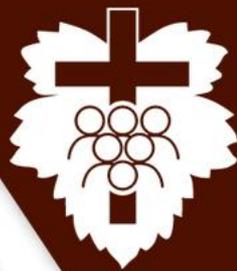


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On the first day of school this year I visited each classroom and asked the question what are your 'wonderings' for this year. It was certainly an interesting exercise as students obviously had been thinking about their new school year – friends, teachers, changes around the school. The best 'wondering' I had was from a student in year 1 who said, "I wonder why my brain feels different in my head this year" – how reflective is that? The beginning of the year is also full of wonderings for me as well - I wonder about the best way to engage and stimulate students, I wonder how to build onto the learning environment, I wonderThere are so many things to think about to ensure that GGLPS is addressing its role as an education provider within a strong Christian context. We all have wonderings, whether they be work or family related.

Wonderings are positive thoughts; they encourage us to think through issues. Worries, however, are those things which can keep us awake at night. We can worry about a range of things – finance, health, relationships, work... These negative thoughts can consume us at times and certainly make life difficult. One thing that I always need to remember when I find myself going down a track of worrying is to place it in God's hands. I know he is there to share the burden and to guide me. Through prayer I always find myself in a better place and feel that sense of support.

A Bible verse from Philippians (4:6 – 7) to remind ourselves of this.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Shane

Greetings,

Welcome to the 2018 school year – especially to those families who are new to the GGLPS community. The new school year has started off extremely well and the 'vibe' around the school is great to experience. Many of you will have noticed that the building work that was being carried out in the last quarter of last year is now finished and the final product is another terrific learning space for the students. This space is going to be called 'the breezeway'. School Council are now in the process of finalising plans for the construction of a further classroom - which will be added to the 5/6 'block'. Plans for this will be shared once they are finalised.

In the coming weeks you will be informed of the changes to the uniform, construction will begin on the café and play area in the church, the SeeSaw app for parents (discussed at PIN) will be launched as will QKR (see below) and plans developed (and implemented) for a nature play area.

Maths will be our focus area this year in the curriculum along with the gathering and use of data to inform teaching and learning practice. Further information will be shared about this over the term.

There is much to be excited about in 2018 and the staff and I look forward to having you join us in the continuation of our exciting journey as we strengthen our teaching and learning program so that all students receive the best education possible. Your support and encouragement is vital and with God's blessings we will continue to grow.

Blessings,
Shane

1. Parent Information Session (PIN): The Parent Information Night is held as an information sharing time for teachers and parents. This is being held tonight (31st January). The structure of the evening is as follows:

6:30pm – 7:00pm - classrooms
7:00pm – 7:30pm - Worship centre
7:30pm – 8:00pm - classrooms (a repeat of the first session)

Please note that GGOSH will be available at these times (a gold coin donation would be appreciated). If you have children booked into GGOSH in the afternoon they will be able to stay after 6:00 pm without incurring extra cost – could you please inform GGOSH if you will take advantage of this. Please note GGOSH will not be supplying any food after, afternoon snack. If your child/ren requires any food after this time you are welcome to bring it along to GGOSH prior to the meetings. To access this service during the sessions the child must be toilet trained.

2. Student attendance: A policy outlining school attendance will be available in the coming weeks. It is

important to note that under State law a form is to be completed by parents for any students who will be absent for a period of five days or more (eg. holidays). This form is available from the front office.

- 3 Class Carers: The role of Class Carers will be briefly discussed at PIN. Bec Watcol has taken over from Sarah Williams as the Coordinator of this supportive group. A revised Handbook can be accessed on the Parent Portal page of the website and expressions of interest for anyone who may wish to take on this role in 2018 are to email Shane or Bec rwatcol@gmail.com.
- 4 Parent Handbook: As advertised prior to school this year's (2018) Parent Handbook is available under the parent portal on the website. This will give a great overview of the school.
- 5 QKR: In the next few weeks we will be launching the 'QKR' app in the school. Many schools currently use this online payment system and the benefits seen, in our investigations are fantastic. Essentially you will be able to use this app to order and pay for canteen, uniforms and other small monetary transactions. It will not be used for school fees. Watch this space but it should be available very soon!!
- 6 Friday worship: This Friday, our new staff and student leaders will be installed into their roles. Please join us for this important occasion in the life of the school.
- 7 Volunteering: We welcome help in the school from parents, grandparents and members of the community. To permit volunteers to help in the school, whether it be canteen, reading, craft, Golden Time, a two-step process needs to be followed (both steps have a 'life' of three years).
 - a. All volunteers need to complete a brief on-line course 'Valuing Safe Communities', developed by Lutheran Education Australia. This can be found on the school website <http://www.goldengrove.sa.edu.au/parent-portal/volunteering/> and follow the steps on the webpage (if you have any issues please Tanya in the front office).
 - b. A police check will need to be conducted. This is free of charge. The form can be downloaded from the SAPOL website. Take the completed form to your local police station to be stamped and then bring it to the front office to be sent for processing. You are encouraged to have this completed asap so you can begin your life as a volunteer in the school.
- 8 Congratulations are extended to Mel and Jason Arnold on the birth of Nathaniel on 22nd December. We Thank God for the joy that this little one will bring to their family. Mel will visit us towards the end of February.
9. Playgroup/Mainly Music: Golden Grove Lutheran Church Playgroup resumes this Friday at 9.30am.

