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# Golden Grove Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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### Term 4 Week 4, 4th November 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope the term is progressing well for you and your children. We are very busy with the excitement that Term 4 brings to the school calendar.

In this newsletter you will find information regarding our Performing Arts Showcases, End of Year Concert and our two Graduation Ceremonies. The dates are confirmed but as with other major events, attendance details may be adjusted as we get closer to the dates. We look forward to sharing these events with families; hopefully we will be able to accommodate 2-4 adults per family. This will be finalised at a later time to ensure our planning meets SA Health recommendations.

Also in this newsletter you will find a snapshot of our reading and mathematics data. We are currently analysing student learning results to measure progress in improvement priorities and to set goals and targets for the new year.

Kind regards, Wendy



### Performing Arts Showcase

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

9:00am Showcase for Parent audience (Hall)

11:00am Showcase for Student audience (COLA)

Students who have been involved in Primary Voices, Senior Voices, Blue Comet Band, Red Rovers, Tinikilers and Bro-Code will entertain us in two wonderful showcases.

We warmly welcome family members (2 adults per performing student) to the 9:00am Showcase in the Hall. Please check in with our QR code and wear a mask.

### Year 6 & 7 Graduations

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (Year 6)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December (Year 7)



Our Graduation Ceremonies will be held in the Hall and followed by celebratory dinners.

Parents of Year 6 & 7 students will receive an initial letter today.

As indicated above, numbers of invited guests will be confirmed closer to the date.



## End of Year Concert

Classes are beginning to plan their items for the 2021 end of year concert.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 6:00pm – 7:45pm (approx.)



- 4:30pm Gates will open
- 5:00pm Pre-concert entertainment will begin
- 5:30pm Students to meet teachers in classrooms to prepare for their performances.
- 6:00pm Concert will begin

Students will remain in classrooms with their teachers during the concert and will proceed to and from the stage for their items only. (Students will see the full concert earlier in the day.)

Families are invited to bring food/drink. The canteen will be open for over the counter snacks until 6pm, and will reopen after the concert. There will no hot food available.

Please note: this will be a ticketed event to ensure numbers are managed efficiently and safely. Tickets will be issued to each family prior to the event.

### **SITE IMPROVEMENT PLAN PRIORITIES**

Each year we analyse our student learning results and make plans for new school improvement goals and targets for the coming year. Reading and Maths have been our priorities for the past three years and we are very pleased to share the following results with you.

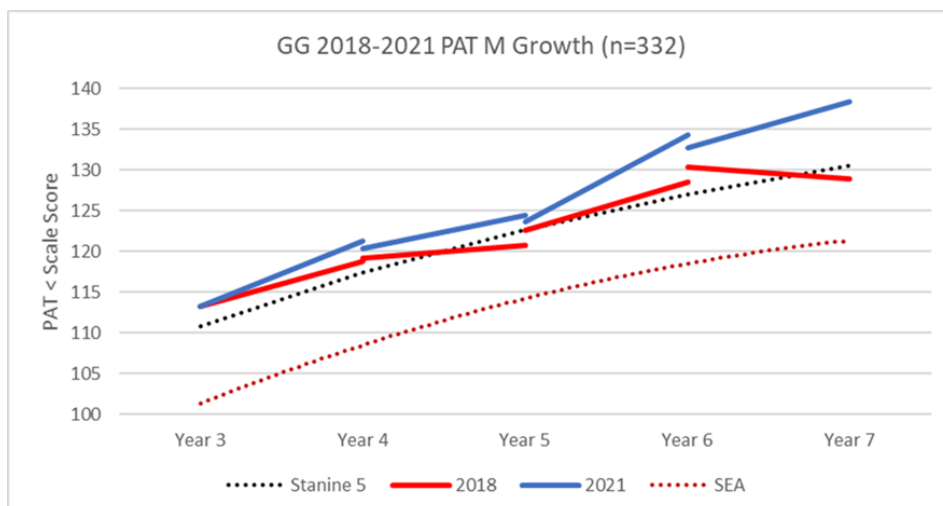
**Reading results** according to NAPLAN testing indicate:

- An increase in the number of students achieving in the high bands in Year 3 and Year 5 (a 1% decrease in Year 7)
- An increase in students achieving at standard in Years 5 & 7 (a 1% decrease at Year 3)

**Maths results** according to NAPLAN testing indicate:

- An increase in the number of students achieving in the high bands in Year 3 and Year 5 (a 2% decrease in Year 7; however Year 7 percentages are already above our historic average)
- An increase in students achieving at standard in Years 5 & 7 (a 1% decrease at Year 7)

And, Maths results according to PAT-M testing indicate that between 2018 and 2021, the average growth in achievement for our students at every year level increased. On the graph below, the red lines indicate the growth within one year (from 2017 to 2018) for each year level cohort. The blue lines indicate growth from 2020 to 2021 depicting not only higher scores but stronger one-year growth overall.



# CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Congratulations to our 2021 Children's University Graduates!

These 43 students pursued a minimum of 30 (out of school) hours, dedicated to learning in a variety of ways. Activities included sport, music, arts and crafts plus endless online options through the University portal. Visits to museums, galleries and learning destinations were possible this year with restrictions being eased.

Our CUA graduates demonstrated a committed attitude and discovered new learning along the way.

To acknowledge their efforts, graduates attended a very special Graduation Ceremony at Bonython Hall last night.





# SAPSASA Basketball

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of October, the Golden Grove Year 6 boys basketball team attended the SAPSASA Basketball Championship Final at Mt. Barker. This competition featured the 14 best teams from the state who had previously qualified 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> on the qualifying days.

We were in a tough division with some elite basketball programs, players and coaches. In the heats we won 4 out of 7 games, losing 3 games by small margins to Whitefriars, Prince Alfred College and Eastern Fleurieu.



We qualified 4<sup>th</sup> in our heat which allowed us to play for the 7<sup>th</sup> position overall. Playing Glen Osmond in the playoff was exciting and nerve racking. At the final siren we were up by 2 points but we committed a foul with seconds remaining so Glen Osmond had two shots from the free throw line. Fortunately for us, both shots missed.

Our students were excellent sports and supported each other really well all day.

Regards, Mr. Fryer



# SAPSASA Cricket

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, we sent 2 teams to the SAPSASA Cricket Carnival. We had a girls and boys team and each team could have 8 on the field. They bat in pairs and each player gets a bowl. The boys started off well, winning their first game by 57 runs. They lost their second game by 37 runs, won the third game by 70 runs and lost the last game to Wynn Vale by 10 runs, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

Well done to the boys who bowled really well all day but unfortunately had too many dot balls in the games we lost.

The girls, who won the carnival, did as they have done all year. They worked really hard together as a team and encouraged each other, giving lots of positives. They won their first game easily, lost the second in a low scoring match, but then rallied around each other and finished off with two wins. The results were based on the teams best 3 games and runs. So we had 3 wins and 360 runs over those games.

Some stand outs were Georgia's 4 wicket maiden over, and the fact the girls got 17 wickets in the last game; great bowling. The boys had Jack and Kade smashing lots of 6's and Caleb who gave up the fewest runs with his tight bowling.

Thanks to all the parents who supported us this year and in previous years with SAPSASA. Sadly, it's the last one for all of those students.

Thanks to Lindy who helped coach the girls to victory, she did a fantastic job. We constantly get praise from other schools about how well behaved our students are and what great sportsmanship they show at these carnivals.

Regards, Bruce Pearce





## **Girls AFL State Carnival**



We spent an amazing three days down at West Beach representing Tea Tree Gully for the first ever girls State Football Carnival. We played nine games across the three days. We played three games each day. The games were two, 15 minutes halves. It was a very tough competition as we competed against country and city teams. All of the country teams practise against boys so they were a lot rougher than us.

The best part about our football experience was to be chosen to be in the team, and to represent the Tea Tree Gully District as it was a tough trial. 60 people trialled and there were only 16 spots. We met many new people from different clubs along the way. It was amazing to make new friends. One of the worst things of the trip was the bugs floating around the ovals which we got used to, after a couple of members of the team ate a couple!

The football carnival ended on a high note with our team being undefeated and overall winning the division two competition, taking out the gold medal for the first ever girls State Football Carnival. We will remember this experience forever!

Regards, Maddi and Indi

## **GGPS Canteen Vacancy**

Casual Canteen Manager: Commencing Term 1, 2022

22 hours per week

Job & Person Specification and application details available from 8/11/2021

Applications close end of business day 22/11/2021

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## **TERM 4 WEEK 4 – OSHC News**

What a busy start to term! The children have enjoyed being able to explore their outside environment as the weather warms up. Cricket has been enjoyed by many, those experienced and new to the game. The children have taught those new to the game how to bat and bowl and help guide them during a group game. There has been lots of collaborative play as children engage in building with a variety of materials or playing board games. Activity is always busy each night, with children developing their fine motor and creativity skills through different art experiences. We've learnt about Halloween and celebrated Children's Week by using art to examine this year's theme: *Children have the right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others*. We can't wait to learn through art about traditions and celebrations around the world as we head into the festive season.

## **BOOKING FORM 2022**

The Booking Form for 2022 will be available from Week 5, **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. It is essential to complete a new form each year to secure a place for your child/children. Bookings are not carried over from the previous year.

Please note it is extremely important for families to ensure their details are up to date and notify us of any changes in contact details, dietary requirements, medical conditions and emergency contacts as of the beginning of 2022 we will be switching to electronic sign in. All families and people authorized to collect, will be given a pin code.

## **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Pupil Free Day Term 4 – Week 6, **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Please book via email, SMS or written in communication book if required as bookings are required by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

\*\*\*Please be advised that all Before School Care and After School Care bookings for this day are automatically cancelled.

## **DECEMBER/JANUARY VACATION CARE FORM**

The December/January Vacation Care form will be available Week 7, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

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# Golden Grove Primary School Award Winners

