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Golden Grove Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Casual Clothes Day
2:05pm Dismissal

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Dear Parents,

As the 2022 year comes to a close, I thank you sincerely for supporting our school and for working with us to ensure the best opportunities for your children.

Thank you in particular for understanding the challenges of the past year; hopefully we will have a higher degree of 'normality' to look forward to in 2023.



I wish all families a safe and happy summer.

Merry Christmas!

Kind regards, Wendy

Year 6 Graduates

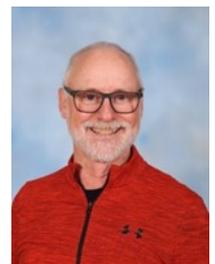
This week we will formally farewell our Year 6 students who have reached the end of their Primary schooling. 87 students will participate in our Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday evening. We wish our Graduates all the very best for the years ahead.

Staff Farewells

This week we will also farewell a small number of staff. Two of these staff members have been at our school for a significant amount of time.....

Gary Rankin is retiring!

Gary is a much loved Junior Primary teacher who has been at GGPS for 24 years of his 42 year teaching career. He has been an inspiration to the teachers who have worked alongside him and he has brought the joy of learning to many children who have benefitted from Gary's love of Maths and creativity. Gary's puppets have enriched the learning opportunities in his classroom and will remain a wonderful memory for those who have been fortunate to have Gary as their teacher.



You may recall that Gary's wife Barbie retired from our school last year. They are both now looking forward to beginning the next chapter of their lives. Gary, enjoy your final day on Wednesday. You will be so missed!

And Lorna Crisanti is retiring too!



Lorna has brought the love of reading and the joy of books to our school for the past 8 years. Lorna has encouraged and supported our students to select “just right” books and during her time as teacher-librarian, has made our library a very popular place to be before school, at lunchtimes and during lessons.

Like Gary, Lorna's career span totals 42 years. She always tells people that she has the best role in the school and we thank her sincerely for carrying out that role with such dedication. We will miss you Lorna; we wish you all the best in your retirement!



Farewells

We thank and farewell to **Karina Damare** who has been our Defence Transition Aide for the past 3 years. Karina has been a great support to Defence families during this time and a valued colleague.

We also thank and farewell **Mackenzie Brown** who taught Japanese in the latter part of this year following the retirement of Huong Do. Mackenzie will teach Japanese at Ocean View College next year.

We thank and farewell **Jamie Kriticos** who taught in HB12 and HB16 this year. Jamie will teach a Junior Primary class at Fairview Park Primary next year.

2023 Classes

Students will receive information regarding their 2023 placements with their Reports on Wednesday and will also have the opportunity to meet their new teachers. The Class Placement process has been quite complex as several of our classes are full for 2023. As such, once class placements are finalised, it is very unlikely that we will be able to accommodate any changes. We appreciated the information provided by parents prior to the placement exercise. Please remember however that parent requests can only be met if they align with the requests of other families (if involving specific children) and with recommendations of current teachers.

2023 School Terms

Term 1	Monday January 30th – Friday April 14th
Term 2	Monday May 1st – Friday July 7th
Term 3	Monday July 24th – Friday September 29th
Term 4	Monday October 16th – Friday December 15th

COBBLER CREEK VACATION CARE – ADVANCED NOTICE

We remind all families that the Cobbler Creek Vacation Care Service will not operate during the April 2023 school holidays. This is due to the Capital Works project which will involve removal of hazardous materials and subsequent demolition of the old library during the holidays.