

Gladesville Primary School Newsletter

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Term 4: November-December Edition

Our Mission: Value kindness, learn together and empower the leader within.

Dear parent/guardians of Gladesville Primary School,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. This will be our last newsletter for the 2023 school year. The last day for our students will be on Wednesday 19th Dec. with a 1.30pm dismissal; the 20th Dec. will be a pupil free day. I started in term 2 and it has been wonderful working and building relationships with students, staff and parents. The *Leader in Me* framework has resonated with me and how the 8 Habits engage and motivate our school community. This will be a continued focus to support and build student and parent voice in the new year. Furthermore, we are promoting ways to improve community involvement to support student learning in-and-outside the classroom.

I would like to acknowledge several staff who will not be returning next year. Sarah Backo, School Chaplain, and Roberta Macauley, Educational Support. I would like to thank them for their time and commitment to support our students socially, emotionally and academically. I wish them all the best with their future endeavours.

Mr Miz Kumbaric will be venturing in his new role next year, and Mandy, Business Manager, will be adventuring around Australia. I would like to wish them all the success in 2024. Kylie Groen's secondment at BCPS has been extended to the end of semester 1 2024, and we anticipate her return in semester 2. All new staff will be welcomed and introduced in the new year.

2024 Student Transition

Our 2023 Year 6 students have had several high school transition sessions via webEx and will be visiting their corresponding schools on the 12th Dec. This is a very exciting time for them.

Foundation transition sessions have continued to be a success and it has been pleasing to see 2024 students engaged with all the set activities leading up to statewide transition. Thank you to our 2024 foundation teachers Ashley A. and Bernice J. for organising all the activities to ensure students have a smooth transition. At our last foundation transition day, the focus was STEAM, students explored objects that sink and float.



Important Dates

Term 4 2nd October – 20th December

Tuesday 12th December

Whole school Transition

Wednesday 13th December

Art Show and Carols

Friday 15th December

Reports to parents

Monday 18th December

Graduation

Tuesday 19th December

Assembly and last day of school

Student finish at 1.30 pm

Wednesday 20th December

Curriculum Day for staff – no students

2024 Term 1 29th January (students start Tuesday 30th January) – Thursday 28th March



There are some wonderings about grade structures for 2024 and students will be meeting their classroom teachers Tuesday 12th December at Statewide Transition. There has been a lot of reflection, consideration and staff consultation put forward in regarding 2024 classroom structure.

Our 2024 classroom structure and teachers are as follows:

- Foundation / Grade 1 - Ashley Alexander & Bernice Johnson
- Grade 2 / Grade 3 - Elise Brown
- Grade 4/ Grade 5 - Adam Mitchell
- Grade 5/ Grade 6 - Will Rayner

Working Bee, Bunnings and Kilsyth Festival

A big thank you to all the parents who have helped on the Saturday 25th Nov. Working Bee. There was a lot of mulch to spread and it's wonderful to see we have claimed more car park spaces! 2024 Working Bee calendar dates will be set in the new year.



Croydon Bunnings annually and generously donate native plants for our Year 6 graduation garden walkway. Thank you to Kaz from Bunnings for coming out to plant trees with our students. It is a great program for our graduating students who will always have a symbolic memory of their time at GPS.



Lastly, thank you to all the parent and student volunteers that helped out at the Kilsyth Festival. It was pleasing to see parents actively engaging with the wider community and speaking highly of the school culture and reasons why they chose Gladesville Primary School for their child.

School Review and Development of our 4-year Strategic Plan 2024-2027

Our final day of school review was on Monday 20th Nov. Thank you to the school community (student, staff and parents), panel members: Challenge Partners - Genevieve Casonato Principal - Parktone PS, and Judith Martin, Principal - Wandin Yallock PS, Adam Mitchell, Teacher Representative, Russell Yeo S.C President, Nicki Wood, Acting Principal – Badger Creek PS, Dee Deklijn SEIL, and Heather Norbury, School Reviewer, for their participation and involvement in GPSs S.Review. We are excited and pleased with the outcome of the review process. The Strategic Plan will be finalised in the new year and the 2 long-term goals are:

Goal 1 - Maximise the learning growth of every student.

