It is hard to believe that we are in Week 5 and the month of March is nearly upon us. Congratulations to teachers, students and parent helpers for a very successful Swimming Carnival last Monday. It ran very smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

I’d like to also mention that the School Photography team were very impressed by the behaviour of our GVPS students on Wednesday. This is very pleasing feedback. Well done, students!

Tomorrow is our School Information Night. Please put time aside to meet the 2016 GVPS teaching staff, as well as your child’s teacher. It has been proven many times that the more a family engages in their child’s education, the better results for the child and the school.

NB. There has been a swap in session times for Kindergarten and Stage 1, so please refer to this newsletter for updated session times. As a fundraiser for Year 6, drinks will be on sale for $1.50. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow night.

On a safety note, I strongly encourage parents to use the crossing before and after school. I am on bus duty everyday and see lots of families weaving in and out of heavy traffic or walking onto the road behind parked cars. We want to avoid an accident and keep everyone safe.

Mrs E Harris
Relieving Principal

Voluntary Contributions
$40 for one student
$60 per family
Please consider helping us out financially with this payment. Payments can be made at the front office.

SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT
WHEN: Tuesday 23rd February
WHERE: School Hall
INTRODUCTION: 4.30pm

Please come along to the "Meet the Teacher Information Night and BBQ" to help commence an exciting new year. Complimentary sausage sandwiches will be provided for dinner between 4.45pm and 6.45pm.

Stage sessions will be presented by teachers at the following times: Please note a swap in Kinder and Stage 1 times.

- 4.45pm—5.15pm Stage 1
- 5.15pm—5.45pm Stage 3
- 5.45pm—6.15pm Kindergarten
- 6.15pm—6.45pm Stage 2

Information about the High School application process for 2017 will be available on the night.

Come and find out what is in store for your child this year, together with your support we can ensure that your child reaches their full potential in 2016.

Individual progress of students is not discussed on this night, please set aside another time for this to occur.

CONTACT NUMBERS
During the past week, the school office has tried to contact many parents for different reasons. Most mobile numbers did not answer or were disconnected. It is so very important that the school have current contact numbers in case of emergency.

Please contact the school office if your numbers have changed.
TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT SURVEY

Our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: Tell them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

The survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14th March and 8th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

Please return the note accompanying this newsletter to the school office only if you DO NOT want your child to participate. Return by Friday 26th February.

CLASSROOM PACKAGES

This year we will not be using any textbooks. We will be utilising Mathletics, a web-based learning program. Mathletics will be used by the students in school and for homework. The classroom package includes: School Book Covers, Mathletics Registration & paper levy.

The total cost of the package is $15.00 per child and is payable at the school office in the mornings only. Final date for payment is 4th March.

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

Miss Borg will be colouring her hair to raise money for the World’s Greatest Shave for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Please go to the link below to donate.

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EXCURSION REFUNDS

Just a reminder that the bus component of the cost of an excursion is non-refundable as the buses are booked in advance. We appreciate your understanding.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, you will receive an SMS message on your mobile phone from the school on the day of the absence. Please reply to this message with the reason your child is absent and this is all that is required. You do not have to phone the school or send an absence note.
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**P & C Executive**

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**Secretary:** Open  
**Treasurer:** Kylie French  
**Parent Representatives:** Christy Hagarty and Kristy Thornton

**Secretary’s Position:**  
This position will be filled at our next meeting.  
Please note that only financial members are able to nominate for the position and vote.

**P & C Evening Meeting Trial:** We have had several requests from working parents to hold our meetings in the evening so that they may attend. An evening meeting will be trialed again on Tues 8th March at 6pm. If we receive sufficient attendance then the P&C will look at holding alternate morning/evening meetings to accommodate all parents.

**School Banking Colouring In Competition:**  
We will be holding a colouring in competition for School Banking students only. The competition does not start until 7 March so there is still plenty of time for students to join our School Banking program. Application forms for a CBA account can be collected from the office or you can open an account at your local CBA branch. Prizes will be supplied by CBA and include movie tickets and stationary. School Banking is a great way for students to learn how to save. Our P&C receive a commission on all deposits made through the School Banking program so it’s an easy way to help support your school.

**Easter Mufti Day:** On Tuesday 22 March we will be holding a Mufti Day. We are asking students coming to school in mufti clothes to please provide an Easter egg donation for our Easter Raffle hampers.

**Easter Raffle:** Tickets for our annual Easter Raffle will be sent home in early March. Tickets are $1 each. Please support your P&C by selling these tickets. All monies and tickets are to be returned to the office by Wednesday 23rd March. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Hat Parade on Thursday 24th March.

**President’s Report:** Welcome to another school year. It was great to see some new parents at our first meeting of the year. I strongly encourage any parents who have expressed interest in evening meetings to attend our next meeting. This is a trial time as in the past we have had very low attendance rates at evening meetings.

I look forward to working together in another fun filled year to support our children’s learning and development at GVPS.
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