



# Newsletter

Ridgehaven Primary School

Term 1 - Week 7

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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## Dates To Remember

### Chromebook – First Instalment

Due by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

### Uniform Shop

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
2:30-3:30pm

### School Photo Day

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

### Sports Day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

## From Leadership Team

### Sports Day – Friday 29 March (term 1, week 9)

A friendly reminder that our Sports Day will be held on Friday 29 March (term 1, week 9). I'd like to thank our P.E. teacher, Mr Hillard, for his wonderful efforts in organising Sports Day and in preparing our students for the various activities and events that they will be involved in. A lot of time and energy goes into the lead up to the day and I thank him and others for all of their efforts.

In the coming days students will vote on their respective Sports Captains. This provides another fantastic opportunity for our senior students to demonstrate and share their leadership qualities with the rest of the school.

We are also seeking **volunteers** with cooking the bbq and serving sausages and drinks on Sports Day. If you are able to help, please see Mel Rawnsley or Martin Woodcock, or let us know of your availability in the front office.

### School Crossing

We have noticed that some of our families are choosing not to use our school crossing. I strongly encourage you to use the crossing at all times when walking across Milne Road as the safety and wellbeing of our children and families is our number one concern. I've also been informed that SAPOL are planning to monitor jaywalking in our local area and I would be disappointed for our families if they were fined for an avoidable act.

### Nature Play

I want to thank our families and the PFC for raising money in 2018, which has been allocated for the creation of a nature play space in our school. Towards the end of last year, Jean organised a quote which I have been considering. I am currently in the process of organising a second quote in order to make comparisons and an informed decision about which company to proceed with. I have also visited a few schools to inspect their nature play spaces and had conversations with school principals about their experiences and what types of spaces their children have been most engaged with.

In the meantime, class teachers have surveyed their children to gain an understanding of what equipment and spaces they are most interested in having in our nature play area. A tepee structure and swings have been popular choices across our school. I will certainly keep you updated as we progress through this process.

*Joe Blefari, Martin Woodcock & Sharon Foweraker*

## Our School Values:

Caring

Honesty

Excellence

Respect

Responsibility

## The Program Achieve Keys To Success:

Confidence

Persistence

Getting Along

Organisation

Resilience

## From Leadership Team continued

### **Teaching & Learning**

As a staff we have recently looked at some of John Hattie's work. John Hattie has been Professor of Education and Director of the Melbourne Education Research Institute at the University of Melbourne, Australia, since March 2011. He was previously Professor of Education at the University of Auckland.

He is renowned worldwide for his studies of the impact different teaching and learning strategies have on student achievement. Our staff enjoyed learning more about his evidence based work and were engaged in conversations about what it means for them as teachers.

As a result of our discussions, we have decided to have a whole school focus on two strategies which are proven to have a large/positive impact on student learning outcomes;

- Learning Intentions
- Success Criteria

### **What are learning intentions?**

A learning intention for a lesson or series of lessons is a statement, created by the teacher, which describes clearly what the teacher wants the students to know, understand, and be able to do as a result of learning and teaching activities. Clear learning intentions help students focus not just on the task or activity taking place but on what they are learning.

### **What are success criteria?**

Success criteria are linked to learning intentions. They are developed by the teacher and/or the student and describe what success looks like. They help the teacher and student to make judgements about the quality of student learning.

To give our students the tools they need to take more responsibility for their own learning and achieve greater learning independence, we need to communicate to them; what they are going to learn, why they should learn it in the first place and how they will recognise when they have succeeded.

Research shows that students who regularly receive this information in the classroom are; more focused for longer periods of time, more motivated and active in their learning and better able to take responsibility for their own learning.

### **National Day against Violence and Bullying**

Friday 15 March is national Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. As part of our involvement in this day, teachers will focus on supporting children's understanding of bullying and what they can do about bullying.