Goal 2 - Empower all students to become confident and self-reliant learners and leaders.

From our school review, one of our Key Improvement Strategies next year will be:

2c. Increase school and family partnerships as a key strategy to improve student learning and wellbeing outcomes.

Respectful Relationships at Badger Creek Primary School



On Tuesday 28th November, 5 students from Grade 5 presented their student-led project that identified an issue at GPS and undertook an action plan to create meaningful change. It was an engaging experience working with other schools and to help our students build-on their leadership skills, qualities and capabilities. The program was a success and we plan to participate again next year.

CU (Children's University) Graduation at Swinburne University



It was a fantastic evening to see our students attend CU graduation ceremony at Swinburne University 29th November. CU is a program that commenced 3-years ago, and this is our first year participating. It is an opportunity for students that are self-motivated and who want to extend themselves beyond the classroom. Thank you to Mr Miz Kumbaric for coordinating with Swinburne University and facilitating our student's learning. Students received a Bronze

Award for 30+ hours and a Silver Award for 65+ hours of learning. We plan to continue and extend this program to Year 3s in 2024.

Thank you Gladesville PS families for an awesome year and I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 13th Dec at our Art Show and Xmas Carols - Art Show 4.45-5.45 - BYO Picnic Dinner 6.15 Carols Commence - Invite your family and friends along to join in the xmas festivities.

Happy Holidays!

