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Golden Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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MONDAY 8/8/22

Governing Council
meeting

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Term 3 Week 1, 29th July 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 3. There was a good deal of progress during the holidays with our building project and all of the transportable buildings (with the exception of the library) have now been demolished. The next stage of the project will involve landscaping the area on the lower level closest to the Cobbler Creek playground and then construction works will begin. The demolition of the library will not occur until our new buildings are in use.

This term we welcome two new staff members. Jamie Kriticos is working in the school Wednesday-Friday while Clare Kirby takes maternity leave and Mackenzie Brown joins us to teach Japanese to all classes from Reception to Year 6. Mackenzie's position replaces the teaching roles of Huong Do who has taken leave, leading to retirement and Claudia Brewis who is now working full time at Golden Grove High School.

Teaching of Languages

Many parents will already be aware that each South Australian Government school teaches a language from Reception to Year 8. Languages are offered from Year 9 to 12 but are optional subjects.

At present, all primary schools along the Golden Way offer Japanese and the Golden Grove High School offers both Japanese and Spanish.

Our school has a long history of teaching Japanese. However with the pending retirement of our Japanese teacher Huong Do, we are keen to seek your opinion regarding the future of language teaching in our school.

In coming days, you will receive an email asking you to complete a survey regarding which language you would prefer to be offered at GGPS from 2023. Would you like our school to continue offering Japanese, would you like us to consider the other GGHS offering of Spanish or would you like Auslan (which was introduced briefly last semester) to be offered?

We look forward to your survey input. In the meantime, you will find additional information over the page regarding the teaching of languages.

Kind regards, *Wendy*

Teaching of Languages

Current language teaching in our local area	
Golden Grove High School	Spanish & Japanese
The Heights School	Indonesian
Keithcot Primary	Japanese
Wynn Vale Primary	Japanese
Greenwith Primary	Japanese
Gleeson	Italian & Japanese
Pedare	German & Mandarin Chinese

The top 10 most spoken languages in the world in 2022	
1	English
2	Mandarin Chinese
3	Hindi
4	Spanish
5	Standard Arabic
6	Bengali
7	French
8	Russian
9	Portuguese
10	Urdu

Current language offerings in public schools across South Australia, including both metropolitan and regional areas		
Language	Number of Schools (Primary & Secondary)	Number of Secondary Schools (many of which offer 2 languages)
Aboriginal Languages (7)	63	10
Auslan	38	2
Chinese	24	8
French	34	14
German	33	10
Indonesian	50	8
Italian	37	11
Japanese	126	31
Korean	2	0
Modern Greek	19	6
Spanish	42	9
Vietnamese	4	1

DUSTY FEET MOB TERM 2 VISIT



On the last day of term, we had the most wonderful experience of welcoming Dusty Feet Mob to our school. We learnt so much about Aboriginal culture and also had a great deal of fun.

TERM 3 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**



Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews at [Golden Grove Primary School](#) will be held in Weeks 3 and 4 of this term. Bookings for all interviews open on Thursday 28th July at 3.05pm and must be finalised by Thursday 4th August 2022 at 3.05pm, when bookings for this event will close. At this stage meetings will be held face-to-face with social distancing and mask wearing, if this is to change we will inform families as soon as possible. (Parents of children in HB11 & HB13 will note that the interview dates are for later in the term when those classroom teachers return from leave).

A crèche will be offered in the Resource Centre on our late night Tuesday 9th August 2022. School aged children may be booked into the crèche via the office, 82893137 or karen.smith965@schools.sa.edu.au. Bookings for the crèche will close 5/08/2022 at 3.05pm.

Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

BOOKINGS CLOSE THURSDAY 4th AUGUST AT 3.05PM

- Teachers will practise physical distancing and wear masks during the interview and we ask parents to do the same please.
- If you have symptoms of COVID-19, no matter how mild– please stay home.
- If you are unwell–please stay home. We will reschedule your appointment time to a later date.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.



Simply enter the code and press "Go"

Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically.

If you do not receive your email immediately –

Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews until the bookings close on Thursday the 4th August at 3.05pm.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 82893137.

END OF TERM 2 ALL VALUES AWARDS

Resilience

Excellence



Self-management

Perseverance

Empathy

Courage



Teamwork

RESPECT

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

“Every child in Australia has a right to an education that develops their talent and ability to reach their fullest potential”

John Gardner (Former Minister for Education)

We all have a role to play to ensure that children get the best education possible, and this starts with ensuring that **all** children attend school **all** day, **every** school day.

