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Golden Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER

OUR VALUES

RESILIENCE-EMPATHY-SELF MANAGEMENT-PERSEVERANCE-COURAGE-TEAMWORK

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Monday 26/02/24
AGM 7pm

Tuesday 27/02/24
Volunteer Training 9am

Friday 1/03/24
SAPSASA Swimming

Wednesday 6/03/24
School Tour 9:30am

Monday 11/03/24
Adelaide Cup
Public Holiday

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Term 1 Week 4, 23/02/2024

Dear Families,

It is wonderful to be back this week! I appreciate everyone's patience as I slowly get back on my feet following a minor procedure to fix my injured knee.

Thank you to all the families and students who joined us this week for our Acquaintance Night. It was wonderful to see the students showcase all their hard work from the first 4 weeks of school. As I'm sure you would have seen on the night, our incredible library is in full swing now and the students are actively using the space to support our focus on reading.

Our Year 6 students are currently working through the nomination process for School Captains. Upper Primary Staff and school leadership are busily reading through all the student applications and have an incredibly challenging task of narrowing down to ten leaders, with two students representing each of our five school house teams. Stay tuned to see our student leadership evolve throughout the year.

At Golden Grove we value volunteer support and encourage it wherever possible. This can include sporting events, excursions, class support, uniform, library or canteen. If you are interested or willing to help, please join us for volunteer training next Tuesday (27/2/24). To book in and for further details, please see Karen in the Front Office, or e-mail dl.1848.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Warm regards, *Graeme*

Library Chat

THE CHALLENGE IS ON!

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is now in full swing with children reading and recording 12 books before the first week in September. While this may seem an easy target to reach for younger children who share stories in class, in the library and at home with family, older children who are reading independently need the time to read longer texts. Consistently making time to read, even just 20 minutes a day, is critical in helping children build their reading stamina. Do you encourage your children to read each day, perhaps before bedtime or over the weekend?

At GGPS we are guiding our year 2-6 students to make conscious choices in the books they read for the PRC this year. Of the 12 books to read, 4 are free choice and we are encouraging the children to select their other 8 books from a set of fun and interesting criteria. Ask your child about why they are choosing the books they are reading. Above all, all students are expected to read books that are at a suitable level for their age and reading ability. Here are just a few of the book options; has a one-word title, is about a real person, recommended by a friend, a book turned into a movie, a book you chose because of the cover or the blurb. I wonder if you have books at home that match!

I am embarking on my own reading challenge this year which I will be sharing with the children along the way... reading our Principal's height (193cm) in books! This is an opportunity for us to have valuable conversations about successful reading behaviours, the complex process of book selections, my thoughts about different genres and which stories or authors stand out above the rest.

It was great to welcome so many families to our beautiful new library on Acquaintance Night. The children loved showing you their favourite books and places to sit and read.

STORY BOX LIBRARY

Our school has a subscription to Story Box Library and it is available for you to use at home with your children. Story Box Library brings stories to life with animations and narration by authors,

illustrators and celebrities.

<https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/>

Username and password both: goldengropevs





"I Love the library because of the working space." Ethan C

"I love the pillow pets." Quinn S-M

"I love how big the library is and how many seats there are."

"I love the library because it is always quiet and organised." Ruby R

"What I love about the library is the cool and funny books. I also like the booths to read in."

"I like the library because it's a place where you can calm down and relax." Lily R

"I love reading graphic novels books because I love the pictures and how the writers put the writing." Scarlett

"The thing I love about our library is that it has a lifetime supply of good books." Oliver C

WHO'S ⁱⁿ CHARGE?



Does your child hurt or intimidate you?

Do you feel you are losing control?

Do you want to handle conflict better?



Reclaim respect and calm in your family

The *Who's in Charge?* group is a FREE 7-week program for parents or carers of young people (8-18 years) who are beyond control, violent or defiant.

The group aims to:

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame that parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Help in understanding power in relationships and coping with stress
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being

WHEN: Every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 8pm - commencing 31 January 2024

WHERE: The Lights Community & Sports Centre - upstairs Community Function Room, 244-270 East Parkway Corner Hampstead Road and East Parkway, Lightsvue

An initiative of Centacare Catholic Family Services, City of Port Adelaide Enfield Council and Reconnect

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Golden Grove Primary School Award Winners