Come and join us as we sing, dance and play using the Mainly Music program followed by a healthy snack and free play. Playgroup is designed for pre-schoolers, and everyone from our church and school community is welcome. No need to book, just turn up. Gold coin donation. We'd love to see you there.

WELCOME TO THE 2018 NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

How exciting is it when we are faced by new things, new understandings, new knowledge, new skills, new challenges, new opportunities, the 'new' list is endless.

Although not new at GGLPS, Primary Years Programme (PYP) is new to a lot of our community. Here are some of the key features of the PYP that we use to implement the Australian Curriculum.

A	active not passive
B	balance
C	care, communication collaboration, curiosity, challenging
D	different perspectives
E	engaging, encouraging enthusiasm, experimenting
F	it's how we function with concepts
G	goals, growth
H	learning is hard .
I	inquirers, initiative, investigate
J	justifying thinking,
K	knowledgeable
L	lifelong learners
M	making - connections
N	never giving up,
O	open minded
P	principled citizenship,
Q	questions,
R	reflection, relevance
S	significant
T	taking action, thinkers, transdisciplinary
U	understanding
V	versatility
W	wonder, why, where, what, worldwide
X	eXciting, eXtending
Y	YET, students will be challenged but it's not that they are not able to do something it's just that they can't do it yet!
Z	zealous,

Obviously, there is so much more to this framework, we encourage you to investigate, ask those questions, research and discover more about the PYP.

It is my prayer and wish that 2018 be a year of great growth for each and every learner in our community.

Ruth Carter
Learning and Teaching Coordinator

MEDICATION

If your child is prescribed medication and needs to have it administered during the day, please send it to the front office in the morning, with a note showing name, class and clear instruction on the time and dosage required.
Please note medication is not to be left in school bags.

If your child has asthma, please ensure that their asthma plan is up to date. We have provision in the sick room for spare puffers to be kept in named bags for use during the school term.

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please contact the front office by 9.30am. Prior to 8.30am messages can be left on the answering machine.
An sms will be sent to families if we have not been advised about a child's absence.

NEW FAMILIES BBQ – A BBQ for all Foundation families and those families new to the school will be held on Friday 16th February at 6pm. Flyers have been sent home today to the families.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

For continuing students instrumental lessons will start next week.

If you expressed an interest last year, your details have been sent to the specific teachers and they will contact you directly with details.

Please remember as per the Instrumental tuition agreement that parents and the instructor enter into an agreement for the instructor to provide lessons, in return for a fee to be paid by the parent(s).

Payment of tuition fees are set by individual Instrumental teachers or instrumental company. Please be respectful in regards to prompt payment.

Students will this year have the opportunity to perform at Monday assemblies throughout the year. Dates will be decided in consultation with the individual instrumental teacher and you will be notified.

Need to buy new tyres or any form of tyre care? Speak to the crew at **'Cluse Brothers Tyrepower.'** Michael and his team are 'Corporate Sponsors' of our school and in supporting them you are supporting our school as well.

Tell them you are from GGLPS!



Unit 1 Commercial Estate/Main North Rd
Parafield SA - (08) 8182 3688

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument and you have not been in contact, please either call me at school on 82826000 or email your details and the students details at carter.ruth@goldengrove.sa.edu.au

I'm looking forward to hearing beautiful music from our students.

Ruth Carter

Teaching & Learning Coordinator

PHIL'S DRUM TUITION

Drum lessons for Term 1 commence **Tuesday 6th February**. As an introductory offer, with no obligation, any **new** students can "try out" for the first 2 weeks with no lesson fee. (normally \$27 per lesson).

Playing drum set and stick technique is useful in developing gross motor skills, co-ordination and time feel.

If interested in your child commencing drum lessons in term 1, please contact Ruth Carter for further information.

Church this Sunday is in the Worship Centre at Golden Grove Lutheran Church

9.30am with Pastor Greg sharing the message 'The power of prayer'

Children please join us for Kids at Heart children's ministry time. This Sunday's Bible Song topic is 'Jesus heals'

Followed by tea/coffee and fellowship.

6.30pm Salt Factory SERVICE AT 6.30PM. You are welcome to come for a light meal at 5.45pm (gold coin donation).

It would be great to have your company.

Booking any travel? Make your booking through **Amanda** at **helloworld Port Adelaide** and the school receives a benefit through our 'Corporate Sponsor' relationship



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