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# Golden Grove Primary School NEWSLETTER

OUR VALUES

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

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Meeting 6pm

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**Friday 09/08/24**  
Basketball Schools  
Knockout Competition



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## Term 3, Week 1, 26/07/24

Dear Families,

Welcome back to term 3! A very special welcome to all of our new Reception students who have started this week in HB 11 with Ms Clare Kirby. It has been wonderful to see how enthusiastically our students have returned and how quickly they have settled in to school routines. We also welcome Mr Kyle McNaughton as the teacher in HB20 with our Year 5 students this term.

At Golden Grove Primary School, our students are fortunate to have a range of technology to support them with their learning. This ranges from interactive classroom screens, iPads, desktop computers, laptops and a host of digital recording devices. Our weekly student news, hosted by the student Public Relations team, showcases some of the outstanding use of technology across the school. As educators, we work hard to teach our students how to use technology safely and effectively. We appreciate and value that each family engages with technology in different ways outside of school, understanding that children will become in contact with various technology at different stages. However, we can all play our part in working together to ensure students are safe whilst using technology and social media, and for them to have the appropriate skills to avoid potential online danger. Some safety pointers that you may wish to consider at home, that I have picked up over the years, include:

- Be involved. If a child has a mobile phone or access to online technology, it is reasonable to expect that parents have access to all passwords and a thorough knowledge of all 'apps' and games being used and who they are communicating with. Sadly, there are people in this world who prey on vulnerable children in the guise of being a child themselves or a 'friend of a friend'.
- Remind students anything that is posted online has a 'digital footprint'. Once it has been posted, they have lost control of it and the footprint usually is permanent and can end up anywhere. If they are not comfortable to read back to a trusted adult something they have written or posted, then chances are it shouldn't have been posted in the first place.
- Avoid students taking part of large electronic 'group chats'. This has the potential to spark group harassment and bullying (sometimes inadvertently) whilst also upsetting some people who may not have access to the chat or not be invited to join.
- Many social media apps have a regulated minimum age for a reason. Programs such as Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok all require users to be at least 13 years old (we currently do not have any 13-year-old students at Golden Grove Primary).
- Support children to report anything that is upsetting or hurtful to them (or a friend). If a screenshot is shared with the school, we will support appropriate follow-up. Even though students are not permitted to use mobile phones during school hours, we will still follow up out of school social media worries if they are evidenced to us.

Above all, remind students that we are all here to help and we want them to be safe. As a parent myself, I totally appreciate the complexities involved with children finding their way with technology. However, if we all work together, we can ensure our children use technology in a safe and friendly manner and develop skills that will support them in high school and beyond. For those interested, the Carly Ryan Foundation website provides very helpful information on how different social media platforms work and how to support children with them:

<https://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/resources/fact-sheets>

Looking ahead, this term we have a number of fun community events in the school calendar to look forward to! This includes: **Science Week**, **Book Week** (Parade Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup>), **Library & Arts Building Opening** (Friday September 6<sup>th</sup>), **Sports Day** (Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>) and the **Festival of Music concerts**. Stay tuned for further information closer to each event.

We look forward to welcoming you to join us where possible.

Warm regards, *Graeme*



# 100 Days at School!

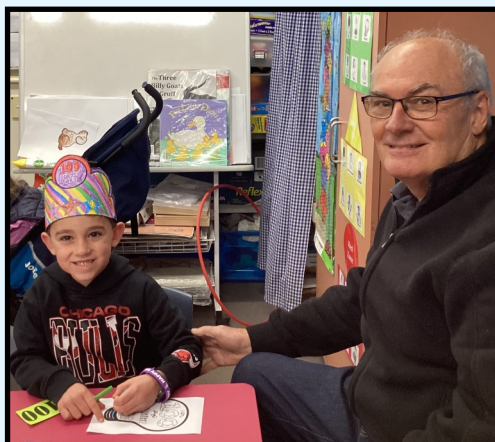
Reception students excitedly returned to school after the holidays to celebrate a special milestone.

The first day of Term 3 marked their first "100 days of school"!

Thank you to those parents and grandparents who were able to join students in their classroom activities during the morning and for morning tea.









