



GLADSTONE

PRIMARY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 8, March 23 2022



25th March

- Play group 9.30-11.00

29th March

- Big Boys Kindy 5-7pm

7th April

- Kindy Working Bee 9-11am

8th April

- Playgroup group 9.30-11.00

30th March

- RE seminars whole school

4-8th April

- Parent Teacher Interviews

8th April

- Play group 9.30-11.00

13th April

- Assembly, SRC hosting. 2.40pm
- Hot Wheels day.



Wow, this term is going fast!

Due to some staff absence we have had a few relief teachers in the school over the past two weeks who have enjoyed being at our school. Some haven't been here for 9 years! They mentioned our students' great reading habits and that we have wonderful students at Gladstone Primary School. They look forward to coming again.

Interviews

Teachers are looking forward to parent-teacher interviews in week 10 this term. The interviews are for children from kindy to year 6. It is a wonderful opportunity to visit your child's classroom and discuss your child's learning. Please go online to book an interview at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter code a79cy

Big 6 – Fluency

“The achievement of oral reading fluency marks an important point in a student's reading journey. It reinforces the relationship between ‘learning to read’ and ‘reading to learn’.” *Fluency – Best Advice paper DfE*

How does fluency contribute to reading success?

Fluency refers to the ease with which you read. Fluency is affected by accuracy, speed and expression.

Reading aloud makes it easier as does reading familiar books. Reading aloud increases confidence to accurately recognise words, read at a good pace and encourages expression with pauses and rhythm.

Most importantly it helps children to be interested, motivated and enjoy reading.

How can families help with fluency at home?

The best thing parents and caregivers can do to encourage fluency at home is to demonstrate it.

- Read and reread favourite books.
- Read aloud with emotion in English or your first language.
- Invent sound effects when reading.
- Use different voices to indicate the characters and narrator.
- Change your volume, tone and pace as you read different parts of a book; perhaps slow down at a scary bit or speed up at a tense point.
- Have fun and enjoy yourself and your child will enjoy themselves too.
- Listen to audio books together with your child. Many children's books can be downloaded in audio form from your local library.

The sources of this information are: Department for Education Best Advice Paper - Vocabulary and The Literacy Hub - Literacy Hub

Jodie Zwar

Reader's Notebook

with the
5/6
class



Thank you to the 5/6 class for sharing some of their Readers Notebooks.

Their class novel is 'Deltora Quest' and they delve into the text in their notebooks.

These pictures are how they envision some of the characters and settings.



HOT WHEELS DAY & ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 13th April

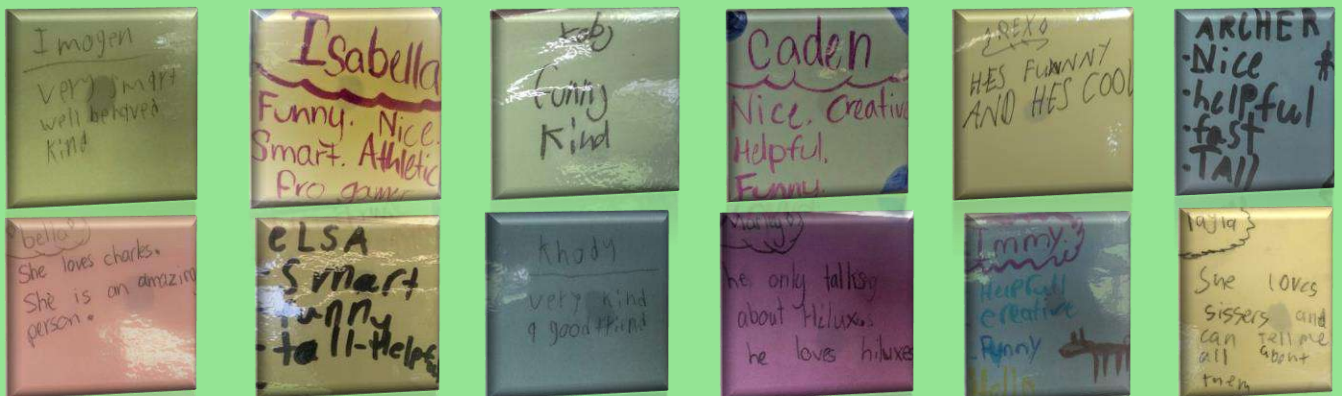
Bring your bike or scooter to school to ride around the school track or tennis court at lunch, then Year 1-6 will head over to Tresylva Park for a picnic recess and ride (weather permitting) while the Reception class will have the court to themselves at recess to ride!

We're combining Harmony Day themes and Walk for Autism (riding) to raise awareness so you can wear orange or green on the day. Please bring a **gold coin donation** as SRC would like to make a donation to UNICEF to help Ukrainian children.

Bus children can have their wheels brought in throughout the week for us to store and picked up when convenient. Appropriate shoes and **helmets required**. Toy cars may be brought in for those not wishing to ride.

We will finish the afternoon with an outside **assembly at 2.30pm** hosted by the SRC with parents warmly welcome!

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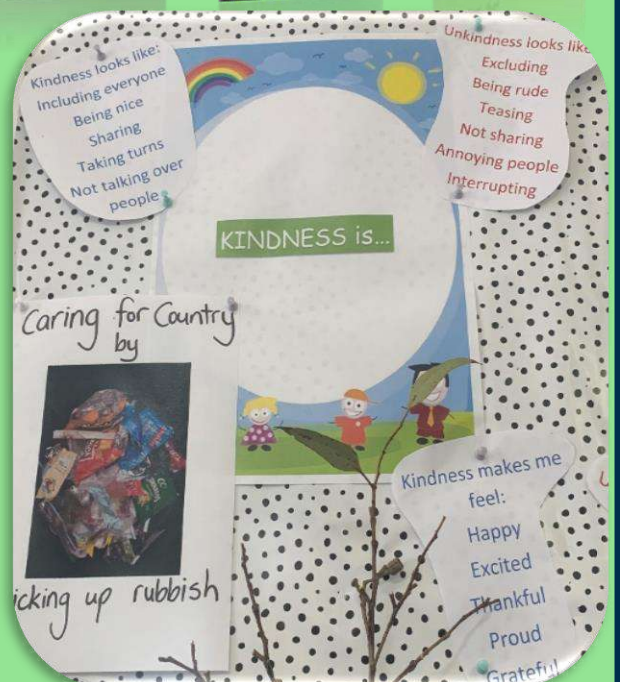


GROWING WITH GRATITUDE

The Year 1/2 Class has been talking about what kindness looks and feels like, both towards each other and towards the land.

The 5/6 Class has been spreading kindness by sharing the amazing things they notice in each other.

The Reception class has been identifying ways to cheer themselves up when they're feeling sad.



Look at the amazing prizes up for grabs in the upcoming Easter raffle.



SOUTHERN FLINDERS NETBALL CLUB:

Subbies(Set) from years 2 and 3 and Minis (Go) from years 4 and 5 will start training on

Thursday 31st March, 4:30 pm start at the Laura Netball Courts.

We cant wait to have our Tiger cubs join us ready for a fun filled season

PLEASE NOTE our NET players (formerly FunNet) years 1 and Reception, will be out very soon, stay tuned to the club pages and newsletter information for your starting date, it won't be long.

All players are welcome to come out and join.

Any queries contact Leah Palmer on 0437 605 508 or Bern Schmidt on 0439864330.