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The Values We Share
The following students are to be congratulated for receiving values awards in the last fortnight.

**Term 3 Week 4 – Care & Compassion**
- KP Nate
- KS Connor
- KM Jack
- KL Gabriella
- 1L Mollie
- 1D Giulio
- 1F Spencer
- 2T Harvey
- 2F Tony
- 2M Shanni

**Term 3 Week 5 – Fair Go**
- KP Georige
- KS Jacinta
- KM Harry
- KL Freya
- 1L Zak
- 1D Matilda
- 1F Anthony
- 2T Eikaterina
- 2F William
- 2M Leah

Wakakirri
What a wonderful night we had last week at the Wakakirri heats, held at the Riverside Theatre, Parramatta. Our students performed their ‘Possum Magic’ inspired story-dance with happiness and joy. We are all so very proud of each and every one of the cast members and crew. To be awarded ‘Best School in Public’ was a proud moment and a fitting end to a memorable night. Congratulations to all the students, Mrs Elsinga, Miss Morris, Miss Sweeney, Mrs Pedersen, Mrs Guido, Miss Murphy, Miss Smith, Miss Scroope, Miss Dubyk and of course Miss Sheridan.

Breaking News!!
The Wakakirri team has been selected as one of the finalists in Division 2 and will perform later this term!

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE
Public Speaking & Debating
Congratulations to Maea in 3P for his recent Highly Commended award in the Multicultural Public Speaking competition. This was the first time Maea had competed in a public speaking competition, so what a great achievement!
Our Debating Team has recently competed against Eastwood Public School (narrowly beaten) and last week challenged Putney Public School to the debate topic titled ‘Junk food should be banned for people under the age of 18’. Our students won the debate convincingly. Well done all speakers and thanks to Miss Smith and Mrs Pigram for preparing the students so well.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2014
We are in the process of finalising our Kindergarten enrolments for 2014. If you have a family member or friend who is expecting to attend Kindergarten at GPS in 2014 and who hasn’t yet enrolled, please do this now.

Friendly Reminders
We respectfully remind members of the school community of the following requests:
Please don’t bring dogs into the school playground at any time.
Please don’t use the staff car park as a turn-around circle in and out of Orr St.
Your co-operation in these matters is appreciated.

Judi Partland
Principal

Sport update
Milo Super 8 Cricket
Next Wednesday our Boys Super 8 cricket team will participate in the Sydney North Final at Morrison Bay Park after winning the Ryde stage of the competition two weeks ago. The team won all their stage games convincingly before playing our other Gladesville team in the final. The team is: Connor B, Aaron W, Josh Y, Jack O, Rory S, Tully S, Sam L, George D and Ryan S.
On the same day our girls cricket team also performed extremely well, reaching the final, before losing in a count back after scores were tied.
PSSA Winter Finals
The PSSA winter competition draws to a close this Friday with several Gladesville teams featuring in Grand Final action. Our Junior ‘B’ netballers, Girls soccer and Senior soccer teams were all successful in their semi-finals last week. Meanwhile, our Junior soccer team missed out on reaching the final after drawing 1-1 with the higher-placed Putney, our Junior ‘A’ netballers lost their first match of the season against Eastwood and the Boys Tiger-tag team lost their semi-final. The top 2 teams on the AFL ladder play finals, with our teams finishing in equal 1st position but unluckily missing out on a for/against system.
Semi-Final results:
Girls Soccer – won 3-0 vs Ermington
Junior Boys Soccer – 1-1 vs Putney
Senior Boys Soccer – won 2-0 vs North Ryde
Junior ‘A’ Netball – lost 9-5 vs Eastwood
Junior ‘B’ Netball – won 3-1 vs Meadowbank
Boys Tiger-Tag – lost 8-7 vs Ryde East
Finals:
Girls Soccer vs Putney
Senior Boys Soccer vs Eastwood Heights
Junior ‘B’ Netball vs North Ryde
Finals will be played at Meadowbank Park this Friday. All PSSA students will leave school at 11.30am. Teams not participating in Grand Finals will play friendly matches this week.
David Roberts
Coordinator
Library News
Term 3
Thank you to all the families who supported our recent Book Fair. We sold over $3700 worth of books enabling the school to purchase over $1000 worth of library books on commission. We are fortunate at Gladesville School that we have the resources to constantly build up our library collection throughout the year. A standing order with Lamont Books ensures we purchase the latest and best quality in Australian children’s literature.

Culling books is an ongoing process as the old replaces the new. Once again this year we packed 8 boxes of unneeded but good quality books that were collected by Rotary to be distributed to needy schools in Fiji. Rotary organises the collection every year and the schools are extremely grateful for our support. If you have any good quality children’s books that are no longer needed at any time during the year please bring them to the library and I will include them in next year’s collection.

Book Week theme for this year is ‘Read Across the Universe’. Some of our main events such as the Book Fair and Archiglades Art Exhibition were brought forward to Education Week. Grade 6 students will again come to the Kindergarten library sessions during the week to share a story and activity that they have prepared themselves. Quizzes will be running in the library during lunch time for Years 1-6. If you haven’t already done so, please come to the library to view the Archiglades Exhibition. There is some really stunning children’s artwork on display. The Children’s Book Council Shortlisted Books are also on display.

On Wednesday 4 September, author Steven Herrick will be doing a presentation for Grades 3-6. K- 2 were entertained by Aleesah Darlison at the end of last term.

Lastly a reminder to all students who are currently participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Entries must be submitted online through the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website by Friday 23rd August. Logon with your child’s User name and Password (this is the same as used to access computers at school).

Inez Goodfellow
Teacher Librarian