**Thank you,
Jeff de Villa
Acting Principal**

Behind the scenes in Literacy

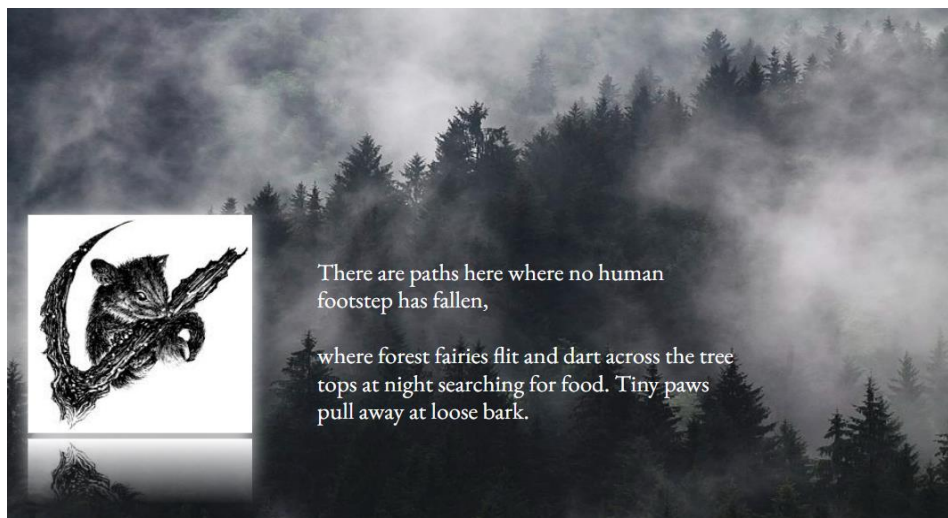
SLAM POETRY AT GLADESVILLE

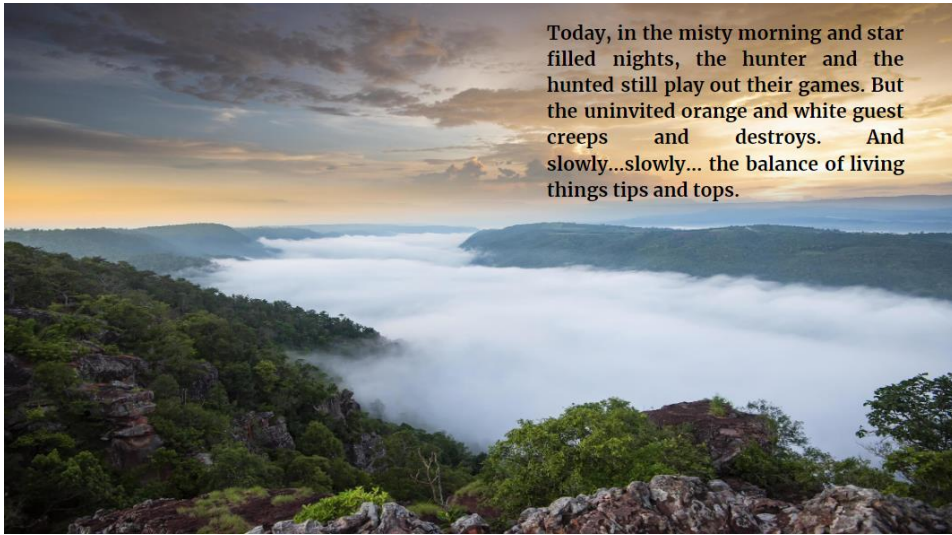
Spectacular Student Writing

Having written in previous newsletters about mentor texts and visual literacy, it seems fitting to end the year with some of the student writing which has been born from these two areas of study. Below is a small selection of single pages from the hybrid texts grade 5-6 students created about Victorian endangered species. These were packed with alliteration, metaphor, sensory imagery, personification and more. Enjoy, and be amazed by their sensitive approach to their topic and the poetic use of language and image.

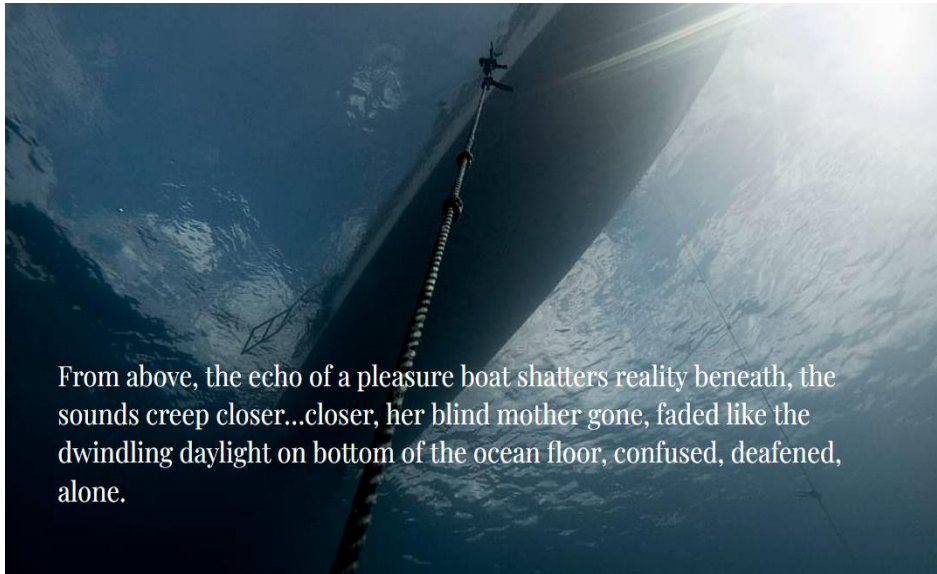
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hybrid texts
written by;

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Dylan Lupton
Fletcher Askham
Hayden Monds

