Thank you to the families who were able to make it to the school last Friday to celebrate National Families Week. I know not all are able to make it to events during the day, but your effort in doing so is greatly appreciated. When you engage with your child’s school like this, it has great educational benefits for your child. You send them a clear message about the importance of education.

If you can make it to school that’s great, but it certainly is not the be all and end of being an engaged parent. Just think of the many ways as parents we can show our children the importance of getting a good education by: asking about their day, taking an interest in what they are learning, making time to visit/call their teacher, helping with homework, reading to them, listening to them read, helping them research, guiding, instructing, sending back absence notes, getting them to bed on time, getting them out of bed on time, getting them to school on time, providing nutritious lunches; and the list goes on.

Thank you to families who have made a voluntary contribution to the school this year. At the start of the year, an increase to the voluntary contribution rate was endorsed by the GVPS P&C Association and we greatly appreciate any donations that we receive. This year all our fundraising and contributions are being targeted to outdoor facilities for students. Please consider contributing the $40 payment to the school. This works out at just $1/week of school.

Last week I sent all students in Years 1-6 an email with a link to a survey seeking their thoughts on what to build outside for them. Ask them to check their email and do the survey. I also put an alert out on our school app asking if we had any parental expertise in grounds landscaping. If you know of anyone in this area who could voluntarily do some work in designing outdoor areas, please let us know.

Last week ethics classes began. These are classes run by the organisation Primary Ethics and are available to students who attend non-SRE (Special Religious Education) classes. If you are interested in your child attending these classes, please see the office for details.

Mr B Warwick
Principal

SCHOOL INFORMATION

YEAR 6 PHOTOS

The last day to order a Captain’s or a Year 6 muck up photo is Friday 22nd May. Photos are $16 each and are displayed in the office side window.

K-2 RESPONSIBLE PET TALK

Kindergarten to Year 2 students participated in an interactive workshop to learn how to be safe around animals and how to be responsible pet owners.

K-6 ASSEMBLY—Change of Date

WHEN: Friday 29th May
WHERE: School Hall
TIME: 9.10am HOSTED BY: 1J & 3T
All Parents are welcome to attend.

WE NEED PARENT HELPERS

We are asking for parents to help cut resources and contact books.

If you can help, please join us on Wednesday 27th May from 9.00am—11.00am in the staffroom.

If you are not available on that day, please see Miss Borrello if you can assist at home.

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING COLLECTION

Bags can be filled with good, clean, wearable clothing, shoes, manchester and blankets. Please return all bags to the school office by 26th May 2015.
LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is now in two large containers and is located on the Kinder shelter. We ask that all items of your child’s uniform be marked with your child’s name and class so they can be easily returned.

WALKATHON

A Walk-a-thon will be taking place on Tuesday 2nd June to raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell. This will involve students in K-2 walking for one hour and students in 3-6 walking for an hour and a half. Sponsorship forms have been sent home. A total of all your donations collected will allow your child to choose one prize. Forms must be returned by Friday 29th May.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

WHEN: Friday 22nd May

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by: Walking with them the whole way to school. If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop. If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Until they are ten, children must always hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.

SPORT — PSSA BEST & FAIREST

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DIARY DATES

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VISITING GVPS SITE

In the interest of the safety of you and students, all visitors must report to the school office (or Family Resource Centre/Cubby House) and sign in to be on site at GVPS. Staff have been instructed to question those people on site who do not have a visitor pass.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please ensure that any change of details re: phone numbers, emergency contact details, addresses, family court order details, health needs, etc are kept at to date as a matter of priority at all times.

APP UPDATE

We now have 293 downloads of the GVPS Skoolbag app. If you have a smart phone or tablet device, this is an essential download (free) to keep up to date with notifications. The plan is that we will be phasing out our Facebook site and solely use the school website and the app for online communications.
PSSA TRIALS—Change of Date

Trials will be held on Monday 25th May. Students in Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 will be given the opportunity to try out for Boys Soccer, Girl’s Oz-Tag, Mixed AFL, Mixed Rugby League, Mixed Netball & Mixed Newcombeball.

PSSA coaches will trial students based on a range of skills and will finalise their decision with a game. Please be aware that some trials will be held on Mihajlovic Oval behind the school. Students will be notified by a note if they are successful.

Students who make a PSSA team are required to make a payment of $30.00 per season. The payment covers administration fees to the GVPSSA and the cost of transport to and from the venue.

Students will be committed to a training day that could be held out of school hours. Some students will also have the responsibility of looking after a jersey in which they have to bring in their bag every Friday and will have to return at the end of the season. Failure to return a jersey will require a payment of $20.00. Parents are welcome to attend their child’s PSSA game. Students who are unsuccessful will be participating in school sport on a weekly basis.

CONGRATULATIONS

A big Congratulations to Callum Patterson 6W, Xavier Brook 5/6P & Trinity Brook 4/5Z who will be representing SSW for Hockey on Tuesday 2nd till 4th June. We all wish you great success.

CROSS COUNTRY

The school Cross Country was held on Monday 4th May. Well done to all students who competed. The day was a great success and all students had fun. Thank you to all the parents who supported our students and to those parents who helped on the day. A big congratulations to the students who will be representing Green Valley at the GVPSSA District Carnival on Friday 22nd May.

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May

Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-yourchilds-learning

KINDER AQUARIUM VISIT

Our Kinder classes visited the Sea Life Sydney Aquarium last week and explored the fascinating lives of those that dwell under the sea. They were totally captivated with what they saw.
Students who participated in school sport this term were rewarded with an end of season excursion to AMF Bowling in Liverpool. It was a fun and exciting experience for all our students.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Basketball Team who were undefeated through the entire PSSA Season. The boys finished as Premiers and should be extremely proud of themselves! Well done Carlos David, Mark Parlapiano, Jason Van, Alan Nguyen, Yousuf Zaidi, Mark Ramsey, Connor Moore, Lachlan Rawlins, Lauchlan Croft and Adrian Salaberry.
1/2 N
Keeping Fit and Healthy, and Having Fun!

In Sport this term, Stage 1 students are participating in athletics events each Thursday. 1/2N students are excited to learn and refine their skills in activities such as long jump, discus, shot put, high jump, and relays, in preparation for our upcoming School Athletics Carnival.

1/2N is also busy completing the Premier’s Sporting Challenge this term. Each week, we are using our personal tracking cards to mark down the amount of sport and play we have completed throughout the week.

As always, 1/2N enjoys daily “Crunch and Sip” time, with all students encouraged to renew their energy by snacking on healthy fruit and vegetables.

What great ways to keep ourselves active and healthy!
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