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Principal's Report

Celebrate Book Week

Tomorrow on Friday 26th August we will celebrate Book Week commencing with the annual Book Character Parade at 11.45am – 12.45pm in the Wendy Wilson Hall. Come dressed as any character that you have enjoyed reading about. A yummy pizza lunch will follow (if you have placed your order) and then in the afternoon, the **Knockabout Theatre** will present four tales. This will be a wonderful way to acknowledge the high importance we place on reading and a great lead into Literacy and Numeracy Week. I hope everyone enjoys dressing up and watching the parade. Parents are very welcome to join us in the Hall to watch the children and join in the fun.

Literacy and Numeracy Week Monday 29th August – Friday 2nd September

To celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy week next week, all of the children will be participating in cross-age activities on Monday morning. This year's theme is **The Fundamentals are Fun** and next week the whole school will celebrate Literacy and Numeracy together. On Monday, straight after assembly, students in prep will visit the Grade 5/6 classes, Grade 1's will visit Grade 3/4S and the Grade 2's will visit Grade 3/4M.

The children will be asked to bring a favourite story to share and a board game or pack of cards to play a game with their buddies and friends.

We will also be playing a whole school game of Bingo throughout the week.

This cross age activity session needs to take place on Monday so as to fit in with the Art, LOTE and Music lessons plus on Tuesday the Grade 3/4s will be going on an excursion to the Zoo. The Fathers' Day Stall will be held on Thursday and on Friday the Preps will be visiting Healesville Sanctuary.

The teachers will be talking with their grades about what to bring to share during the activity time and I look forward to visiting the classes.

All children will be staying on the East Site after assembly. Parents of any latecomers to school on the West Site will need to bring their children over the bridge as the session will go from 9.30 – 11am and then they will stay for recess. Make sure you do not just drop your child off on the West Site.

When thinking about Literacy, the following is found on the DEECD website and has some great ideas about how parents can assist with their child's reading at home which you may find helpful:

Reading is an important way to make the link from spoken words to written words. Reading to your child is a valuable thing to do. Here are some tips:

- Encourage your child to select the books, magazines, catalogues, multimedia stories or DVDs.
- Discuss the pictures in a book and encourage your child to talk about the pictures.
- Re-read your child's favourite books and stories.
- Look for rhyme, rhythm, or repetition in books.
- Support your child to make their own books with pictures and then 'read' the story to you.

Reading with your child will begin when your child becomes familiar with the story and can take over some of the reading. When your child reads to you, allow time for working out words and ask questions to see if he or she understands what they have read.

If your child is trying to read a long or tricky word, give your child time and ask questions like these:

- Look at the picture, what can you see that might start with that letter?
- Look at the picture, what word makes sense?
- What letter does it start with? What sound does the letter make? What does it end with?

It's also important for you to show your child how you read every day for different purposes, for example: recipes, greeting cards, calendars, shopping lists, food labels, instructions, maps, newspapers, emails, signs and websites. Book talk is an important part of reading. Chat about the book before, during and after reading and really encourage your child to talk about their ideas and ask questions about the book. Here are some questions you can ask at different times before, during and after reading the book:

- Would you like to choose a book you know?
- Look at the cover – what do you think this book is about?
- What is happening in the pictures?
- How could we work out these tricky words?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- What was your favourite part of the book?
- What was your favourite character in the story? Why did you like that character?
- If you could change the ending of this book, what would it be?

Numeracy and Mathematics is a priority at GHPS as well and ideas for creating interest in real life mathematics and numbers in general consider where and when else Numeracy is taught.

Planning, teaching and assessing numeracy within the Victorian Essential Learning Curriculum domains is both strategic and sequential in manner and allows for scaffolding of students' learning from the gradual release of support towards independent learning across the levels.

Aspects of numeracy are also taught within the following VELC domains: The Arts and Health and Physical Education.

Being numerate in The Arts requires student understanding of relationships between time and space, and rhythm and line. Students develop understanding of these abstract concepts in various arts forms, for example moving in different directions, conducting singing rounds in music; using shape, scale, proportion and orientation in 2-D and 3-D visual art.

Creating arts works requires the use and understanding of measurement in the manipulation of space, time and form, as well as learning about size, scale, proportion, sequence, distance, balance volume and time. Through The Arts students can develop their understanding of number relationships, pattern appreciation and spatial awareness. Creating patterns in The Arts involves counting, measurement and design in different ways across the various arts forms through use of motifs, patterns, repetition, variation, counting, rhythm, phrasing and sections. Numbers are used in music and dance when learning and rehearsing works.

Number, measurement, space, chance and data are integral aspects in Health and Physical Education. Being numerate in Health and Physical Education requires the accurate representation and interpretation of data in spatial, numerical and graphic forms. Students develop their numeracy skills in counting and calculating, including counting, score keeping, calculating averages, percentages and statistics. The numeracy demands of space and measurement in Health and Physical Education include measuring time, speed, distance, weight, capacity and height and representing and Interpreting measurements including rankings, percentages, graphs, tables, angles, time and forces. Problem solving strategies are applied through investigations of sporting performance.

