Last Friday, the Year 1 students visited Camp Gundiwindi for the day, in preparation for their overnight stay next year. The children enjoyed exploring the camp and cannot wait to return! They participated in an Educational bushwalk and a damper cook up. Here are some of their favourite moments:

“I loved making damper because it was yummy and I have never made it before.” – Ned

“My favourite part was the big swing. It looked very fun! It must be at least 3 or 4 metres high.” – Cornelia

“I liked bouncing on the trampoline because I have never jumped so high!” – Lachie

“I liked feeding the donkeys because it is the first time I have ever seen one.” – Felix

“I climbed the big tree and I was scared. The damper was so yummy. On the trampoline I couldn’t stop jumping.” – Xinyu

“I really liked playing volleyball.” – Ben
From the Head of Campus

I have shared two very enjoyable events with the students recently. The first was at Camp Gundwindi last Friday with Year 1 and the second was with the students in the Children’s Garden yesterday. Both of these occasions highlight the many and varied learning opportunities available to the students and also show the zest, curiosity and enthusiasm in these learning environments.

At Gundwindi, students were able to familiarise themselves with the camp and its facilities ahead of their overnight stay next year. They were also able to see the challenging activities that they will be experiencing, including the cabins, giant swing, flying fox, ropes course and archery. In the Children’s Garden, we had our Green Team and others working together to plant Italian and black Russian tomatoes, white radishes, beans and lettuce. We saw all the work that the children from ELC 3 had done in Ring 1 too (you can read more about this on page 6). I am delighted that the students are gaining so much from their experiences in the Children’s Garden and with each week, more and more are coming to spend time at recess and lunch to help maintain the garden.

Parents will read of a number of upcoming events to further their understanding about Positive Education. There will be a presentation by Matthew Johnstone about ‘Resilience’ next Tuesday evening at the Toorak Campus. This is a great opportunity for parents and details for this can be found on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter. I would strongly recommend this presentation to the entire parent community.

Thank you to Denise Wong and the Parents’ Association members for all their organisations and support for the Spring Racing Carnival Lunch that took place yesterday. I understand from all reports so far that great fun was had by all.

Tomorrow, we welcome students from Corio to the campus to participate in a Combined Campus String and Band Workshop that will culminate in to a lunchtime performance. This will involve a number of our students and I know they will enjoy the opportunity to work with students from other campuses.

The theme of our Church service, led by Eleanor O’Donnell on Monday, was Teamwork and Leadership. Through readings and prayers together with Eleanor’s sermon, we learned more about the importance of these two domains. Thank you to the parents that supported the service. This links perfectly into next week, which sees the Year 5 and 6 students involved in their Leadership Conference on Monday and Tuesday. It is an important time for the Year 5 students as they begin to understand the roles they will be undertaking as School Leaders in 2015. It is also important for the current Year 6 School Leaders as they support this process and continue to learn more about what faces them as they move on to Year 7.

Student-Led Conferences have now concluded and I hope that these will have given parents the opportunity to see the fantastic learning opportunities their children have undertaken this year. I certainly enjoyed seeing so many great conferences happening throughout the campus over the past three days.

Finally, there is an ELC Coffee morning for ELC parents on Monday next week and I look forward to seeing many parents then.

Garry Pierson

POSITIVE EDUCATION: ‘RESILIENCE’ PARENT SESSION

The Institute of Positive Education presents the ‘Insight Series’; guests lectures designed to inform, inspire and provide insight. Our first guest lecture will be presented by Matthew Johnstone, pictured left, who will be speaking on ‘Resilience’.

Matthew Johnstone is a bestselling author and passionate mental health and wellbeing advocate. Matthew is also the Creative Director of the Black Dog Institute developing various creative, educational programs on understanding mental health, mood disorders, mindfulness and resilience. When he is not working for the Institute he is an author, illustrator and father of two.

Matthew will be delivering a talk about the important subject of resilience. Most of us set out quietly hoping for, and secretly expecting, to live a happy, successful and healthy life. But life does not always play fair or go to plan. Resilience is about developing flexibility, acceptance and self-compassion when those plans go awry. Through stunning visuals he helps bring an understanding of how resilience plays a key role in wellbeing. He offers an accessible roadmap to developing and maintaining resilience and how it can help you overcome and learn from difficult life events.

