



NEWSLETTER No. 9
Thursday 4 December 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hi all,
 I'd like to share some important staffing updates for 2026.

STAFF FAREWELLS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Jennifer Stojceski**, who has accepted a Deputy Principal position at Victoria Park Primary School for Term 1, 2026. Congratulations also to **Danica Carere**, who has secured a permanent position at Woodvale Primary School next year. We also farewell **Matt Aitken**, who has taken up a new role. We thank Jenn, Danica and Matt for their contributions to GPS and wish them all the best.

We also wish Lauren Cohen all the best for her Maternity Leave and look forward to welcoming her back when she is ready. Paula Moore will also be decreasing her work fraction in 2026 and will no longer be taking Digital Technologies teaching lessons, instead she will be in once a fortnight supporting the school with ICT maintenance etc.

STAFF FOR 2026

Grace Lane will be supporting us in Term 1 as the Indonesian Teacher, and **Indhira Made** will return in Term 2. **Verity Palmer** will join us as our Digital Technologies teacher in 2026. Additionally, we are also excited to welcome **Sharon Kennedy-Spadek** to the teaching team. Sharon has been a valued EA at GPS for many years and now joins us as a Graduate Teacher- a wonderful milestone in her career. **Luke Huggins** who has completed relief here in 2025 we also welcome to the teaching team, as well as **Tanisha Dimanopolous**, who will return for Term 1 after completing her final placement with us this year.

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming our staff as they move into their new roles. Thank you for your support as we prepare for a great year ahead.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024 was passed by the Australian Government and will come into effect on the 10 December 2025.

This law states that you must be 16 years or older to hold an account on social media platforms and is intended to protect youth from unhealthy and unsafe social media content and messages. The platforms that are currently included in the ban are ([Which social media platforms are age-restricted? | eSafety Commissioner](#)):

Facebook	Instagram	Kick	Reddit	Snapchat
Threads	Tiktok	Twitch	X	YouTube

To prepare for this change, I thought it might be helpful to share some reliable and credible resources.

eSafety Commissioner - [Social media age restrictions hub | eSafety Commissioner](#)

Raising Children Network - [Social media ban: FAQs | Raising Children Network](#)

Triple P - [How to set social media rules and boundaries the whole family can live with | Triple P](#)

Triple P - [Beyond social media guilt: support kids and stress less with positive parenting | Triple P](#)

The eSafety Commissioner has developed some resources to support parents in navigating this change with their children. Also attached to this connect notice is a resource on "**How to talk about social media age restrictions with under-16s – conversation starters quick guide**".

MATTHIAS UPDATE

We are very pleased to share that Matthias' brain surgery went well, and he is currently in the recovery phase. We wish him a smooth and steady recovery and can't wait to have him back with us in 2026.

FINAL MESSAGE

As we come to the end of the year, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our parents and guardians for your ongoing support and for helping us finish the year on such a positive note. My heartfelt thanks also go to our dedicated and hardworking staff. Your professionalism, commitment and genuine care for our students make GPS the wonderful school it is.

We farewell our Year 6 families, along with any other families leaving our community this year. We wish you every success in your next chapter.

I would also like to acknowledge Sandra Dias and Kerri-Anne Hannaford for their outstanding support as Associate Principals throughout Term 4. Their leadership has been greatly appreciated.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful and happy festive season. Thank you once again for your support, and I look forward to an excellent year ahead in 2026.

Kind regards

Bec Fall
Principal



A happy snap of our new mums and their bubs.

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

7 November and 21 November 2025

TA2	Grace, Laylah
TA3	Errol, Alissa
TA4	Matthias, Wilfred, William
TA5	Reese, Amber, Neo
TA6	Hazel, Neel, Kenny, Henry
TA7	Isaak, Arlo, Isabelle, Skye
TA8	Lucy, Tate, Jordan, Amelia
TA9	Kingston, Charlie, Evelyn, Isabelle
TA10	Melinda, Lukin, Zara, Storm
TA11	Fletcher, Harriet, Luca, Jarvis
TA12	Lulu, Michael, Maddi, Layla
TA14	Kuku, Jaxon, Indie, Katia
TA15	Evelyn, Nolan, Blaike, Chase
SUSTAINABILITY	Jasmine, Shayan, Mason, Nathan, Harry
SCIENCE	Lola, Kayden, Indy, Mark



Dates to Remember

DECEMBER

- 5** Assembly - Choir
- 8** Yr 3 Bowling
- 10** Choir – Warwick Music Concert
- 11** Christmas Concert
- 12** Yr 6 Adventure World
- 15** Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony
Yr 6 Dinner Dance
Yr 1 Pop Magic Incursion
- 16** Social Dance
- 17** Book Awards Ceremony
- 18** Last Day for Students

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We've almost made it, and what a year it has been. It's starting to feel like we are approaching the holidays, so much so that we are starting some card making and Christmas colouring and decorations in the library over the last couple of weeks when I am in.

School holidays are a great time to spend some time together and make some memories, but if you do get to the "I'm bored" stage – here are some ideas for you.

TO READ: [Wolf Girl 14: The Break In](#)

The newest book in the Wolf Girl series is being released in time for the break. Now that Gwen and her dad are reunited, can they break into camp to save the dogs from digging for minerals in a dangerous environment?

TO SEE: [Zootopia 2](#)

I am personally looking forward to seeing what case Judy Hopps and Nick Wilde are up against and the mischief they get up to on the way to solving it!

TO DO: [Host your own scavenger hunt](#)

Whether you are at home or decide to go on a big adventure, make a list of fun or weird and wacky things that your family can find and/or take photos with. If you get stuck for ideas, there are always some lists that you find online.

TO GO: [Explore the many attractions in our background](#)

Beaches, parks, the zoo, Scitech, museums... there are so many places that you can explore and things that you can do. If you need any more ideas, you can head to the following site: <https://holidayswithkids.com.au/perth-things-to-do/>

Have an amazing and safe break and I look forward to seeing you and your family in 2026.

Emma Swan

Chaplain

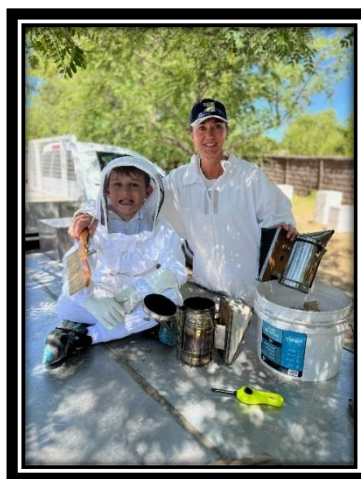


SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has bought in their recycling this year. We are proud to say, that our final tally over all waste streams, will have recycled close to 290kgs of items – that's a lot saved from landfill.

We have had a busy year in sustainability activities – planting harvesting and cooking our school produce and Mrs Bengough has been a legend in the kitchen, providing a lot of fun for the students and delicious trays of food shared by the school.

One of our own students has also been very busy - Jaxon Taylor has just extracted the latest harvest of honey from his Beehive. 50kg of honey was extracted from 3 boxes, from his beehive. Delicious Flood Gum Honey from the local Eucalyptus trees found in the Swan Valley. The Flood Gum is also known as Eucalyptus Rudis, a beautiful tall tree with white flowers that is found along river systems and swamps in WA. Bees fly approximately 3km from their beehives to local flowering trees around them. Making a lovely WA honey as a result!



Jaxon hard at work with his Aunty Kim



And with his final product

Thank you,

From the Sustainability Team

TA 10 and TA 12

Design Technology Cooking