The students from Prep to 6 experience a great deal of Literacy and Numeracy across every school day.

Parent Opinion Survey 2011

The 2011 Parent Opinion Survey which is devised by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has been distributed to families at GHPS who were selected via the computer generated process. When parents have completed the questionnaire, put it in the envelope provided, seal the envelope, write the name and year level of their child on the back of the envelope and return it to the school by **Friday 26 August 2011**. Thank you to those parents who have already returned their survey.

Drawing/Design and caption competition – “What I like about Glen Huntly Primary School”

Thank you to the families who have responded to the School Council's idea of a competition for families where they can design and draw something that depicts what they like about GHPS. We hope to get in a few more entries in by the end of today and then have the “panel” to look at them. Results will be published in the coming weeks.

Whole School House Athletics

On Monday, the students made the most of the drier weather and participated in the rest of the events that were not completed at the House Athletics last week.

Thank you once again to Mr John Jacobs for organising the completion of the Sports and to all the staff who helped out as well. It was great to finish it off. Mr Jacobs has a report in the newsletter.

Junior School Council

A big thank you to everyone for supporting the Junior School Council's Winter Warmer Fundraiser for the State School's Relief Appeal. The soup was delicious and served by the GPA parents. Thank you to Andrea Hill, Deb Hickman, and the parents who helped serve on the day. As soon as we have in all the costings we will let you know how much profit was raised to be donated to State School's relief.

Fete Meeting

The next Fete meeting will be held next Thursday 1st September in the East Site Staff Room at 7pm. All are welcome.

The Curriculum & Policy meeting will be held next Thursday 1st at 6.00pm in the East Site staffroom.

Working Bee

Thank you to Ms Rosy Eppinger for coordinating the Working Bee last Sunday, for reporting to the Assembly last Monday and for the report in this newsletter. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered their time. The grounds always look particularly neat when we return on the Monday and it is very rewarding to see what everyone has achieved.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to the following children for their outstanding achievement in their respective sports:
Veronika – For coming 3rd in the rope division of her gymnastics.
Ishan – For winning the State Open Taekwondo title recently.

Libby Alessi – Principal

Batman Back-to-Back

With rain interrupting the House Athletics last Wednesday before the relays were run there was much excitement in the air prior to the resumption of activities on Monday. It was a beautiful day weatherwise and for those in Batman house it turned out to be beautiful for other reasons too.

Batman House Captains Lara and Jasper were to raise their second trophy in five days (they won the Spirit Cup on Wednesday) as they proved too strong in the relays to allow any other house to catch up to them. The co-

captains shone with pride as they raised the shield to their adoring Batman squad. **Congratulations Batman!**

Lara said that it was "definitely one of the highlights of my primary school life" while Jasper was confident of Batman's success continuing next year and winning three in a row.

The whole school enjoyed the relays and cheered loudly and proudly for their respective houses. Thank you to all our super athletes who participated to make this a special occasion. It was great to see so many students involved, trying their best and, most importantly, having fun!

House Athletics 2012

After discussion with parents and students after this year's event we have decided to try and beat the weather next year by staging the House Athletics earlier in the year. The date for next year's meet is Thursday 19th April. This is in the first week of Term 2. Fingers crossed.

John Jacobs- Sports Co-ordinator



Running races in progress



Cambodian Presentation - 24 August 2011

On Wednesday 24th August, Thida, a Cambodian refugee who came to Australia in 1975, delivered a very insightful presentation to our senior school students (Gr's 3-6). She talked about Cambodian life and culture and also told us the story of her family's escape from her native country and immigration to Australia. It was very well received by our students who were able to thank her in the Cambodian language that she had taught us. The presentation tied in well with the unit the Grade 5/6's have been studying. Glen Huntly Primary School is in the process of establishing a relationship with a Cambodian rural primary school.

Jump Rope for Heart

Monday's Whole School Assembly was paid a visit by Alice from the **Jump Rope for Heart Team**. She informed our students about the importance of the **HEART** and explained the reasoning for keeping fit and healthy. **Jump Rope for Heart** takes place on Wednesday, 7th September. Our students have begun to practice their skipping and raise much needed money for the Heart Foundation.

COOKING CALENDAR

Here is the latest Cooking Calendar update.
Thurs 25th Aug - **3 / 4 S & 3 / 4 M** Lemonade
Mon 29th Aug - **1 / 2 K** Lemon & passionfruit cupcakes
Fri 2nd Sep - **1F** Cheese & Cauliflower Soup
Mon 5th Sep - **2T** Lemon and passionfruit cupcakes
Fri 9th Sep - **Prep T** Lemon & passionfruit cupcakes
Fri 16th Sep - **Prep B** Lemon & passionfruit cupcakes
Mon 19th Sep - Lillypilly Jam 3 – 6 (Those who missed out.)

By the end of the year every grade will have made something sweet and something savoury using our garden produce or bush tucker. They will also have made lemonade using 'Zitronen' (lemons) during LOTE classes. If your child has special dietary requirements, the classroom teachers will let me know and I will be in touch with those families to discuss alternatives.