Date: Tuesday 21 October 2014
Time: 7pm – 8.30pm
Location: Toorak Campus
Cost: FREE

Registration is essential as numbers are limited. To register visit www.ggs.vic.edu.au/PosEd
This presentation is open to parents, staff, friends and members of our wider school community.
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Tuesday 21 October 2014, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Toorak Campus | Free

DIANNE VELLA-BRODRICK
2013 RESEARCH FINDINGS
Dianne Vella-Brodrick (PhD) is an Associate Professor at the Melbourne Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne and adjunct in the School of Psychology and Psychiatry at Monash University. She is also the Director of the Master of Applied Positive Psychology program which is part of the Centre for Positive Psychology at the University of Melbourne.

Dianne’s presentation will explore and discuss the results from the first year of the longitudinal Positive Education research project ‘Enhancing adolescent mental health through positive education’.

The research project measures the wellbeing of GGS Year 9, 10 and 11 students. The project commenced in 2013 with Year 9 students being tracked for a period of three years; these students are currently in Year 10.

We look forward to sharing some of the initial findings and outlining the next stages in this comprehensive study.

Wednesday 26 November 2014, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Cook Theatre, Corio Campus | Free

TOM COPE
ON THE TRAIL OF GENGHIS KHAN
Described by National Geographic USA as a ‘cultural ambassador’, Tim Cope is an internationally award-winning Australian author, adventurer, and filmmaker, who is most renowned for his iconic three year, 10,000km journey by horse on the trail of nomads made famous by Genghis Khan.

Tim’s talk includes messages of perseverance, pursuing a dream, goal setting, resilience and determination, acting outside one’s comfort zone, developing a sense of integrity, and looking outwards.

At the core of his journeys is a love of adventure, people, and personal challenge. For Tim, adventure isn’t about conquering the elements, but learning about the world by immersing himself in the different cultures, landscapes and situations he encounters.

Tuesday 4 November 2014, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
BW Theatre, Corio Campus | Free

2015 POSITIVE EDUCATION COURSES FOR PARENTS
Our parent courses provide a personal and in-depth exploration of the science of wellbeing with a focus on personal transformation through teaching practical Positive Psychology skills that can have a significant and lasting impact on wellbeing.

In 2015 we will be offering two parent courses:

- A weeknight course being held from 7.00pm - 8.30pm each Wednesday evening for 6 weeks at the Toorak Campus.
  Commencing 22 April 2015
- A weekend residential course from 18 - 20 September 2015 at our Corio campus

To find out more visit: www.ggs.vic.edu.au/PosEd

Registration is essential as numbers are limited.
To register visit http://www.ggs.vic.edu.au/School/Positive-Education/Events

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LIBRARY NEWS

Last Friday, the Year 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to experience Aboriginal storytelling from the 2012 Australian Children’s Laureate, Boori Monty Pryor. Both year levels are currently exploring Aboriginal culture in their Units of Inquiry. The Year 6 students are investigating the implications for indigenous and non-indigenous societies regarding the traditional ownership of land and resources. The Year 5 students are exploring how cultures pass on their beliefs and values through language and The Arts.

Students learned about the cultural significance of song, painting and dance in Aboriginal storytelling. Boori used his book ‘Shake a Leg’ as a catalyst for the workshop. The book has won multiple awards, including the 2011 Prime Minister’s Literary Award for Children’s Fiction. He played his didgeridoo as the students danced and re-enacted a 10,000 year old story about a boy and a crocodile. He used the clapping sticks to symbolise the turning of pages in a book. The story is still very relevant in our modern day society. It is important to listen carefully; otherwise you might end up in strife!

Fiona O’Rourke
Teacher Librarian

Glamorgan Association:
Spring Racing Carnival Lunch

The sun shone brightly at the Pavilion of Como for our first ever Spring Racing Carnival Lunch yesterday! Thank you to all of the mums who attended and supported our sold-out event. It was a great lunch and special thanks to Penelope D’Alton for her support with our fundraising efforts through the sale of her wonderful headpieces. We look forward to starting a new GGS Toorak tradition with the addition of our Spring Racing Carnival Lunch each October.