**Term 3, 2024 22 July – 27 September**

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	22 July Reception 100 days of school	23 July	24 July	25 July Newsletter	26 July
2	29 July  4pm – Finance Meeting	30 July	31 July	1 August 9am Volunteer Training	2 August Assembly HB13
3	5 August  6pm Governing Council Meeting	6 August	7 August Adam Page Composer working with Yr 5/6's, bands & choirs	8 August 9.30am School Tour	9 August Basketball Schools Knockout Competition
4	12 August	13 August 9am GGHS peer leader visit	14 August	15 August	16 August Assembly HB7  Girls AFL SAPSASA Carnival
5	19 August Book Week – Reading is Magic  Senior Voices to Magic Millions	20 August Book Week – Reading is Magic	21 August Book Week – Reading is Magic	22 August Book Week – Reading is Magic  Rec-Yr4 Magician Performance	23 August 9am Book Week Parade  Newsletter
6	26 August  4pm – Finance Meeting	27 August	28 August FATHERS DAY STALL	29 August SAPSASA Netball  Rec-Yr6 Science Incursion	30 August  <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
7	2 September  <b>SHOW DAY</b>	3 September	4 September	5 September	6 September 9am Official Opening of Performing Arts/Resource Centre Buildings
8	9 September  6pm Governing Council Meeting	10 September 9.30am School Tour	11 September Bro Code to Festival	12 September Senior Voices to Festival	13 September Assembly HB14/15 SAPSASA Tennis Saturday 14th – Primary Voices to Festival
9	16 September  2.30pm Volunteer Training	17 September 8.45am – 11am visit to GGHS  2.00PM STUDENT CROSSING MONITOR TRAINING	18 September Junking to Festival	19 September Red Rovers Band to Festival	20 September  <b>SPORTS DAY</b>
10	23 September	24 September	25 September 9am - Performing Arts Assembly	26 September SAPSASA Softball  Newsletter	27 September  2.05pm – Early Dismissal & Casual Clothes Day

**Parent - Teacher Meetings**

Optional Parent/Teacher meetings at Golden Grove Primary School are offered in Term 3 for those parents who would like further information in relation to their child's mid-year report.

The date for meetings is Tuesday 6th August (Week 3).

Bookings for parent/teacher meetings will open today and will close on Monday 5th August at 9.00am.

If you would like booking details, please contact your child's classroom teacher who will provide you with an online booking code.

**2024 Camps - Advanced Notice for Term 4**

2024 is a camp year, and all Year 3 - 6 students will have the opportunity to attend in Term 4.

For your financial planning the cost of camps will be approximately

Years 3 and 4 - \$140.00      Years 5 and 6 - \$315.00

**2025 / 26 Reception Enrolments**

If you have a child currently enrolled at GGPS with a younger sibling that will be attending GGPS as a reception in 2025 or 2026, could you please get in contact with Karen at front desk via email or come in for an enrolment pack.

Thank you.

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We are excited to celebrate all things books and library this term! There will be Book Week celebrations in week 5 including a magician for Reception to year 4 classes, a Roald Dahl readathon on offer to students in years 2-6, and the Premier's Reading Challenge finishes week 7 on the same day we will celebrate our official library and performing arts opening. What a term!

Earlier this year the Children's Book Council of Australia announced their shortlist of books in the running for Book of the Year awards <https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2024/> It's worth a look.



In the library last term, our younger students read most of the books in the Early Childhood category. The children will vote for their favourites in the coming weeks. Which one did your child like the most? Share your own childhood favourite picture books with your children. Do you still have them?

HB1 & HB2 year 4 students have been part of a program called Shadow Judging, where they have been taking a deeper dive into reading the Picture Book category shortlist and judging them using the same criteria as the official CBCA judges. They looked at how the text and illustrations worked together, the design elements, artistic style and quality of the illustrations. They submitted their vote to the CBCA Shadow Judging program for their overall favourite, 'Every Night at Midnight' by Peter Cheong.



### BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

This year's theme, *Reading is Magic*, lends itself to all kinds of magical costume ideas from fairies and elves to wizards, witches and magicians. Maybe your child has a favourite story character they would like to portray on the day. Please remember these three simple guidelines:

1. Dress to the theme or connection to a book (it is Book Week!)
2. It doesn't have to cost much! Have a look at what you already have at home or try op shops.
3. Choose something comfortable, you'll have more fun on the day.





