Friday 12th June, 2020

Principal’s Report

Wow. It has been fabulous to have all our students return to normal classes this week. Thanks to all of our students, parents and carers, you have navigated the changes well and as such the students have been calm and happy to return to school. The week has been wonderful.

Drop off in the mornings has been very calm and students have been able to come into school and settle ready for learning to begin at 9am.

The afternoons will continue as they have been. Your child’s teacher will have their grade lined up and we will dismiss the children through the gate at 3:15pm. Students who walk, ride or know where to meet you at the end of the day will be dismissed first. Parents DO NOT have to meet children at the gate unless that is your preference.

- Students in grades 3-6 without junior siblings, will be dismissed at the Guthridge Pde gate.
- Grades 3-6 students with younger siblings will line up at the front of the school with their youngest sibling’s class.
- Junior students and their older brothers and sisters will be dismissed at 3:15pm via the following gates:
  - Main Front Office gate - 1/2J and 1/2L
  - Middle Drums gate - Pre-F, FD, FS and FP
  - Dawson St Crossing gate - 1/2W, 1/2B and 1/2M
  - Guthridge Pde gate – 3/4 and 5/6 students without younger siblings

Thank you for your continued support, cooperation and understanding while we get back to the ‘new normal’.

Emily Streitberg
Principal

Enrol Now for 2021

Do you know anyone who may be interested in enrolling at Guthridge PS in 2021? We are now definitely open for 2021 enrolments and forms can be requested by calling the Office, 5144 3633.

2021 Foundation classes

Guthridge is taking applications for our 2021 Pre-Foundation class. This support class is specifically designed to support the transition from kindergarten to school. If your child needs a stepping stone to school, after a year at kindergarten, we can provide this additional support.

- Guthridge Primary School has scaffolded its Foundation classes to include one class (previously known as Modified-Prep or Pre-Foundation) specifically designed to support the transition from Kindergarten to school. We have already received a great number of expressions of interest in this extremely popular Foundation support class. Please contact our school if you are interested. Applications are due by the end June.

Koori and English as Additional Language students’ learning needs support program

We are very excited to introduce Annie Pleming as our Koori and EAL Intervention Support Teacher. Mrs Pleming supports selected Koori students for Literacy as well as students who have English as Additional Language.

Mrs Pleming was a classroom teacher for many years including a role as Koori Literacy Support teacher for a couple of years. She then did further study in English as an Additional Language and established the program that now runs throughout the Wellington district. Please make sure you say hi, when you see Mrs Pleming around the school on Thursdays.

Restricted access continue:

- Our gates will continue to be locked at all times and only students, school staff and approved essential visitors will be allowed on school grounds.
- Additional cleaners have been employed and rostered to clean playgrounds and common areas throughout the day.
- Students are asked to wash hands and use hand sanitizer throughout the day.
- Every student must have their own drink bottle and refill these throughout the day – no drinking from the water bubblers.

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Drop off and pick up reminders:
- Students should not arrive any earlier than 8:45am, when gates open.
- Parents are to wait, socially distanced, outside the school gates before, during and after school.
- At 3:15pm, teachers will dismiss their grade at the designated gates.
- Parents are asked to be patient. Students can walk or ride home at 3:15pm. Those being collected from the gate will wait with their teacher up until 3:30pm.
- Parking restrictions and road safety rules still apply.
  ➔ Do not park in the bus bay.
  ➔ Please do not call your child across the road.
  ➔ Students and parents must use the crossings.

Reminder - No Smoking
Smoking is banned on the grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance or gates to, all childcare centres, kindergartens and schools. Penalties may apply under the Tobacco Act 1987. We would really appreciate the continued cooperation of everyone on this matter.

Message of thanks from Joanna Betsu:

Dear Teachers,

Thank you all so much for your help and support during remote learning! All the students appreciate and acknowledge your efforts to keep us engaged with our learning.

During these months, you all have been extremely helpful, you made sure we were doing alright with our learning, you answered our questions, you gave us feedback and encouragement. You tried your best to keep us connected even though you couldn’t see us. Thank you teachers. We are all very thankful for all of the hard work you have done.

Kind regards,
Joanna.

Reminder: Guthridge News is now FULLY digital! The Guthridge News is published on Flexibuzz and our school website www.guthridgeps.vic.edu.au every Friday. If you require a paper copy, or you would prefer it emailed to you, please let your child’s teacher know, or call the Office. Paper copies are available on request.

Happy Birthday - Week Ending 19th June 2020

Mon 15th June  Jaymes Brown, Paige Marshall
Tues 16th June  Navdeep Singh
Thurs 18th June  Bella Somosi, Rylee Avery
Fri 19th June  Penny Glover

All the best for a fabulous birthday!

Learning Hero Award

Guthridge Primary School

This certificate is presented to all the:

Parents, carers, grandparents, brothers and sisters,
family and friends, neighbours, babysitters and helpers

You are all Learning Heroes for supporting our students throughout Remote Learning.
Your time, effort, patience and understanding has been appreciated.

From: Everyone at Guthridge Primary School  Date: 12th June 2020

We are not able to have Assemblies at this time, due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we do want to take this opportunity to acknowledge all our wonderful family and friends, who supported us through Remote Learning. You are all Learning Heroes to us! Congratulations!