The Association is thrilled to announce that we raised over $1,300 from the lunch and the raffle to go towards the end of year picnic. A huge thank you also to the members of our school community who supported our raffle. Thank you also to the following families and businesses for their kind donations for our door prizes and raffle. Please see below for our list of lucky winners! For those not at the lunch, we will be in touch to deliver your prizes. Congratulations to all of our winners.

Door Prizes:
1) Liberty Belle Gift Pack ($1000) - kindly donated by the Moss Family - MARLO NAYLOR
2) Toorak Club Membership kindly arranged by Amanda Pembrook - GEORGIE KIRBY
3) Rationale Voucher - Photogenic Facial and Skin Consultation - MICHELLE WANG
4) Seacret Skincare Gift Pack - ALEXANDRA RICHARDSON
5) Blow Out Bar Voucher - RHONA MILLAR
6) Yoga Voucher ($120) - South Yarra - kindly arranged by Julia Cox - CLARE CHRISTIE
7) Hair's Voucher ($20) - kindly donated by the Ferguson Family - SUSANNAH CALVERT-JONES
8) Koko Black Voucher ($10) - kindly donated by the Ferguson Family - JUSTINE FORGE

Raffle:
1) Melbourne Taekwondo Party Pack Voucher ($300) - TESSA STEWART
2) Kirby & Kirby Throw Rug ($195) - kindly donated by the Kirby Family - ROXANNE KTENAVOS
3) Hot Pinky's Toorak Place Manicure, Pedicure and Threading Voucher ($138) - JIN HAO
4) Reverse Skincare Toorak Medi Facial Voucher ($140) - SOPHIE STEWART
5) Tremayne Blow Wave and Treatment Voucher ($100) - ALEXANDRA RICHARDSON
6) Socks N Props Voucher and 6 pairs of socks ($107) - PENNY GRAY
7) White Lotus Hair Hawksburn Voucher ($50) - OMAR WIN
8) Hudson's Meat Toorak Voucher ($20) - kindly donated by the Ferguson Family - GEORGIE COOMBE-TENNANT
9) Egons Cafe Toorak Village Voucher ($30) - MICHAEL HAGE
10) Koko Black Voucher ($20) - kindly donated by the Ferguson Family - JIN HAO

Denise Wong
President
Glamorgan Association: Spring Racing Carnival Lunch
ELC 3: IN THE CHILDREN’S GARDEN

Transdisciplinary theme: How The World Works
An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.

Central idea: We can explore the many changes in our world
Planting with Ian in the garden fits in with our exploration of growth and change and exploring what elements are necessary for plants to live.
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: TERM 4

**Ballet Lessons**
Classes: Every Thursday  
Starts: Thursday 9th October  
Time: 3.40pm - 4.30pm  
Where: The Drama Studio  
Age Group: Prep to Year 2

**Chinese Programme**
Classes: Every Tuesday  
Starts: Tuesday 14th October  
Time: 3.15pm - 4.30pm  
Where: Butler Centre  
ALL AGES

**Chess Club**
Classes: Every Wednesday  
Starts: Wednesday 8th October  
Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
Where: Butler Centre  
ALL AGES

**SoccerWise**
Classes: Every Monday  
Starts: Monday 20th October  
Time: 3.15pm  
Where: The Baillieu Field  
Prep to Year 6

**Dance**
Creative Dance: P - 2, 3.15pm Tuesdays  
Hip Hop: P - Year 2, 1.15pm Thursdays  
Hip Hop: Year 3+, 3.40pm Thursdays  
Where: The Drama Studio

**Taekwondo Classes**
Classes: Every Wednesday  
Starts: Wednesday 15th October  
Time: 1.15pm Lunchtime  
Where: Isabel McComas Hall  
ALL AGES

**Tennis Lessons**
Lessons: Wednesday, Thursday or Friday  
Starts: Wednesday 8th October  
Time: 3.30pm, 4pm or 4.30pm classes  
ALL AGES

For more information please refer to the leaflets in Reception
On Friday 17th October, we will be holding a combined campus String and Band workshop. Students from the Corio campus will be travelling to Toorak and working with our students in Vivace Strings and Concert Band to prepare some joint repertoire throughout the day.

There will be a performance at lunchtime from 1:10pm in the Isabel McComas Hall. Parents and students are most welcome to attend the lunchtime performance.