

Friday 17th June 2022

Term 2, week 8 summary.

Dear Families,

Can you believe that we are nearly half way through 2022? This last term has definitely been busy and I hope that you will join me in thanking the GIPS staff who have worked so hard to make sure that your children love coming to school. We have had a few staff illnesses and in response, colleagues have joined classes, planned work for relief teachers and delivered assessments so that your children continue to make good progress at GIPS.

This fortnight, we have mostly been getting ready for our GIPS Make and Bake Sale; so if your children have been begging for well-paid chores, it is for two very good causes: supporting GIPS and bringing home some delicious baked goods!



Start of Day Procedures.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that classrooms open at 8.50am and lessons start at 9am. If your child arrives after the 9am bell, they are late and must sign in **with an adult** at the front office. Classroom teachers mark the roll at 9am; if your child arrives after the roll is marked then we run the risk of not correctly recording your child's attendance; we legally have to know who is on site at all times. Please help us to maintain a Child Safe school by supporting us with this procedure.

Parent-Teacher Interviews & Reports.

A reminder that our Parent Teacher Interviews are happening on Monday June 20th (until 6pm) and Wednesday June 22nd until 7pm; you are able to make a ten minute appointment for each child on Compass up until **Sunday 19th June at 9.00pm**. Semester One reports will be available for you on Compass, **Monday June 20th**.

Final Day of Term Arrangements

Friday 24th June will be the last day of Term Two. As per our usual routine, we will be dismissing students at 2:30pm and we ask that you ensure that your child can be collected at this time. Team Kids OSHC are still able to offer places after school that day, make sure you get in touch with them if you need to make a booking. Term Three begins Monday 11th June, 2022.

RaffleTickets

Raffle tickets for our hampers are still for sale. The raffle will be drawn in our end of Term Two assembly, **Friday 24th June at 2pm**. Lots of thanks to the Parent's Association and particularly Suzie Hotchin who have helped turn your donations into some amazing prizes.

P.S. Families, the hamper that is centre-stage in this photo is of particular interest to your children!!



New GIPS Sports Top

We are very excited to announce the release of our GIPS new Grade 3 - Grade 6 sports top.

This top will replace the existing sports top which, unfortunately is not SunSmart. These tops are now available at the PSW uniform shop for \$45.95 (same price as the old top) or, can be ordered on-line from PSW and delivered free of charge for you to collect from GIPS. Instructions for school delivery can be found Compass or the website.

The sports top can be worn when your child has PE or any school sporting event such as interschool sports, school cross country, school athletics.

Thank you to all the students who voted for this top and for the support from the Education Sub Committee.



Parent Volunteers

As we get to see even more of you on site, can I please reach out to you for some help?

GIPS School Council has proposed a Working Bee on **17th July 2022** to help out with small jobs around the site. Further information will follow but, you may want to save the date!

If you meet current triple vaccination requirements, and coming on trips as a parent helper, supporting student activities on site or generally helping out around school is something that you are interested in, please consider applying for your [Working With Children Check](#), it is free and we would love to see you!

Celebrating Student Success.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

The Preps have been getting their 'green thumbs' dirty planting plants in the Prep garden as part of their integrated unit "How Does Your Garden Grow?". The Preps learnt about what plants need to survive - soil, sun, water and fresh air - and had a lovely time planting lettuce, spinach, baby carrots and snow peas.

The Preps got to turn over the soil in the garden beds and then to plant their seedlings. Mrs Chapman put the fertiliser on each seedling as we learnt that you shouldn't touch fertiliser as it's not great for humans, but it is great for plants! We then watered our seedlings and are looking forward to caring for our garden for the rest of the term.

We encourage you to go and check out the seedlings before and after school in the garden beds next to the Prep playground. Well done to the Preps on their great gardening work!





Mindfulness in 2SP

The students in 2SP have learnt the art of spool knitting with the help of some very skilled classmates and generous Year 6 buddies.

Children first created their own spool from a cardboard roll, popsicle sticks and masking tape. The tubes were decorated with patterned paper and then the fun began. 2SP watched a video on how to spool knit and then accepted the challenge of how to knit themselves.

Our Year 6 buddies were incredibly patient and helped us master this new skill. It's now part of our morning routine and is providing yet another option for mindfulness activities.

2SP plan to create a class artwork with their wonderful creations so stay tuned for an update next term!





Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming information about:

- Year 5/6 Camp to Anglesea 01/08/2022 - 05/08/2022
- Working Bee 17/07/2022

Kind regards,

Rachael Stone

(Acting Principal)