

# Guthrie Street GAZETTE

6th February 2024

## Message from Mr. B!

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you well as we embark on a new academic year at Guthrie Street. The first week has been both invigorating and challenging, filled with the excitement of new beginnings and the acknowledgment of the difficulties we face as a close-knit community.

As we settle into the rhythm of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the challenges we encountered over the holiday period. It was with a heavy heart and tears in my eyes that I shared the news of the passing of one of our beloved teachers, **Mrs Veysey**. Her dedication to our students and passion for teaching touched the lives of many in our school community over 24 years.

This loss has undoubtedly left a void in our hearts and in our school, and the impact is felt by students, parents, and staff alike. As we mourn the passing of our colleague and friend, it is important for us to come together as a community to support one another during this difficult time. Grieving is a personal journey, but the strength of our community lies in our ability to offer comfort and understanding to those in need.

In the face of such challenges, it is crucial that we prioritise open communication and empathy. We have support available at school for anyone who may be grappling with the emotional toll of this loss. Additionally, we have resources and opportunities for both students and staff to help support individuals over the coming weeks.

The first week of school is a time of excitement, but it also serves as a reminder of the resilience within our community. Together, we will navigate these challenges and emerge stronger, and in time we will honour the memory of Mrs Veysey in some way at school.

I encourage you to reach out and contact me at school if you or your child/ren need support.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our school and each other.

Take Care

Mr. B



**Calendar - upcoming dates**

Wednesday 7th February - Foundation students - NO SCHOOL  
 Friday 9th February - CURRICULUM DAY - NO SCHOOL  
 Tuesday 13th February - National Apology Day Breakfast  
 Wednesday 14th February - Foundation students - NO SCHOOL  
 Thursday 15th February - Yrs 3-6 Swimming Carnival Mooroopna  
 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  
 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

## CALENDAR ON COMPASS -how to access



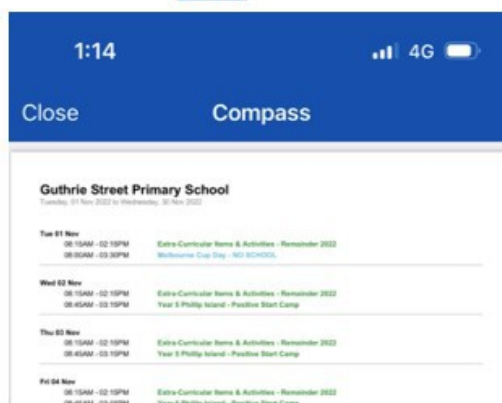
### Using the COMPASS Calendar

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



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

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - Information for Parents

*The Guthrie St Primary School Council are now calling for parent nominations. Nominations open on Monday 12th February and will close on Monday 19th 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
- 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.



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

Please collect a form from the office and return 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 President
- Secretary
- 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.**

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## 2024 School Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their badge at Assembly last year.



## 2024 HOUSE CAPTAINS



### Kilgour Captains



Sage Garcia  
56P



Quinton Berry  
56B

### Taylor Captains



Zarii Giles  
56P



Brody Ralph  
56P

### Longstaff Captains



Emily Flynn  
56R



Harry Stevens  
56R

### Ducat Captains



Zara Giatrakos  
56B



Archie Marshall  
56P



## 2024 STUDENT LEADERS



Damon Berry  
56M



Marcus Domaille  
56P



Alexander Barzen  
56B



Mackenzie Dixon  
56P



Rhyley Osborne  
56M



Luca Boncald  
56H



Mia Sweeney  
56M



Aylah Hughes  
56P

## 2024 STUDENT VOICE REPS



Erin Pearson  
56B



Pyper Zurawski  
56B



Ridaa Jafari  
56B

## Mobile Phone Reminder for 2024

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile 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.



### GUTHRIE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL INSTRUMENT TUTORING

Instrument Tutoring	2024 Term Fees
Guitar — Tuesday Nick Teague— nick.d.teague@gmail.com	\$242 (New students—plus \$38 for 1st of 4 instalments for books) (Yrs 3-6 students eligible)
<b>Nick Teague – Guitar Lessons</b> 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. He is also involved in Gospel Music.	
Piano / Keyboard / Digital Piano Heather Taylor— hjtaylor@aussiebroadband.com.au	\$40.00 per 30 minute lesson
<b>Heather Taylor – Piano / Keyboard / Digital Piano Lessons</b> Heather Taylor is a passionate, fully qualified teacher who holds a Licentiate Teaching Diploma. She is also a certified Yamaha Clavinova teacher. Heather is an expert in the art of music education. She has over thirty five years of teaching experience and is dedicated to tailoring lessons to individual student needs. To be eligible, it is essential students have a keyboard or piano at home for practicing. Please feel free to email Heather if you would like to ask any questions.	

Please contact the Tutor of your choice via email to enrol your child with the following information:-

Child's Name  
2024 Yr Level  
Parent Contact Details





IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING  
APART OF THE GUTHRIE STREET  
NETBALL COMMITTEE FOR THE 2024  
SEASON PLEASE CONTACT US AT:  
[guthrie.street.ps.shepparton@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:guthrie.street.ps.shepparton@education.vic.gov.au)



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COACHING IN THE  
2024 SEASON PLEASE CONTACT US AT:  
[guthrie.street.ps.shepparton@education.vic.gov.au](mailto: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](mailto:southernstars2019@gmail.com)

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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 exhausted
- **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 activity.

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.



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

School Name

School REF ID

### Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb  State  Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

-    -    -  OR

☐ Foster parent\* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

### Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant  Date  /  /



## 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.

#### Eligibility Date

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 your child.

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

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**

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL 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.
2. Complete the STUDENT/IS DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. 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.

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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](http://www.theircare.com.au) and click on 'Book Now' in the top right hand





## Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

saverplus

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

		
laptops & tablets	uniforms & shoes	books & supplies
		
sports fees & gear	lessons & activities	camp & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

	Richard Pemberton	<p>DELIVERED BY</p>  <p>Find out more at <a href="http://saverplus.org.au">saverplus.org.au</a></p>
	<a href="mailto:enquiriesSP@berrystreet.org.au">enquiriesSP@berrystreet.org.au</a>	
	0407 567 312	

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

## 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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