

Guthrie Street Gazette

18th December 2025



Message from Mrs Grumley!

Hi GSPS Families,

My last newsletter for 2025! I hope this finds you well and looking forward to the festive season.

As we come to the close of another wonderful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared together. This year has been full of growth, challenges, and achievements, and I am immensely proud of each student, teaching member, and family for their dedication and resilience. Our students have demonstrated perseverance, creativity, and kindness, whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or through extracurricular activities like camps and excursion. It is through these efforts that we continue to build a strong, supportive, and thriving community. To our teachers and staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment to nurturing and inspiring our students. Your passion and dedication are the cornerstone of our success. And to our families, we appreciate your continuous support, which helps create an environment where every

student can flourish. As we look ahead to the new year, I encourage everyone to embrace the opportunities for growth and exploration that lie ahead. Let's continue to challenge ourselves, support each other, and strive for excellence in all that we do.

Thank you to our 2025 Year 6 House Captains and Student Leaders. You did an amazing job organising events and running whole school assemblies. Thank you for your leadership.

Our 2026 House Captains are: Cienna L, Thomas, Freya, Lenny, Liam J, Addi, Marlee and Cooper S. Our 2026 Student Leaders are: Liam O, Lucas D, Yanni, Kai T, Jack D, Scarlett, Paige T. Dempsey, Ellie T, Emily F, Roqia and Riva. We will formally recognise them at our first school assembly at the beginning of 2026. I look forward to working with you all.

Thank you: to our Parents Association for all your hard work in providing fundraising opportunities for our great school and all the hard work, time and energy that goes into organising these events and occasions. Mother's Day and Father's Day are always a highlight on our social events calendar. As well as the major raffles that you have organised.

Farewell: We wish Ash Cooney, Megan Newport and Gavin Newport all the best for their teaching roles at their new schools in 2026. We thank them for their dedication, commitment and care to the students that they taught throughout their time at Guthrie Street. All the best for 2026.

Taking leave: Bella Walker and Kathy Gibbs are taking some leave from GSPS in 2026 to pursue other opportunities. We wish them well in their endeavours and look forward to their return in 2027.

Welcome: Emma Masterson and Elissa Banfield are joining the Guthrie Street teaching team in 2026. Emma will be working two days a week in Year 1. Elissa will be teaching Creative Arts two days a week (Thursday and Friday). Liss Lothian will be teaching Creative Arts three days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) We look forward to working with you next year.

Farewell and Thank you: to the following families whose youngest child is finishing their educational journey at GSPS they are the Agathe, Alfawazi, Arthur, Borysiewicz, Bradshaw, Cox, Duggan, Edwards, Fowler, House, Humphrey, Imperial, Long, McCoy, McDonald, Mellington, Miller-Proctor, Munday, Perry, Rice, Robinson, Singh, Spark, Swan, Tomkins and Watson families. Thank you for your continued support throughout the years. All the best for the future.

Wellbeing Garden: The personalised bricks have arrived. The new path will be under construction in January. It should be completed by the time school resumes. Thank you to all that purchased a brick. It is going to look amazing!

Installation of the new playground: The new playground at the corner of Abernethy and Makell Street will be installed during January. We look forward to its completion and many hours of play.

Bus Update for Friday 19th December: For those students that catch the school buses, the buses will be running as per our school times on Friday 19th December. **School finishes at 1:30pm on Friday. Please don't forget that tomorrow is also an out of uniform day.**

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for your support this year. I look forward to working with you all in 2026.

Take care,
Angela Grumley

WELLBEING NEWS

Structure and Routine

Taking time out from the normal routine and structure of school is important for our students to rest and recover, physically and cognitively over the summer break.

Re-setting the routine and structure is even more important!

Having a block of time to create new habits can work in our favour. It is stated that a new habit takes 21 days to embed. The break is a perfect time to build independence in our kids.

Here at school, they do lots of jobs, cleaning their tubs, pushing in their chair, packing and unpacking their bags, changing their readers etc... this translates to home to making their bed, folding their clothes, cleaning their rooms.... the list goes on. They are very capable so don't be fooled - teach them the skill and expect the habit... ***practice makes permanent!!***

EQ AWARD WINNERS

Friday 4th December





Friday 12th December



100% Attendance for 2025 Students



Kiwanis Terrific Kids



Foundation: Jaxon Dunham JNF | Year 2: Jahxx Giles 2PP
Year 4: Joseph Soi 4RM | Year 6: Indiana Lindrea 6AP



Terrific Kids is a student recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem, and perseverance. Students work with their classroom teacher and establish goals to improve behaviour, peer relationships, attendance, or schoolwork. Students then work toward achieving the goal during a specific time period. The teachers and principal determine the best schedule for recognition. Some schools recognize Terrific Kids during each grading period; others recognize students more often.

At the end of the designated time period all students who achieved their goals are recognized as Terrific Kids. Recognition includes presentation of certificate and a giveaway.

Shepparton Sunrises Kiwanis help support the Terrific Kids program at our school.

The Terrific Kids program provides teachers with a tool to reward students for special achievements that may otherwise go unnoticed.

TERRIFIC is an acronym meaning:
Thoughtful Enthusiastic Respectful Responsible Inclusive Friendly
Inquisitive Capable

The Voice 2025: Winner Niih Giles & Runner Up Dempsey Mitchell

GSPS Colouring Competition Winners

Kickstart 2026 with two exciting holiday sports clinics designed to get kids active, confident, and having fun!

Sportz Lab is running two high-energy clinics these summer holidays, perfect for primary-aged students who love sport, teamwork, and making new friends.

Basketball Skills Clinic

Sunday 18th January 2026 | Ages 5–12 | 9:00am–11:00am

Beginner to expert welcome!

Students will learn fundamental skills, develop new game tactics, and enjoy small-sided games all in a fun, supportive environment.

 *Guthrie St Outdoor Courts*

 *\$30 per athlete*

 **Book here:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DIBTN>

PE Holiday Clinic

A 2-hour session filled with fun games, team challenges, movement activities, and holiday excitement! Designed for primary-aged athletes who love staying active.

Parents may drop off or stay, whatever works best!

📍 *Guthrie Street Primary School (G-Turf)*

💰 *\$20 per participant*

🔑 **Book here:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DICXI>

These clinics focus on **healthy habits, teamwork, skill development, confidence, and building new friendships**. Spots are limited, book now and start 2026 feeling energised!

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

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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