Thank you. Rosy Eppinger (Chef extraordinaire)

NOTICES DISTRIBUTED TO PARENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NOTICE</u>
22/8/11	Prep B & T	Healesville Sanctuary
23/8/11	All Children	Drawing/Design Comp.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who received a 'Student of the Week' Award at last Monday's Assembly:

Suranjana PT – Fantastic work in maths

Udit 2T – For regrouping of tens

Saathvika 2T – For use of a data chart for factual text about the heart

David 5/6J – Great concentration & effort when working with protractors

Olivia 5/6J – For excellent work on Maths Olympiad IV

Mana 5/6J – Improved contribution in class

Alan 5/6J – Great application in Maths Olympiad work

GLEN HUNTLY PARENT'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 9th Sept – 5.30 – 7.30 Games Night

Sun 6th Nov – FETE

GPA (Glen Huntly Parent's Association) is the social and fundraising sub committee of Glen Huntly Primary school. We are a small group of parents who are very dedicated to raising the additional funds needed to provide our kids with extra equipment, fun activities and facilities not funded by the Government. GPA also hosts social events to bring the school community together.



CAKE RAFFLE

Congratulations to Nikol (5/6J) on winning Yvonne's delicious lamingtons and thank you Yvonne for joining the 'Brave Cooks'.

Next week's 'brave cook' is Christine (James PT) so please support Christine's efforts and purchase a raffle

ticket from your class teacher next Monday for 20 cents. You may be the lucky winner!
 We are now looking for bakers for Term 4. If you would like to bake a cake please add your name to the list and return to the office. Thank you.

Friday, 9th September – Games Night

Keep Friday, 9th September free from 5.30 – 7.30pm for a special games night to be held in the Wendy Wilson Hall. More information will be available shortly.

ICY POLES/HOT CHOCOLATE

Hot chocolate and icy poles are available every Wednesday at lunchtime. You can purchase them for \$1.00 each on Wednesday.

House Points – Hot Chocolate – Mugs

The following houses have received points for students bringing their own mugs for hot chocolate:

	<u>24th August</u>	<u>Total</u>
Batman:	5 points	72
Flinders:	3 points	107
Hume:	0 points	61
Mitchell:	3 points	48

The countdown is on!! Only 73 days until the GHPS fete

FETE NEWS

Thank you to the following families who have collected vouchers for our Fete:

- Nikola – **Sunny’s Fruit & Vegie** \$20 Voucher
- Alvin – **Miss Kitty’s Costumes** \$55 fairy dress with accessories
- Ben – **Lewis Pharmacy** \$50 hamper
- Ben – **The Change Agent Network** \$35 book ‘Work Smarter, Live Better’
- Keanu & Arsha – 10 x \$20 Quicksales Voucher
- Keanu & Arsha– 2 x \$20 Voucher Caribbean Queen Hairdressing
- Gail & Kurt – Rosh Hair & Beauty Eyebrow & Upper Lip Voucher \$30 x 2

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Fathers’ Day Stall

Our Fathers’ Day stall will be held Thursday, 1st September. Please make sure your child brings their money in a secure purse or envelope. Children attending the chess competition this day will be able to purchase on Wednesday at lunchtime from the GPA parents in Wendy Wilson Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August		
Fri 19 th Aug	1.00	Soup Day – State School Relief
Sun 21 st Aug	9.00-12.00	Working Bee & BBQ lunch
Fri 26 th Aug	11.30-12.30	Book Character Parade
Fri 26 th Aug	1.00	Pizza Lunch
Fri 26 th Aug	2.00	Theatre Performance
Mon 29 th Aug	2.00	Aust Girls choir audition
Tues 30 th Aug	9.00	Gr 3 & 4 Excursion Zoo
September		
Thurs 1 st Sep	9.00	Fathers’ Day Stall
Thurs 1 st Sept	7.00pm	FETE committee Meeting
Thurs 1 st Sept	6.00pm	Curriculum & Policy mtg
Fri 2 nd Sept	9.00	Preps Healesville Sanctuary
Mon 5 th Sept	6.30	School Council Finance
Mon 5 th Sept	7.00	School Council Meeting
Wed 7 th Sept		Jump Rope for Heart
Fri 9 th Sept	9.00	GPA Meeting – Activities Ctr
Fri 9 th Sept	5.30-7.30	Games Night Wendy Wilson hall
Thurs 22 nd Sept	7.00pm	Fete Meeting
Fri 23 Sept	2.30pm	End of Term 3 – early finish
October		
Mon 10 th Oct	9.00am	Start Term 4

Cake Raffle Term 3	
Mon 29 th August	Christine
Mon 5 th September	Keerthana
Mon 12 th September	Juliana
Mon 19 th September	Michelle
Cake Raffle Term 4	
Mon 10 th October	Rose
Mon 17 th October	
Mon 24 th October	Donna
Mon 31 st October	Nicole
Mon 7 th November	Michelle
Mon 14 th November	
Mon 21 st November	
Mon 28 th November	Yvonne
Mon 5 th December	
Mon 12 th December	
Mon 19 th December	

