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**The Values We Share**

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**Student Congratulations**

Congratulations to the debating team who were successful in their recent debate against Eastwood P.S. The topic was "That we should ban parents from drinking (alcohol) around children".

Our team was on the Affirmative side. The debaters Uma D, Amira Y, Elle B, and Chloe B did a great job in a very hard debate.

Their winning slogan this time was: "If you're drinking, I'm thinking of drinking, too"!

Thank you Miss FitzPatrick for preparing the students for this debate.

Congratulations also to Akasha and Maea who, along with Samuel and Elizabeth, represented our school at the Area Multicultural Public Speaking Competition last week. Akasha received a Highly Commended Award for her speech in the Junior Section and Maea won the Senior Section and will now progress further to Zone Level.

**Reports**

Semester 1 student reports will be sent home this week. The teachers have spent many hours assessing and evaluating their student’s work to ensure you receive an informative and realistic summation of
their progress. I hope you will recognize and acknowledge all the hard work your children have been doing over the past two terms and congratulate them on their successes.

**Application for Extended Leave – Travel**
From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the *Exemption from School - Procedures*. Travel outside of vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes.

Certificates of Extended Leave - Travel are provided when it has been clearly demonstrated by the applicant that the leave is necessary or desirable, and that alternatives to providing leave such as distance education, have been considered. Further, the period of extended leave must be in the student’s best interests in the short and long term.

Parents are encouraged to take family holidays in designated school vacation times. Absences for travel outside designated school vacation times are recorded on the school roll, Pupil Record Card and on Semester Reports.

If parents are applying for Extended Leave – travel they need to obtain the appropriate forms from the school office, attach proof of travel documents, and submit their application in reasonable time for the Principal to complete the paperwork. **Applications that are submitted without proof of travel, not within a reasonable timeframe or post travel will be declined.**

**Uniform Request**
We have two students enrolling temporarily for Term 3 only. Our supply of second-hand uniforms is dwindling and we cannot supply them with any from school. If you have any uniforms that your children have outgrown that would suit a Year 2 boy or a Year 5 girl, we would be happy to receive them in order to assist this family.

**Farewell Staff**
This Friday we sadly say farewell to two staff members who will be sorely missed.

**Mrs Palombi**
Mrs Palombi was appointed to GPS in 2008. Since then, she has had several years seconded to different positions and schools, which is an indication that she is an expert in her field and hotly sought after!

Mrs Palombi has been the Kindergarten guru whilst at GPS and was integral in establishing the Best Start Program, consistently advocating for the highest of standards to be reached. So successful was this program, that GPS was named a ‘Lighthouse School’ for demonstrating best practice in Best Start. During this time we had many teachers from other schools coming to observe how our Kindergarten program operated.

Over the years, Mrs Palomib has been the main driver behind the K-2 Literacy program which has seen enormous growth in terms of resourcing and teacher professional learning. As Assistant Principal for Early Stage 1, Mrs Palombi has also been responsible for organising Information Nights, Orientation Programs, Pre-School visits and parent training sessions. As a result, we welcome many parents into the Kindergarten classes each week to assist with Literacy Groups. This has been a highly successful and effective program.

Mrs Palombi is also a member of the Learning and Support team at GPS. In this role, she has brought a wealth of expertise to the team in terms of knowledge in early childhood education, growth and development and has ensured the youngest members of our school have their needs adequately catered for.

Never a person to rest on her laurels, Mrs Palombi constantly seeks out challenges and ways to improve her practice.

We wish her well in the future at Concord West Public School.

**Mrs Papworth**
Mrs Papworth has been the School Administrative Manager (affectionately known as a SAM) at GPS for 20 years. She has seen many changes at the school over the years, many teachers come and go, and even ex-students returning to enrol their children! I’m sure Mrs Papworth could write a book about ‘The Office’ and entertain us all!
As the frontline person that most parents, students and visitors to the school first meet, Mrs Papworth has done an outstanding job. Mrs Papworth is a font of knowledge concerning the school and community and as such, is the first person you go to if you need information! As the school has doubled in size during the time Mrs Papworth has been managing the administration of the school, so has her work load doubled. Mrs Papworth efficiently manages the school finances, a very demanding job with the recent reform changes in the Education Department. She is incredibly patient in following up orders and negotiating with ‘difficult’ people. Mrs Papworth also manages a team of administrative staff, ensuring everyone has their role to play in the administrative running of the school.

Mrs Papworth shows an incredible level of dedication to her job, frequently working long hours after school to maintain order and prepare for future activities.

But most important of all, Mrs Papworth is kind, efficient, calm, always happy and incredibly clever. We wish Mrs Papworth all the very best in her retirement, hoping she can now spend more time with her family and friends, and can re-establish her supremacy on the bowling green!

Happy Holidays
After a very productive term I would like to thank all staff, students and parents for their hard work and contributions to making our school a happy place to work and play. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. School resumes for all students on Tuesday 14th July.

Judi Partland
Principal

K-2 Assembly
Next term K-2 Assembly will be held on Wednesdays at 11.30 in the hall, on even weeks. Gym lessons will be in the hall on Thursdays.

Deidre Pigram
Assistant Principal

Stewart House
Stewart House clothing bags will be sent home this week with your child. This gives you a good chance to have a clean out in the holidays. Please return the bag with your clothing donations to the school office before Friday 31st July 2015.

P&C Fundraising & FARE

Gladesville Public School FUNDRAISING !!!!

“Emilia Mouse has discovered a whole heap of treasures – musical instruments that create all sorts of sounds! But when the cats come out, how does Emilia use these discoveries to get out of trouble?”

$10 goes directly to the P&C Fundraising account which supports the school.

No other profit is being made, $12 covers the cost of producing the book. The book was written by Ocienne in 1F’s nanna.

If you would like to place an order for “Emilia Mouse” – please see the office for an order form.
Our F.A.R.E is only 7 weeks away….
Detailed information booklets should have come home to families last week informing everyone of what they can do to help our school successfully host a major event on GPS school grounds.

What can you do this week to help?

From Tuesday 16th June each classroom has a P&C tub to collect donations. Please place your donations in these tubs:

**Tombola** – eg, candles, bath goodies, beauty products, sweets, biscuits, cooking products, gourmet food products, sauces, small toys etc

**Kids Prizes** – eg, any small toys, stickers, stationary, jewellery items etc

**Chocolate Wheel** – eg, any sealed individual chocolate items, chocolate bars, blocks of chocolate etc

**Lollies & Sweets** – eg, Any lollies like Allen’s or Natural Confectionary Company snakes, pythons, raspberries, minties, fantales, lollipops, gummy bears, edible jewellery, etc

Many thanks,
P&C Event Committee