Attendance is a priority at Golden Grove Primary School. The more students attend, the more they learn and the more they will like school.

Research also indicates that **regular attendance** leads to:

- Developing skills and attitudes such as self-discipline, punctuality, organisation and sticking to routines
- Making friends and learning how to maintain relationships over a period of time
- Learning social skills necessary to live and work with others

Parents/Caregivers are required to:

- Ensure that all children attend school from the beginning of each day (8:50am)
- Provide the school with an appropriate explanation for the student's non-attendance via a telephone call/SMS before 10am on the day of the absence
- Provide a medical certificate for extended absences (over 3 days) due to illness.
- Obtain a late slip from Student Services if students arrive after 8:50am and present to teacher on arrival at classroom
- Obtain an early dismissal slip from Student Services and present this to the classroom teacher if taking a child from school prior to 3:10pm
- Request a temporary exemption form from school for any known absences of five days or longer (ED175 forms available from the front office)
- Communicate to relevant school staff any needs or concerns which may affect a child's attendance

If your child is experiencing any barriers to attending school regularly, please contact me as soon as possible so that we can work together to address any issues.

Gerry Templeton

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High School

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PRESENTS

Middle School Matters Workshops

A workshop series for prospective & current parents and caregivers of students starting high school in 2023.

Tuesday 16th August
5:30pm till 7:30pm

Meeting at GGHS Reception Area

Please note: This a ticketed event and masks must be worn by all participants.

Golden Grove High School invites parents and caregivers of current and future students to attend a selection of 4 workshops that respond to key areas of interest from a parent engagement survey in Term 2. Each workshop will run for approximately 30 minutes, and will repeat in each time slot, allowing attendees to book in for each session across the evening. The four workshops will be centre around the following topics:

Wellbeing Workshop- Services to support your child's mental health

(Best suited to prospective & current families)

Our Wellbeing Leaders will share with you some helpful tools, practical ideas and resources that will assist in preparing your child for their transition. Additionally, they will inform you of the wellbeing supports systems in place for students at GGHS.

Learning Support- Programs and services to support your child's learning

(Best suited to prospective families)

Meet our Leader of Learner Support and Special Needs, Paul Gibbs, to learn how we support students with additional needs to be successful in their transition to high school.

Our Curriculum- Middle schooling at GGHS

(Best suited to prospective families)

Michelle Parkes, Assistant Principal of Middle School, will share with families our Middle School Model. Demonstrating how our curriculum offerings will support your child's transition to high school.

Effective Study Skills – Strategies for successful learning

(Best suited to prospective and current families)

Supporting your child with best practice, effective study and organisation skills to maximise learning. This workshop will also focus on key strategies such as study spaces and scheduling to reduce anxiety around homework.

Middle School Matters Workshops- Term 3 2022

GOLDEN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL



Middle School Matters Workshops

Please see below the workshop schedule and online booking information to reserve your place.

Bookings can be made through Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/380764094657>

Bookings close – Tuesday 16th August 12pm

5:15-5:25pm	Introduction to Middle School Team Meet key team members for 2022 outside the GGHS Reception.	
5:30-6:00pm	Wellbeing Workshop- Transition and support services	Max 30 people
	Learning Support Workshop- Services to support your child's learning	Max 30 people
	Our Curriculum Workshop- Middle schooling at GGHS	Max 30 people
	Effective Study Skills - Strategies for successful learning	Max 30 people
6:00-6:30pm	Wellbeing Workshop - Transition and support services	Max 30 people
	Learning Support Workshop - Services to support your child's learning	Max 30 people
	Our Curriculum Workshop - Middle schooling at GGHS	Max 30 people
	Effective Study Skills - Strategies for successful learning	Max 30 people
6:30-7:00pm	Wellbeing Workshop - Transition and support services	Max 30 people
	Learning Support Workshop - Services to support your child's learning	Max 30 people
	Our Curriculum Workshop - Middle schooling at GGHS	Max 30 people
	Effective Study Skills - Strategies for successful learning	Max 30 people
7:00-7:30pm	Wellbeing Workshop – Transition and support services	Max 30 people
	Learning Support Workshop – Services to support your child's learning	Max 30 people
	Our Curriculum Workshop – Middle schooling at GGHS	Max 30 people
	Effective Study Skills - Strategies for successful learning	Max 30 people