Dear Parents and Community,

**Smoking banned 5 metres around school grounds**

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.


**Correct usage of Car Park**

Attached to this newsletter is a map explaining the correct usage of the car park. This includes the correct entry and exit gates and it also highlights the correct places to park.

**Student Leaders**

At the start of the year we began a recruitment process to determine who our new Blue House Captain would be for 2017 after it was vacated by a departing student. The staff at GVSS are proud to announce that Caitlyn Johnston was successful in obtaining this honour for 2017. She joined all the other leaders today as part of the Badge Presentation Ceremony. We would like to thank Mr Jim Madden MP, State Member for Ipswich West, for being our special guest for this occasion.

**Camp**

All the students in Prep – Year 6 will have the opportunity to participate in a school camp later this year. We have booked into the Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre from November 13th – 15th. It will be an opportunity for students to spend 3 days and 2 nights participating in a range of fun team building exercises close to the beach. We are yet to finalise the cost of this trip but when we have everything calculated we will distribute the details to all the parents.

**School Levy**

Glamorgan Vale State School has a voluntary School Levy where each parent is asked to contribute $50 per student to cover a number of educational costs for the students. This contribution enables the school to purchase programs like Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Spelling Mastery textbooks, dance lessons as part of the Arts curriculum, and other resources that help in the delivery of the curriculum. To ensure that each of these programs is continued each year it is important that each parent financially supports the school with the costs. We need your support to continue delivering the best education we can to each of your students.

Yours sincerely,

Troy Coombs
Contact Details
Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not please complete the Student Record Update Form available from the school website or the office. These details include parent/carers’ name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to inform the school if any contact details change. This will help the school as we prepare for the same day absence notifications via text message.

Student Banking
Student banking is available on Thursdays. If you would like your child to participate please see the office for information packages. All Deposits support our school.

School Date Claimers
Friday 24th March   Grandparents Day
Friday 31st March   Last day of term 1

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Students from Year 3-4 enjoying their dance class.
Get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Glamorgan Vale State School. All you need is your child’s school email address to sign in.

To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:

- For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.
- For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016 for instructions on how to download and install Office 2016 to your personal home computers. If you have any trouble, contact [insert local MIS administrator contact details].

SCHOOL MAP & PARKING AREAS

This plan utilises a one directional flow through the ‘pick up’ area in peak times and eliminates the requirement to have children negotiate moving traffic.
The Annual General Meeting is **Wednesday 22nd March** commencing at 6.30pm in the Resource Centre. All positions are declared vacant and nominations are welcome.

The next P&C meeting is **Wednesday 8th March** commencing at 6.30pm in the Resource Centre. All families are welcome to attend.

The first School Disco is on **Friday the 24th March**. Commencing at 6.30pm, entry is $2.00 per child payable at the door. Light refreshments will be available. Parents are responsible for supervision of their own children.

The P&C hopes you are enjoying the new Tuck shop menu while we can't cater for all appetites, we welcome Suggestions, so if you have any please discuss them with our Tuck shop Convener, Gayle. In order for the Tuck shop to be available each week we are seeking volunteers to help out. If you are able to volunteer please fill out the form below and place it in the P&C box in the play shed.

Our Annual Country Fair is **Saturday September 9th** this is our biggest fundraiser for the year. We are seeking donations of equipment such as marquees or cold rooms if you can help please let Frankie know on the contact number above.
Uniform Shop News

Welcome to the 2017 school year! Just to inform all families that I am the new Uniform Convenor.

I will be opening the uniform shop every **fortnight on Thursday mornings** from:

- 8.30 – 9.30am 9th February
- 8.30 - 9.30am 23rd February

However if you need to try on sizes and this time doesn’t suit you please call me or come and seek me out at school to arrange a different day.

**Order forms** are also located in a plastic folder on the back wall near the P & C letterbox.

Thanks

Nicky Choat
0412 402 487

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**TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEER FORM**

I am able to assist with Tuckshop on the following dates: __________________________, __________________________, __________________________.

Name: ____________________________________________

Contact number: ________________________________

(Please enter dates you are available above)