Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kids Biz Education Sessions
Wednesday 9th March (GGPS Staffroom)

Kids Biz Education will return to our school in March. They will present two sessions designed to be fun, informative and easy to understand. The highly interactive sessions will provide students and their parents / care providers with an introduction to basic personal and social development education; traditionally known as the ‘facts of life’. Sessions are facilitated in a manner that is not conducive to an awkward or threatening environment. Two sessions are available:

6:40pm - 7:30pm  Where Did We Come From?
Suitable for Reception to Year 4 students
Myths about where babies come from
Conception/fertilization/ 9 months of foetal development
The birth process

7:40pm - 8:30pm  What’s Happening To Us?
Suitable for Year 5 to 7 students
Puberty (Physical and Emotional)
Body Image and Media Influences

Cost per family is $10 for one session or $15 for two sessions. Bookings are essential. 
Please phone Barbie to book or email Barbara.Rankin10@schools.sa.edu.au and include numbers to attend and the required session/s.

More information regarding these sessions can be found at http://www.kidzbiz.edu.au/

Introducing our 2016 School Captains!

Trent Harrison
Sam Clark
Lachlan Hale
Luke Dickenson
Ethan Perkin
Mitch Vansoest
Jack Woolley
Emma Dean
Dkota Kubenk
Caitlyn Organ
Thank you to the parents and staff who attended our Annual General Meeting on Monday evening, 22nd February. Our 2015 Annual Report was presented and information was provided regarding the Numeracy and Literacy work in progress across the Golden Way Partnership of Schools/Preschools. At the conclusion of the AGM, the first Governing Council meeting for the year was convened and Governing Council Office Bearers were elected.

The 2016 GGPS Governing Council consists of:

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Governing Council Sub-Committees

Our Governing Council has a number of committees which assist the Council to carry out its functions more efficiently and effectively by handling matters that require considerable discussion, development or planning. Governing Council committees are a valuable way of:

- assisting the Council to meet its array of responsibilities by expanding the number and range of people involved in governance and leaving the main body to focus on its broader governing role
- broadening opportunities for more parents and caregivers, staff and other community members with particular expertise to be involved
- providing other entry levels for the participation of interested parents and caregivers and community members

Parents interested in joining one of the committees listed below are invited to phone or email Barbie in the office for more details. Barbara.Rankin10@schools.sa.edu.au

- Fundraising Committee – Meetings 2x per term,
- Assets Committee – Meetings 2x per term, Thursdays 8am
- Finance Committee – Meetings 2x per term, Mondays 5pm
- OSHC Advisory Committee – Meetings 1x per term, Tuesdays 6pm
- Uniform Committee – Meetings 2x per term, Thursdays 2:30pm
- Canteen Committee – Meetings 2x per term, Tuesdays 2:30pm

Class Parents

Thank you to the parents who have nominated to be Class Parents for 2016.

We are still looking for Class Parents for the following classes: HB2, HB6, HB8, HB12, HB17, HB18, HB20, HB23, HB25, HB27, HB29, HB30. We’d love to hear from you if you are interested!

School Fees 2016

A HUGE thank you to all families who have made full or part payment. If you have not made any payments, please make arrangements to do so (either full or part). Second instalment due 18th March and the FINAL instalment is due 15th April 2016.

Payment window is OPEN every morning from 8.30 – 9.15am and Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 2.45 – 3.15pm. If you wish to pay outside this time you can either:

- Put money in an envelope and hand into in the front Office, or
- Ring and pay by credit card over the phone.
Here we are in Week 4 already and the 2016 school year is well underway. If you are new to Golden Grove PS, welcome! We hope you are settling in and finding your way around. For those of us who have been here for a while, a new school year can feel quite familiar and sometimes it’s easy to simply slot back in and hurry along with life. When you think about it, most people are in a hurry these days. We weave through traffic looking for the quickest lane, we look for the shortest checkout line at the supermarket, we try out 30 or even 15 minute meal recipes for weeknight cooking – anything to get things done as quickly as we can. Sometimes all that hurrying and rushing about doesn’t actually mean that we have more time to relax and take things easy, even when we are out with friends or having a night at home our phones and tablets are constantly alerting us to new messages, Facebook or Instagram posts that we simply must pay attention to. Years ago a doctor came up with the term “Hurry Sickness” to describe the stress that was having a direct impact on his patient’s health. We don’t want to be trapped on a never ending treadmill but embracing life means being able to take time out. Sometimes we are busy because we are afraid of being still and taking time to feel and think. There’s a fear that we might sometimes feel sad or disappointed. We can be afraid that if we don’t do something ourselves it won’t be done right or we fear letting others down if we set some personal boundaries. Surprisingly, taking time to simply be is essential for us. Remind yourself that this is the reason we are called human be-ings, not human do-ings.

If your family has not filled in a consent form in the last 12 months, please feel free to fill in the one below and return it to the office or your child’s teacher. More information on my role as Pastoral Care Worker can be found on the school’s website or on my noticeboard near the uniform shop.

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Parents are asked to complete their child’s name, tick Yes or No below, sign this form, and return it to the class teacher or the front office.

Student Name ................................................................. Class ............
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○ YES I give consent for my student to seek and obtain individual personal assistance from the Pastoral Care Worker at Golden Grove Primary school

I understand that teachers retain over-riding duty of care for students in such circumstances. Therefore Kelly is required to confidentially inform teaching staff of all matters related to duty of care and student learning, health and wellbeing and will ensure my child is aware of the scope and limits of privacy and confidentiality in any conversation at which a teacher is not present. I am aware too that Kelly is a mandated notifier in relation to child protection.

○ NO I do not give consent for my student to seek and obtain individual personal assistance from the Pastoral Care Worker at Golden Grove Primary School.

I understand I can change this consent in writing to the Principal at any time.

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Parent signature
Golden Grove Primary School
Award Winners
This week's awards were given for Responsibility & for developing a strong Growth Mindset