Guthrie Street GAZETTE

20th February 2024

Message from Mr. B!

Dear Parents.

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we transition into the heart of the school year, we are delighted to share some exciting news about our upcoming aquatic events and opportunities at Aquamoves.



Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival Recap: Made a Splash!

Our recent Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival was a resounding success, filled with spirited competition, camaraderie, and plenty of aquatic excitement. The students showcased not only their swimming prowess but also their sportsmanship and teamwork. The cheers and encouragement reverberated throughout Mooroopna I am sure, creating a vibrant and supportive atmosphere for all participants.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to every student who took part, displaying determination and enthusiasm in each race. Special thanks to the parents who joined us to cheer on our young athletes and make the event even more memorable.

Congratulations to Taylor House for taking out the win and for Kilgour House on winning the Spirit Award. Thanks to Mr. Wright for all his work in preparing the staff and students for the day. This Thursday, several students will participate against other schools in the Division Swimming Championships at Aquamoves.

Upcoming Swimming Lessons at Aquamoves: Dive into Learning!

Building on the enthusiasm generated by the swimming carnival, we are thrilled to announce the upcoming swimming lessons at Aquamoves for our students. These lessons are an integral part of our commitment to ensuring that every child develops essential water safety skills while enjoying the numerous physical and mental benefits of swimming.

Details of the Swimming Lessons for your child can be found on Compass. Please contact the office if you need further information.

The experienced and certified swim instructors at Aquamoves will tailor the lessons to accommodate various skill levels, ensuring that each child receives personalized attention and guidance. We believe that these lessons will not only enhance their swimming abilities but also foster a love for aquatic activities that can last a lifetime.

How You Can Support:

- Ensure your child has the necessary swimwear and accessories for the lessons.
- Encourage a positive and supportive attitude toward swimming, emphasizing the importance of water safety.

We are excited about the opportunities that swimming lessons at Aquamoves will provide for our students, promoting not only physical fitness but also valuable life skills. We look forward to your active participation and support in making this initiative a great success.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to a fantastic few weeks of swimming and learning at Aquamoves!

Take Care Mr. B

Speech Pathology at Guthrie Street PS

This year Guthrie St PS has invested in having a Speech Pathologist on site two days a week. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students and staff at our school. Amy Denny is a Speech Pathologist who has worked with the Department of Education for 9 years now. You will see her around the school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Amy will work with the school in a number of ways to support the communication needs and goals of our students. Communication is an important part of our everyday lives. Speaking, listening, understanding, reading, writing and social skills all fall under the banner of communication.

Speech pathologists look at speech sounds, language, pre-literacy and social skills, voice and stuttering. Speech pathologists aim to provide targeted intervention and support for students in individual, small group and whole class activities. A speech pathologist can assess communication skills and provide strategies to support student learning to parents and teachers. For Term 1, Amy will be focusing on the foundation classes to kick start their year. As the year goes on Amy will spend time with students across the school. Amy is very much looking forward to working within the school community!

About Amy

About Me: Hi there, I'm Amy. I am originally from Bendigo but have been living and working in the Shepparton area for over 4 years now. I am a wife and mum to 3 children under the age of 6. My home life is very busy, loud and fun.

Hobbies and Interests: I have recently started reading again and love it. Before having kids I did latin and ballroom dancing and hope to start classes again this year.

Professional Background: I graduated at the end of 2014 and have worked as a Speech Pathologist within the Department of Education since the start of 2015. I started my career down in Geelong

before moving back to Bendigo when I got married. I have worked in Shepparton across the different schools in the Goulburn area since late 2019.

What are looking forward to this year: This year I am super excited to get to know the students, teachers and families at Guthrie St PS. I hope to provide valuable support and advice to our teachers and give the students some fun while helping them reach their communication goals.

PRIVACY REMINDER

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 <u>Schools' Privacy Policy</u> and the <u>Schools' Privacy Collection Notice</u>.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy

https://www.guthriestps.vic.edu.au/assets/files/documents/Policies/Photographing_Filming_and_ Recording_students_at_Guthrie_Street_Primary_School.pdf

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: <u>Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents</u>. This information is also available in ten community languages:

- · Amharic
- · Arabic
- · 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.]



"KISS AND GO" DROP OFF ZONE

Please use the "Kiss and Go" Drop off Zone in Abernethy Street. The allocated times are from 8am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm. By using this well, the traffic bottleneck around the school can be alleviated.

As the sign above shows, please only stop in the park for 2 minutes and <u>do not</u> leave your car. At the end of the day, if your child is not there to be picked up, you will have to drive around the school and return to the "Kiss and Go" drop off zone to pick up your child.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THIS "KISS AN GO" ZONE!