Golden Grove Primary School proudly presents 2 special events

[www.cbca.org.au](http://www.cbca.org.au)

# Book Week

Reading is Magic

[www.scienceweek.net.au](http://www.scienceweek.net.au)

# Science Week

**SPECIES SURVIVAL**

More than just sustainability



Mickster the Trickster  
Magic Show  
Thursday week 5  
for Rec - Yr 4



Dr Quark's Scientific  
Circus Show  
Thursday week 6  
For Rec - Yr 6

(both shows) Rec - Year 4 : \$14

(science show only) Year 5 - 6 : \$8

Pay on the  
Qkr! app  
by 14 Aug

**Qkr!**



Please complete this consent form and return it to your child's teacher by Wednesday 14th August.

I consent to my child taking part in the book Week Show (Rec - yr 4) / Science show (Rec - yr 6)

Rec - Year 4 (both shows) = \$14

Year 5 & 6 ( Science show ONLY) = \$8

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ QKR Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

Paying by Cash? Please return to the payment window by Wednesday 14th August

Parent/Caregiver signature : \_\_\_\_\_



# THRIVE WITH 5

## PLAY TALK READ EAT WELL AND SLEEP

READINESS  
FOR  
LEARNING

**READINESS FOR LEARNING IS A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON FUTURE SUCCESS. APPA ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO FOCUS ON FIVE KEY WAYS THAT GIVE THEIR CHILDREN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO WELL IN LEARNING.**

### 1 PLAY

Make time to play with your child, including outside and inside play. Play develops key motor skills like running, balancing, throwing and catching. Play helps develop game skills as children follow instructions, take turns, share with others and build resilience. As well as having fun, children increase fitness, muscle strength and flexibility, and enhance their creativity and imagination.



### 2 TALK

Talk with your children to build their speaking and language skills. Through conversations they increase word vocabulary, pronounce words better, understand instructions, and develop imagination and knowledge about the world around them. We know that by developing oral language skills we lay strong foundations which help children learn to read.



### 3 READ

Reading with, and to, your child sets up attitudes and behaviours for later learning. Modelling reading, too, influences your child's reading habits. Reading is more than books; it's reading the packaging on a breakfast box, the signs and notices around us and the stories your children write. Through books, children boost their imagination, creativity and knowledge.



### 4 EAT WELL

When children eat well they have energy for learning and play. They concentrate better and achieve more. Limiting your child's sugar intake, drinking water rather than soft drinks and ensuring plenty of fresh food sets up the right habits for later in life. Eating well yourself is the best way to influence your child's attitude to eating.



### 5 SLEEP

Children need sleep to give their body and mind a chance to rest and grow. Limiting screen time and putting in place routines and behaviours for a good night's sleep, will see your child more alert and ready for the day. Model the behaviour you want by turning off your screens and ensuring you get enough sleep.





# WHO'S <sup>in</sup> 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 an 8 week program for parents or carers of young people (8-18) who are beyond control, violent or defiant.

This is a **FREE** program

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

Next group: Wednesday's commencing 31 July 2024 for 8 weeks, 9:30am to 12pm

Where: Port Adelaide Library, Community Room, 2-4 Church St, Port Adelaide

For any queries or referrals please call Trevor: 0410 698 907 or Centacare: 8215 6700

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





# COME & TRY SOFTBALL



R A P T O R S   S O F T B A L L   C L U B

**SPORTS  
VOUCHERS  
ACCEPTED**



**WE HAVE  
TEAMS  
FOR PLAYERS  
4 YEARS  
AND UP**

**BUILD CONFIDENCE, RESILIENCE AND GET ACTIVE!**

## PRE-SEASON STARTS 25TH OF AUGUST

Raptors Softball Club is looking for girls and boys from 4 to 16 years old to join our family focussed softball club for the 24/25 season.

We are dedicated to growing skills in children for success both on and off the diamond and believe that sport should be fun and inclusive.

We are based in Parafield Gardens and games are scheduled on Saturday mornings in Elizabeth South. There are also senior grades for the whole family.

**MORE INFORMATION USING THE QR CODE AT THE TOP OR CALL 0402710055**