Bullying involves one or more people repeatedly and deliberately doing things to make another person upset, afraid or hurt. Bullying is not just 'playing around' – it can really affect someone's feelings and emotions. Bullying can take place just about anywhere and can come in many forms. For example, bullying can include physical, verbal and social aggression and it can be either face-to-face or online (cyberbullying). If students are having problems with bullying, seeking support is a good way to help them overcome the negative effects of bullying and find ways to get the bullying to stop.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, I am not aware of every conversation or incident that occurs in the school. What I can definitively say is that I have been very impressed by the general atmosphere in our school. I have found our children to be respectful of adults and of each other. I love the small actions which contribute to the 'feel' and atmosphere at Ridgehaven. I have witnessed/experienced students holding doors open for adults (not that this is an expectation of mine), students asking me how my day has been and students sharing play spaces and equipment. As I walk through classrooms I have also been impressed by how respectful students are, particularly during explicit teaching times. We have a lot to celebrate and be proud of at our school and I thank parents for the important role they have within this.

I hope you have a positive end to the week.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Blefari

## From Leadership Team continued

### Grandparents Morning

It was fantastic to see such a large turn-out of grandparents and other special family members and friends for our Early Years Grandparent's Morning. I hope they enjoyed the opportunity to visit Ridgehaven and see their loved ones within their learning environments. I appreciated meeting new family members and hearing about their various connections to our school. Some grandparents shared memories of when their now adult children attended Ridgehaven and I spoke to few that had travelled long distances as far as Morphet Vale and the Riverland!

As a school we are focused on much more than simply providing children with an education. We value relationships and connections and days such as this, help us to build that sense of community which is so very important in the digital world in which we live. Thank you to our families for supporting this event and encouraging grandparents and special friends to attend. Thank you to our students and teachers for their fantastic efforts and for those that helped with morning tea.



## Parent/Teacher interviews

A note has recently been sent home in relation to Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews which will be held from 18 March until 2 April. Interviews are booked via an online system as outlined below. Please see your child's class teacher or one of us in the office if you're experiencing difficulties with this online booking process.

## Book School Interviews Online

### Parents...

Booking interviews is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3:



First enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address.



On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet. First select the subject or year, then choose from the list of teachers.



Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And if something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interviews whenever you want.

You can start right now - just enter the school code and click Go.

Event code

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>

- For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, please contact your teacher for help with a booking
- Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.
- Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you use when you made your original booking.

## Assembly Merit Awards

Name	Room	Value / Key To Success
Trisha P	2	A confident and successful start to a new school! Welcome to Ridgehaven! ☺
Coby B	2	Being a positive role model and a caring class member. Well done Coby! ☺
Austin W	5	Showing persistence with your work – you are sticking at tasks to get them completed. Well done!
Jasmyn F	5	Confidently participating in all areas of learning. What a positive beginning to school so far.
Bodhi S	7	Consistently role modelling positive learning behaviours and always doing his best.
Shaylah L	7	Demonstrating a growth mindset by always giving her best at every task, even those that are unfamiliar or challenging.
Ava N	10	Persisting well with difficult math tasks.
Finn W	10	Tackling math challenges with enthusiasm and persistence.
Ben A	12	Making a huge effort to extend himself in all learning areas and inspiring others with his mathematical understanding.
Poppy D	12	A brilliant start to 2019! Her positive, uplifting attitude is an asset to our classroom.
Eli S	Science	Always coming to Science with a great enthusiasm and sharing cool and interesting facts!
Jett S	Science	Being prepared for Science lessons and contributing to class discussions. Jett, I love how you always have something new to share each week. ☺
Noah Z	P.E/Drama	Always working well with any of his peers in Drama and P.E lessons.
Mia C	P.E/Drama	A persistent effort in all Drama and P.E lessons.

# SPORTS DAY LUNCH

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Student Lunch Order Forms will be sent home today

Lunch Order forms are for students only and  
sausages will be delivered to your child's class.