Calendar - upcoming dates

Wednesday 21st February - Foundation students - NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 28th February - Foundation students - NO SCHOOL

Monday 26th February to Friday 1st March - SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Monday 26th February to Friday 15th March - SWIMMING LESSONS

Monday 11th March - LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL

Friday 8th March - Parents Association AGM - 9:15am in the MPC Meeting Room

Thursday 21st March - FETE

Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th March - Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews from 3:30 to 4:30pm

Thursday 28th March - Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews from 8:30am to 2:30pm

Friday 29th March - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

Term 2 begins Monday 15th April 2024

PARENTS ASSOCIATION - AGM/First Meeting at 9:15am Friday 8th March 2024 in the MPC Meeting Room

Nominations open for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer & General Committee Members.

Please collect a form from the office and return to the office by Thursday 7th March 2024.



Want to help make a difference?

We need you!

Join the Guthrie Street Primary School Parents Association and help raise funds for our children's school.

Here's what you can be a part of:

- 1 meeting per term
- Help organise and run Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls
- Be involved in school raffles
 New ideas welcome!
- We need the following positions:
- President
- Vice PresidentSecretary
- Treasurer
- General committee members

Come along to our AGM first meeting of the year Friday 8th March at 9.15am

Please contact the school office for sign up forms and hand them back by 7th March in time for the meeting.



Mobile Phone Reminder for 2024

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobiles phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

Any students who wish to bring a phone to school must hand their phone to the office before school and then collect it after the final school bell. Phones will be securely stored away during the day.

If you have any further questions please feel free to call the office.

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'.





Nagambie's COOLEST FESTIVAL

This Saturday 24th February 2024





IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COACHING IN THE 2024 SEASON PLEASE CONTACT US AT:

guthrie.street.ps.shepparton@education.vic.gov.au
With the age group you would like to coach and your
childs name and age by FEBRUARY 15TH
below is the list of age groups with year of birth
U9 (2015/16)

U11 (2013/2014) U13 (2011/2012)



Southern Stars Junior Football Club

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Registrations are now open for the Southern Stars 2024 Junior football season

Registrations must be completed by the 15th March with the season commencing on the 13th April

Age Groups

U10 and u12 Boys & Girls

Cost

\$100 per registered player

Register at - https://playhq.com/afl/register7e9242

Start Dates

Training will commence in March and additional information on location, dates & time can be located on our Facebook Page

Volunteers

Clubs & competitions do not run without volunteers

Umpires, Team managers & officials are needed to ensure games & clubs can run successfully

If you are interested in helping out please get in contact via Facebook or email southernstars2019@gmail.com

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We're fun first and footy second.

At NAB AFL Auskick, it's your time to shine.

Register to be part of the fun at your local Auskick center today.

In this club, we're teammates for life and we're awesome.

See you there.





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Hello,

We would like to remind you that Round 7 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open and will close when the funding allocation is exhausted.

Important dates:

- Round 7 open for applications for a voucher or reimbursement: 10 October 2023 until funding allocation is exhausted
- Reimbursement expenditure dates: from 8 May 2023 until funding allocation is
- Vouchers expiry date: Tuesday 30 April 2024
- Portal open for Activity Providers to redeem vouchers: 10 October 2023 to Tuesday 21 May 2024.

Check if you're still eligible and apply now for \$200 towards the cost of your child's favourite

Here are some tips to help your application go smoothly:



Tip: You can choose a voucher or, if you have already paid, apply for a reimbursement.



Tip: Use the search function on our website to get the correct code for your activity provider.



Tip: Call our Contact Centre on 1800 325 206 if you need help.



 \P Tip: Sport is more fun with friends so let other families know about the program.

Kind regards, Get Active Kids Voucher Program https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

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Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible' for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- · on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

 b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on 29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year. Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: <u>Camps. Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)</u>: <u>Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au</u>

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

- Complete the PARENTALEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
 Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

 If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

 Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
- Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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







About the program

TheirCare provides adventurous and stimulating Before & After School Care Programs in a safe environment for all children. During sessions children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

Guthrie Street Primary School has partnered with TheirCare to provide this service to your school which includes quality care, booking flexibility, amazing programming for your children and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

Operation Times		Fees-	Out of Pocket	Average^
Before School Care	6:30am - 8:45am	\$20.00	\$3.00 - \$20.00	\$3.00
After School Care	3:15pm - 6:00pm	\$24.00	\$3.60 - \$24.00	\$3.60
Pupil Free Day	7:00am - 6:00pm	\$70.00	\$10.50 - \$70.00	\$10.50
Holiday Program	7:00am - 6:00pm	\$70.00	\$10.50 - \$70.00	\$10.50
Late Booking Cancellation Fee	Within 48 hours	\$5.00		
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee	See BSC/ASC	

Service Phone Number: 0497 781 120 Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410

How to Enrol

Visit TheirCare website: www.theircare.com.au and click on 'Book Now' in the top right hand



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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