

Friday 16th September 2022

End of Term 3 – Mini Newsletter

Dear Families,

This mini newsletter summarises some of the information you have received recently and hopefully provides it to you in one easily accessible snippet!

Term 4 Plans

You will all have received a letter from Flip Connell as regards Garry Collins remaining on leave for Term 4 and returning to GIPS at the beginning of the 2023 school year. We all wish Garry a speedy recovery.

From me, it is my pleasure to stay with you all and continue in my role as Acting Principal for Term 4; the support from School Council and the GIPS community has been so very much appreciated and I look forward to working with you all for the remainder of 2022.

Oval works start Term 4.

We are all super excited about the oval upgrade work that is due to start Term 4, week 1. A huge thanks to Tristan Schmidt who came out and photographed us all saying goodbye to the old oval; we hope that your drone survived the territorial crows!!

As can be seen by the plan diagrams on the following two pages, the upgrade will provide all students with a more varied, much safer and slightly larger space than we currently have. The builders have given us a minimum lead time of eight weeks so please keep your fingers crossed for some decent weather throughout Term 4 so that this can come to fruition!

We have spent hours (a big thank you to Mrs McDermott, Mr Smith and Mrs Morrison) coming up with a new timetable to support a full active PE curriculum, and to also accommodate a variety of play options for our students during recess and lunchtime; we fully recognise the importance of enjoyable downtime as an important part of the school day. Throughout each week in Term 4, we have planned recess and lunchtime activities including volleyball, netball shooting, bowling, creative play, bocce, target practice, board games, calm play and library time; this is alongside the normal use of all or our playground equipment, sand pit and other playground areas.

From you, do you have any good quality board games, packs of playing cards or mindful colouring books that we could have? There do need to be some parameters around the resources that you donate to us: primary school appropriate so that students can play with them independently, all game pieces and instructions available, and in a great condition so that we can safely use them each day. If you do have something that fits the bill, please drop it off at reception in Term 4!

Everyone here at GIPS hopes that you have two weeks filled with rest, excitement, family and friends time, and all the great things that make a holiday wonderful.

See you all on Monday 3rd October.

Kind regards,

Rachael Stone

(Acting Principal)



