarke	self motivation and self control
3KT	Andre Larkins-Ritchie	self- motivation
4RM	Philippa Tong	All Pillars
4CJ	Kate Thomson	Building Relationships
4PH	Jace Hanson	Self Motivation
5CH	Billy Campbell	Self Motivation
5BM	Logan Johnson	Self-Control
6OK	Ruby Clarke	Building relationship and Self Motivation
6JM	Harmanaat Kaur	Building relationship
6NR	Thomas Dickson	Self- awareness

ART: Alexis Hadfield AUSLAN: Anthony Stanton 5CH CREATIVE ARTS: Lylah B 5JH



GMF	Harper Vander Gulik	Self motivation
LCF	Halo O'Connor	Self Motivation
JPF	Jack Vidler	All Pillars
1EP	Oliver Phillips	All Pillars
1HM	Amber McPhan	Self Motivation
1JC	Jaxx Frappell	All Pillars
2GP	Leari S	All Pillars
2AP	Arlo Harmeston	All Pillars
3DK	Hunter Marr	Empathy
3JN	Hudson Allen	self motivation
3KT	Max Thomson	self-motivation
4RM	Logan Vidler	Self Motivation and building relationships
4CJ	Frankie Robinson	Self Control
4PH	Beau Ralph	Self Motivation & Building Positive Relationships
5CH	Sofia Hall	All Pillars
5BM	Heba Chkhaydem	Empathy
6OK	Jazelle Etuale	Self Motivation and Self Control
6JM	Lucas Durnin	Building Relationships
6NR	Dempsey Mitchell	Self Motivation

ART:Jeremih Williams AUSLAN: Hayley Whitby 6OK CREATIVE ARTS: Vance GMF

National Water Week Poster Competition Winners



CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS



GUTHRIE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR A **FREE**

TRIVIA NIGHT!

A FUN NIGHT FOR OUR
SCHOOL COMMUNITY, FAMILY & FRIENDS!

 **LOTS OF FUN!**
 **PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS!**
 **BYO FOOD & DRINKS**
 **TABLES OF EIGHT TO TEN**



FRIDAY OCTOBER 16TH
7:00PM – 9:30PM

 OR SMALLER GROUPS CAN **JOIN UP WITH OTHERS** if you don't have enough!
  *Everyone* **WELCOME!**

★ PLEASE BOOK IN YOUR TABLE WITH THE ATTACHED LINK! ★

IN OTHER NEWS



FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st Prize: Jo Clark
- 2nd Prize: Hannah Stuart
- 3rd Prize: Fi H
- 4th Prize: Danielle McKane
- 5th Prize: Baden Pickles
- 6th Prize: Danny Lacy
- 7th Prize: Sinead Besim
- 8th Prize: Rhomar Scott
- 9th Prize: Terry Himona

Thank you to everyone who supported us and purchased a raffle ticket. All money raised will be going towards updating our school facilities and grounds.

A big thank you MSK Engineering, Harvey Norman Shepparton, Resolute Gym, Stellar Coffee, GJ Gardner, ECR Garden Supplies and everyone else who donated to our raffle prizes.



YEAR 6 SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SALE

We currently have some Year 6 2026 school uniform available for purchase.

Year 6 hoodie



Year 6 t-shirts



1 x Large GSPS Hoodie \$65

All GSPS Year 6 t-shirts \$15 each
2 x 14K 4 x XS 2 x S 2 x M 2 x L

All purchases to be made from our school office.



4 books for \$2!

Children's books
10 for \$2!

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BOOK Sale

Monday 21 September to Friday 2 October
(closed Friday 25 September for the AFL Grand Final Public Holiday)

We have a huge range of good quality books
available for everyone!

Open Monday - Thursday
10am - 4pm &
Friday 10am - 1pm

The Book Inn
94 Wyndham Street, Shepparton





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**ACTION-PACKED DAYS
OF SPORT, GAMES & FUN!**



JOIN US FOR
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WEEK
OR INDIVIDUAL
DAYS!**
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Looking for an exciting way to keep the kids active during the school holidays?

Join the Skillzone team for action-packed holiday programs filled with sports, games, challenges, teamwork and plenty of fun!

FROM AS LITTLE AS
\$38 A DAY!



4 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

 SHEPPARTON VSY COMMUNITY STADIUM 8:00AM - 3:00PM	 WANGARATTA CATHEDRAL COLLEGE 8:00AM - 3:00PM	 YARRAWONGA SACRED HEART MPB (INDOOR BASKETBALL COURT) 8:00AM - 3:00PM	 COBRAM SPORTS STADIUM 8:00AM - 4:00PM
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★ **WHAT TO EXPECT**

- Multi-Sport Activities
- Team Games & Challenges
- Qualified & Experienced Coaches
- New Friends & Great Fun
- Safe & Supportive Environment
- Active Days That Kids Love

🧺 **WHAT TO BRING**

- Packed Lunch
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Comfortable Sports Clothing
- ★ Lots of Energy!

👤 **OUR COACHES**

READY TO DELIVER ACTION-PACKED DAYS!

Our passionate coaching team is ready to create unforgettable experiences these school holidays.

PACKED LUNCH & REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE REQUIRED

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SKILLS. GAME. CONFIDENCE.
HAVE FUN.



SOCCER-SPECIFIC COACHING
focused on skills, technique,
game play and plenty of
touches on the ball.

10:00AM - 12:00PM

24TH
SEPTEMBER

29TH
SEPTEMBER

30TH
SEPTEMBER

1ST
OCTOBER



BONUS: Soccer clinic participants can join the
Multi-Sport Holiday Program before and
after their clinic **at no additional cost.**



BOOK NOW!



LIMITED SPACES
Don't miss out!

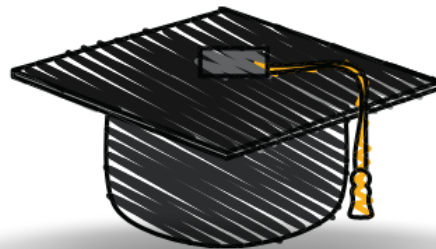


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GUTHRIE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Graduation Orders Now Open



Orders can be made via our QKR! app. Orders close Friday 16th October.



It's that sad time of year where we start preparing for Year 6 Graduation. To commemorate their graduation from primary school, the students are able to purchase a "Graduation Bear" or "Graduation Ball". **These are available for purchase on the QKR app.**

Prices are...

- Graduation Bear \$16
- Graduation Football \$14
- Graduation Soccer \$14
- Graduation Puppy \$16
- Graduation Basketball \$14

Please have your orders paid by **Friday 16th October** to allow time for order and delivery of the bears. Students will be given the bears to sign on the last day of school.

Guthrie Street Second 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 Street

Guthrie is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters