

Guthrie Street Gazette

5th February 2026



Message from Mrs Grumley!

Hi GSPS Families,

Welcome back to the first week of the 2026 school year! We're excited to start the year with fresh energy, new opportunities, and a renewed commitment to fostering an environment where every student can thrive. The students have settled in well to the school routine and the school has a calm and positive atmosphere.

A big warm welcome to our 2026 Foundation students and their families that have joined our school community this year. We look forward to building positive relationships with you. Welcome also to the students that have started in other year.

Compass/Seesaw/Facebook

Please keep up to date with everything for the year via Compass and our school newsletter. A calendar of the year is sent out with regular updates.

Classroom teachers and the leadership team will communicate with families via Compass, phone call home or Seesaw.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a place where everyone feels safe, valued, and ready to succeed. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and to seeing all of the amazing things our students will accomplish!

Take care,
Angela Grumley

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WELLBEING NEWS

Morning Agency

The start of a new year also brings a start in new routines and rigor. Setting consistent routines for children is the best way for them to achieve success at the beginning of their day.

Children who are given morning agency - choice, arrive at school with their prefrontal cortex already activated.

Children who choose one small thing- their outfit, the order of their breakfast, their shoes, their lunch and snack items activate their brain for learning. Those who start the day with all decisions made for them start their school day in a passive brain mode. The brain waits in instruction mode instead of action mode.

Part of the home /school partnership is building independent in your child. Giving them a choice - this or that supports being a decision maker and knowing a boundary.

Whole School Behaviour Expectations - The Four Step Process.

At GSPS we state that '**Everyone has a right to learn and everyone has a responsibility to allow others to learn**'. This supports our students and staff's wellbeing.

Our School pillars and proverbs reflect our collaborative approach as a school community. For **all** students and staff to work cohesively, each classroom and specialist classroom follows the ***Four Step Process***.

Each step gives students the opportunity to reflect on their behaviour and teachers to provide feedback about the behaviour.

The steps includes reminders, redirection, and removal to another working space so the learning for ALL students can continue.

We appreciate parent support when working together to support our students.

REMINDER: Messaging / Emailing / Contacting

Staff are available to contact between 8.30am - 4.30pm each day via email, SeeSaw and Compass or via the school office. Please be aware Teachers are unable to reply during teaching time.

The 'Fair Work Amendment (Right to Disconnect) Bill 2023 stipulates that employers not required to monitor, read or respond work communications during non- work times.

Guthrie Street Primary School



Four Step Process

Step 1- Reminder to student about behaviour

Step 2- Time out in the classroom

Step 3- Removal to another classroom

Step 4 – Removal to Assistant Principal Office

EQ AWARD WINNERS

Friday 30th January 2026



GMF	Whole Class	All Pillar
LCF	Whole Class	All Pillar
JPF	Whole Class	All Pillar
1EP	Arlo Annett	All Pillars
1HM	Dom Pollard	Ability To Build Relationships
1JC	Jaxx Frappell	Self Control and Self Motivation
2PP	Henry Young	Self Motivation
2GP	Nikau Himona	Sel Motivation
2AP	Mannix Dunstan	Self-Motivation
3DK	Willow McKay Rogerson	Empathy
3NW	Xander Pirie	Self Motivation
3JN	Neve Annett	All Pillars
3KT	Tyler Newman	Self Motivation
4RM	Taleen Chkhaydem	Self Motivation
4CJ	Dean Maloney	Self Control
4PH	Seth Coghlan	Self Motivation + Self Control
5CH	Kylan Spaul	Self Motivation
5JH	Marley Hancock	Self Awareness
5BM	Madi Whitby	Self Control and Empathy
6OK	Hayley Whitby	Self Motivation and Self Control
6JM	Alex Stewart Spencer	All Pillars
6NR	Liam Gleeson	Building Relationships and Empathy

CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS



NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2026



FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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



OPEN MORNING

**MONDAY 23RD 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

Congratulations to our 2026 leaders!



2026 HOUSE CAPTAINS

KILGOUR CAPTAINS



Cienna Ladgrove
6OK



Thomas Dickson
6NR



Freya Simpson
6OK



Lenny Hare
6JM

TAYLOR CAPTAINS

LONGSTAFF CAPTAINS



Addison Milic
6OK



Liam Jones
6OK



Marlee Fallon
6JM



Cooper Smith
6OK

DUCAT CAPTAINS



2026 STUDENT LEADERS



Liam O'Loughlin
6NR



Lucas Durnin
6JM



Ioannis Giatrakos
6OK



Kai Trevaskis
6OK



Jack Durling
6JM



Scarlett McCrimmon
6NR



Paige Seiter
6NR



Dempsey Mitchell
6NR



Ellie Thomas
6OK



Emily Forte
6NR



Roqia Hosseini
6JM



Riva Funston
6OK

Calendar on Compass - How to access



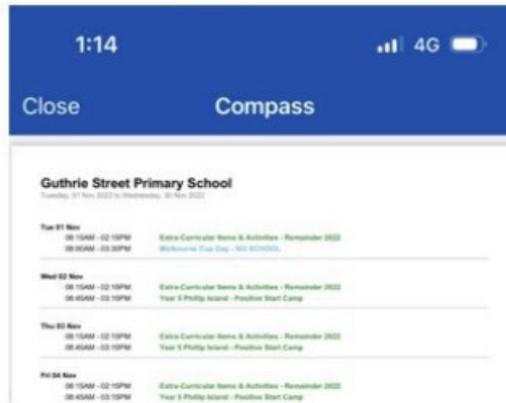
Using the COMPASS Calendar

The School Calendar is available via the COMPASS portal.

Therefore, it is very important that Parents/Carers access the calendar on COMPASS.

If accessing on your phone you click on the 3 lines at top left of your phone screen and then down the left-hand side select:-

- 'Open in Browser'
- Calendar icon 
- Print icon  and it will list all events



The screenshot shows a mobile app interface for Guthrie Street Primary School. At the top, there is a blue header with the time '1:14', signal strength, '4G', and battery level. Below the header, there are 'Close' and 'Compass' buttons. The main content area displays the school name and the date 'Tuesday, 01 Nov 2022 to Wednesday, 02 Nov 2022'. A list of events follows, organized by day:

Day	Time	Event
Tue 01 Nov	08:15AM - 02:10PM	Extra-Curricular Items & Activities - Remembrance 2022
	08:30AM - 03:30PM	Midweek Club Day - 01/11/2022
Wed 02 Nov	08:15AM - 02:10PM	Extra-Curricular Items & Activities - Remembrance 2022
	08:45AM - 03:10PM	Year 3 Philby Island - Positive Start Camp
Thu 03 Nov	08:15AM - 02:10PM	Extra-Curricular Items & Activities - Remembrance 2022
	08:45AM - 03:10PM	Year 3 Philby Island - Positive Start Camp
Fri 04 Nov	08:15AM - 02:10PM	Extra-Curricular Items & Activities - Remembrance 2022
	08:45AM - 03:10PM	Year 3 Philby Island - Positive Start Camp

As new items are added, or if current items are amended, a notification will be pushed out through COMPASS.



PARENT TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS

HOW TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL NEWS

The School Newsletter 'Gazette' is available fortnightly on a Thursday.

You will be notified through email and a COMPASS push notification.

You can access the Gazette online through

- COMPASS PARENT PORTAL
- GSPS Website - www.guthriestps.vic.edu.au



USING OUR COMPASS PARENT PORTAL YOU WILL BE ABLE TO

Access your child's Student Semester Reports

- Book Foundation Students Assessment appointments
- Book your Parent/Teacher Interviews
- View up-to-date attendance information
- Approve or enter upcoming or past absences for your son/daughter
- Update your registered email and mobile number (used for SMS alerts) details
- Download, print and approve upcoming excursions
- Access information regarding upcoming events and news

DOWNLOAD THE COMPASS APP

Troubleshooting: if you cannot login for the first time on iPhone, try your computer, laptop or iPad first.

Your username and password is issued upon your child's enrolment.

If you need a new password please contact the school office in person or phone 58211944.

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School Council Elections - Information for parents

The Guthrie St Primary School Council are now calling for parent nominations. **Nominations open on Monday 9th February and will close on Friday 13th February.** Nomination forms can be collected from the school office.

What is a school council and what does it do? All Government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council? There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be

Community members. The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important? Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved? The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council? No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. We need participants who will actively engage in twice termly meetings and be prepared to assist in the work required to bring positive change.

What do you need to do to stand for election? The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember: Ask at the school/principal for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.

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.

Parents Association AGM First Meeting



Friday 20th
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.

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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 20th 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 19th February 2026.

ALL ROLES ARE VACANT

President _____ Vice President _____
Treasurer _____ Secretary _____

I nominate (name) _____
for the position of _____
Nominator (name) _____
Seconder (name) _____

OR

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

Nomination forms need to be returned to the Principal on Thursday 19th 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.

LUNCH ORDERS NOW OPEN!



Tuesday lunch orders are for Foundation to Year 2 students.

Wednesday lunch orders are for Year 3 to Year 6 students.

All orders are to be made via the QKR app.



We warmly invite you to join us for the 2026

Shepparton Apology Breakfast

to acknowledge the 18th Anniversary of the
National Apology



Details:

7.45am for an 8am start
(8.55am finish),
Friday 13 February 2026

William Cooper Statue,
cnr Nixon and Welsford Streets,
Yorta Yorta Country
Shepparton

Light breakfast and coffee provided

Please RSVP via Humanitix

<https://events.humanitix.com/shepparton-apology-breakfast-2026>



For more information contact: Dierdre 0417 398 158 or Bobby 0434 279 653



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4:15PM – 5:15PM
5:15PM – 6:15PM Shepparton Stadium

Age 8–10
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Children whose parents volunteer at school often create a sense of belonging and connectedness that is conducive to positive behaviours, effective engagement and higher self-esteem



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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) for 2026

A recent Victorian Government announcement regarding BYOD states that school must no longer invite families to purchase or bring their own devices to school in Years F-6. Guthrie Street Primary School has chosen to cease our BYOD program starting next year, 2026.

This news item is being sent to families who have a child in Grade 2 or 3 in 2026 to inform families that we do not require you to provide a BYOD iPad for the commencement of 2026 school year.

Note for families who have students currently in Grade 2,3,4 and 5. Students who already own a device and bring this to school can continue to do so until they finish primary school.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Donovan

via email at Michael.Donovan@education.vic.gov.au or phone 58211944



GUITAR TUTORING

Nick Teague offers Guitar lessons during school time on a Tuesday.

Nick has a Bachelor of Visual Arts Degree. He received honours for his AMEB 4th Grade Classical Guitar Exam and has been teaching the guitar in Shepparton Schools for 30 years.

Nick teaches a range of styles, from Metal, Rock and Pop through to Classical guitar.

2026 Term Fees—\$212 (New students—plus \$48 for 1st of 4 instalments for books). Yrs 2-6 students eligible, or younger at Nick's discretion.

Please email Nick

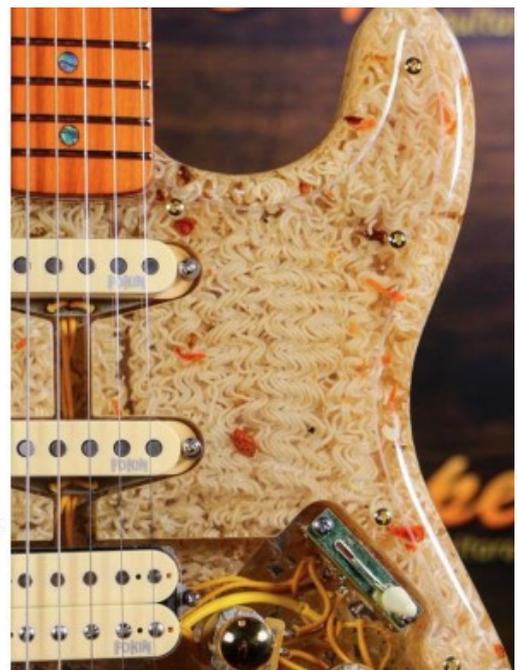
nick.d.teague@gmail.com

to enrol your child with the following information:-

Child's Name

2026 Yr Level

Parent Contact Details



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



www.catholiccarevic.org.au



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Somers School Camp

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- Intercultural
- Critical & Creative Thinking



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Years 5 & 6 Students from Schools in your area will be participating in the Somers Camp.

From: Tuesday 12th May 2026 To: Wednesday 20th May 2026

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT SOON
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
- ✗ Harassment
- ✗ Violence

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

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

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




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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 - 8:45 AM	\$23.96	\$2.40
After School Care (ASC)	3:15 PM - 6:00 PM	\$26.75	\$2.88
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	\$83.86	\$8.39
Holiday Program***	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	\$77.88	\$7.79

*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy ** Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy *** Standard fee costs including insurance/accidents

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.

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 does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)
\$1 per minute after service close time.

To register visit theircare.com.au

Service phone number:
0497 781 120
Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.

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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



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

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