THE WALLUMETTA NEWS

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The Values We Share

**Term 3 Week 5 – Compassion**

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Student Congratulations

Congratulations to both our school Debating Teams. They have finished in equal first place in the local zone competition. Well done to all team members and a huge thank you to Ms FitzPatrick for being an excellent coach and mentor to the students.

We wish Maea all the best today as he competes in the Regional Multicultural Public Speaking Competition at Lewisham P.S.

Good luck also to the entire Wakakirri team, students and staff, who will be participating in the heats of this competition tomorrow night at Parramatta’s Riverside Theatre.

Staff News

Mrs Hines is on leave until the end of Term 3. Ms Milly Von Schoenberg will be teaching 2H during this time.
**Partners In Learning Survey for Parents**

Students in Y4 – Y6 completed ‘Tell Them From Me’ surveys in Term 1. The results of this survey were integral to our professional learning this term on Staff Development Day about how the school can improve student feedback and motivation. We are now ready to launch the second part of this survey, ‘Partners in Learning’ survey for parents. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include communication between parents / carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent / carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers, takes about 15 minutes to complete and is confidential. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. More information about the survey is available at [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents)

The survey can be accessed via a link on the school website from next Monday.

**Debating News**

Congratulations again on another win to our Debating Team! Last week the GPS Babushkas took on Eastwood Public School Echidnas for another exciting competition round debate. Representing GPS were: Uma, Amirah, Nadia and Elle. The topic for this week was that there should be a ban on motor racing sports. Our team presented many convincing arguments on the Affirmative side. Both GPS Debating teams, The Babushkas and The Genkis, are in equal lead place in our zone. Great work, Debaters!

Jane FitzPatrick
Coordinator

**Sport**

Winter PSSA competitions wrapped up last Friday with five teams participating in finals. The school enjoyed great success with the following teams winning finals:

- Senior B Netball won 11-10 vs Melrose Park
- Junior A Soccer won 2-0 vs Truscott Street
- Girls A Soccer won 1-0 vs Hunters Hill
- Girls B Soccer won 2-1 vs West Ryde in extra time

Unfortunately our Senior Soccer team lost a close fought match against Ryde East 2-1. Special thanks to all PSSA coaches and teams for their effort and achievement this season.

Students are now asked to return washed shirts to their team coach as soon as possible.

Summer PSSA will recommence on Friday 4 September.

This Thursday fifty students will represent our school at the Ryde Zone Athletics Carnival at Homebush. Mrs Collins and Mrs Chan will accompany our students at this carnival and we look forward to a fine team performance.

Our Boys Cricket team will play Round 4 of the State Knockout Competition on Thursday 3 Sept at Morrison Bay Park.

Plans are also underway for our Senior Boys Soccer Team to play Griffith East Public School in the Rounds of the State Knockout with 16 teams remaining. More news will be available shortly.

David Roberts
Assistant Principal
BOOK COVERING Tuesday 1 September 9.15 to 11.00am
When you cover books are they bubble free? Come along to our book covering working bee on Tuesday 1 September in the meeting room near the office. Help us cover the books the school received as a result of the book fair, so we can get them on the Library shelves this term. Lessons and refreshments provided! Please contact the school office on 9817 2388 if you can help.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
If you have a sibling due to start school next year in Kindergarten in 2016, can we remind you that they need to be enrolled at the school to attend the Orientation days in October. If you haven’t already enrolled your child, can you please complete an enrolment form and bring it to the office. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our school website under “Our School” and then “Enrolments” or the form can be obtained directly from the school office.

School App
Just a reminder if you want to download our new school app for information and notifications – the User Id is community and the password is gladesvilleps

P&C News

Father's Day Stall
Students will visit the Father's Day stall with their class on the morning of Friday, Sept 4. If you would like your child to purchase a gift please send in between $2.00 - $6.00 on the day.

Father's Day Breakfast (7.30am - 8.50am)
All GPS Dads & Grandads are invited to attend the annual Father's Day breakfast on Friday 4 September. Notes will be sent home or are available on the notes pages of the website.

Helpers Requested - If any parents are interested in helping at either the Father's Day stall or BBQ, please let us know via email to gladespc@gmail.com.au with 'Father's Day' in the title.

Many thanks
P&C Committee