Family members are able to purchase sausages on the day.  
Drinks will also be available for sale.

## 2019 SCHOOL M&S CHARGES

**Payment due by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Payments** can be made at the Front Office by Cash, Cheque, Eftpos or Credit Card. Payments may also be made through the phone QKR app.

**Payment by Instalments** can be arranged either by paying in person or by direct debit from your bank account or credit card.

**School Card** forms must be completed every year. Forms are available from the front office for eligible families whose combined family income (from your 2017/18 tax return) is under the following limits:

No of children	Annual Income	Weekly Income
1	\$59,432	\$1,143
2	\$60,493	\$1,164
3	\$61,554	\$1,185
4	\$62,615	\$1,206
5	\$63,676	\$1,227
Each addt child	\$ 1,061	\$21

## EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS REQUIRED

Support of donations will be much appreciated and can be left at the front office.

Raffle books will be sent home in week 7 and will be drawn at school on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April



## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop has relocated to the front office and will be run by the office staff on the following dates in Term 1.

Week 9 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2:30-3:30pm

Week 11 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2:30-3:30pm

## SPORTS DAY Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March



## 2019 Pupil Free Days

Term 2 - Friday 7 June

Term 3 - Friday 30 August

Term 4 - Friday 22 November

## 2019 School Closure Day Monday 2 September

## School Photographs

### Ordering Process

1. Please click on the link below to order online. Payment is via Credit Card or Electronic Funds transfer.
2. Please note, sibling photographs must be ordered online along with individual and/or group photographs.
3. Envelopes will be provided to each family via the eldest child if your preferred method of payment is by cash, cheque or card. Please ensure the correct cash amount is included in your child's envelope as the office does not have the ability to provide change. Additional envelopes are available from the front office if needed.

Please ensure sibling photographs are ordered online by no later than 6pm the night prior to photograph day.

To place your order online:

1. Click on the link <https://saschoolphotography.com.au/clients/ridgehaven-primary-school/> (or copy and paste into your browser)

If you're having trouble with the link, go to [www.saschoolphotography.com.au](http://www.saschoolphotography.com.au) from the menu options choose Online Ordering, Ridgehaven Primary School

2. Choose your package, click "add to cart" and fill in your child's name and room, and any additions, e.g. sibling add-on or black and white
3. Click on the shopping cart to add to your cart.
4. You can either view your cart, or add another package for another child.
5. Proceed to Checkout
6. Fill in your details
7. Proceed to payment

Photos will be returned 6-8 weeks after photo day.

For further information please contact:

Vanessa Size Photography

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



# TWILIGHT OPENING

**Banksia Park International High School**  
Entrepreneurial and International Specialist School  
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**Thursday**  
**28 March 2019**  
**3.30pm to 7.30pm**  
Principal's address 5.30pm



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Golden Grove  
High School

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## Special Entry Dance 2020

The Special Entry Dance program is open to all students regardless of where you live.

Golden Grove High School is widely recognised for the quality and breadth of its Arts programs.

Enrolment in this program is via a selection process involving a written application, audition and interview. Some previous dance training is preferable.

The program combines an academic education with a specialised Dance pathway throughout Years 8-12.

Applications for the 2020 intake close on **Friday 3 May 2019** with auditions held on Sunday 19 May 2019 (by allocation only).

Please download the [application](#) from our [website](#).



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# SA ATHLETICS ACADEMY

**STARTING SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2019**  
SA Athletics Stadium, Mile End

## REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

ATHLETICS DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN  
AGED 9 TO 19 YEARS

[www.littleathleticsa.com.au/SAAthleticsAcademy](http://www.littleathleticsa.com.au/SAAthleticsAcademy)

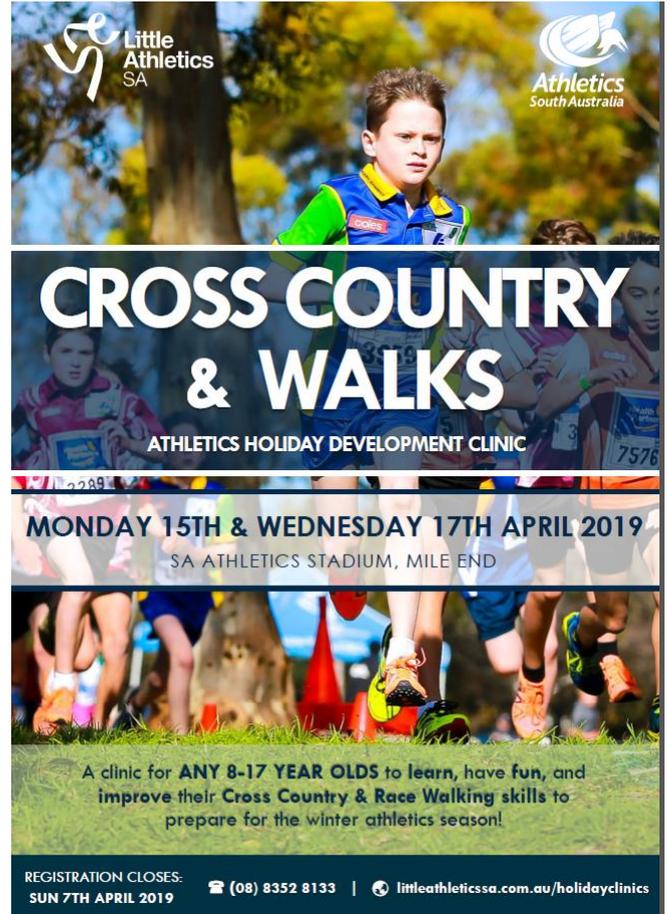
# COMMUNITY NEWS



Golden Grove High School

**OPEN DAY**  
Wednesday 27 March 2019

The poster features a group of four young boys in school uniforms (dark green and yellow) smiling and looking at the camera. They are in a school setting, possibly a kitchen or lab area. The Golden Grove High School logo is in the top right corner.



Little Athletics SA  
Athletics South Australia

**CROSS COUNTRY & WALKS**  
ATHLETICS HOLIDAY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

MONDAY 15TH & WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2019  
SA ATHLETICS STADIUM, MILE END

A clinic for ANY 8-17 YEAR OLDS to learn, have fun, and improve their Cross Country & Race Walking skills to prepare for the winter athletics season!

REGISTRATION CLOSES:  
SUN 7TH APRIL 2019 | (08) 8352 8133 | [littleathleticssa.com.au/holidayclinics](http://littleathleticssa.com.au/holidayclinics)

The poster shows a young boy in a blue and green athletic uniform running. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with trees. The text is overlaid on the image.

## Gemini Netball Club Inc.

### Player Registrations Open Now!! Winter 2019 season

Player registration online open NOW!!!  
Closing 7th March 2019  
Uniform fittings to be advised

Players required for the following grades:

- 9 and under
- 11 and under
- 13 and under
- 15 and under
- 17 and under
- Seniors – open age

If you are interested in playing winter season 2019 please contact as soon as possible via club's website:

[www.gemininetballclubinc.com.au](http://www.gemininetballclubinc.com.au)

All inquiries will be responded to asap.

As all Club and Team Registrations have to be submitted  
In the coming weeks to  
South Australian Districts Netball Association

Contact: Margaret 0414641063|



Our school community  
is proud to Take a  
Stand Together.

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**  
TAKE A STAND  
TOGETHER

Friday 15 March 2019  
[www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

National Day  
of Action against  
Bullying and Violence

The poster features a speech bubble with the text "Our school community is proud to Take a Stand Together." and "BULLYING. NO WAY! TAKE A STAND TOGETHER". The background is a purple-tinted image of a school building with a staircase. The date and website are in a yellow box at the bottom left, and the event name is in a white box at the bottom right.



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