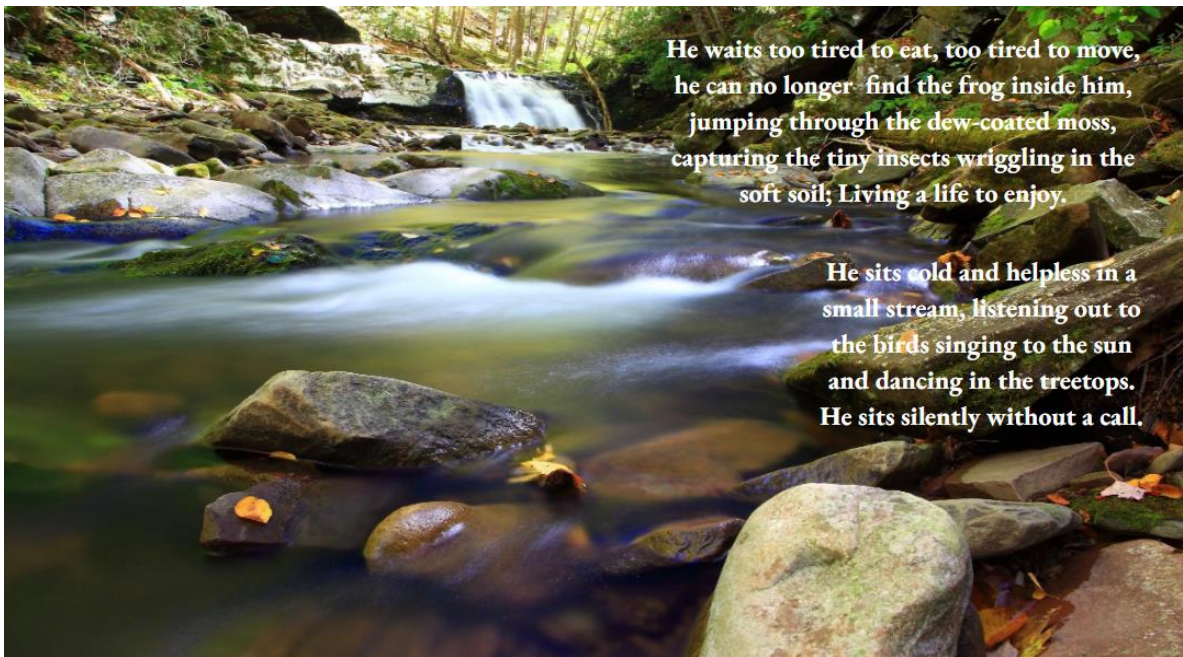




Today, in the misty morning and star filled nights, the hunter and the hunted still play out their games. But the uninvited orange and white guest creeps and destroys. And slowly...slowly... the balance of living things tips and tops.



From above, the echo of a pleasure boat shatters reality beneath, the sounds creep closer...closer, her blind mother gone, faded like the dwindling daylight on bottom of the ocean floor, confused, deafened, alone.



He waits too tired to eat, too tired to move, he can no longer find the frog inside him, jumping through the dew-coated moss, capturing the tiny insects wriggling in the soft soil; Living a life to enjoy.

He sits cold and helpless in a small stream, listening out to the birds singing to the sun and dancing in the treetops. He sits silently without a call.

Behind the scenes in Mathematics

The month of November saw many of our students undergo end-of-year Maths Assessments. Teachers use a number of platforms to assess their students in Numeracy. Essential Assessment and the Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER) are the two consistent assessment tools used at Gladesville and in other schools across Victoria.

The platforms give teachers a snapshot of the wonderful progress students have made over the year within each strand and sub-strand of the Victorian Curriculum. Having said that, Our teachers also use other forms of assessment in Numeracy tailored to the individual needs of each class and student. Therefore, this is a timely reminder that if your child is feeling stressed or anxious about assessments at school, please let them know that the assessments are just that, a snapshot of a particular topic at a given time. It is not the end of the world and it will not dictate how they will perform in the future.

As teachers we send the same message in the classroom to increase confidence and positivity around Numeracy as it can go a long way to achieving more.

Mr Miz Kumbaric
Grade 4 Teacher

Student Leadership at Gladesville

Hello Gladesville PS community! It has been an amazing year where we have been able to demonstrate and grow our leadership skills which we feel will benefit us in the future. One of the highlights in our leadership role was choosing the winning car at the Show N Shine in March. We are sad to be leaving our roles however we are excited about being part of choosing the next school leaders. It has been a challenging process and decision because the student leadership applications were all outstanding. We are looking forward to Year 6 Graduation at Chirnside Park Country Club on Tuesday 18th December with our friends and family attending. It will be a memorable evening. All the best, Merry Xmas and happy holidays!

Hayden and Cooper
School Captains
Grade 5/6

PE and Sports at Gladesville

Community Sports Day Grades 5/6

On Friday 17th November Grades 5/6 competed at Oxley College. There were 7 schools playing in our district. There were a number of games such as penalty shootout, 3-pin bowling, captain ball, tunnel ball, basketball shootout etc. Some highlights is that we won majority of the events. Given we were the smallest school, we came 2nd place overall. It was an exciting achievement for our school. We are looking forward to next year and seeing our classmates synergise at the next event. Stay tuned and happy holidays!

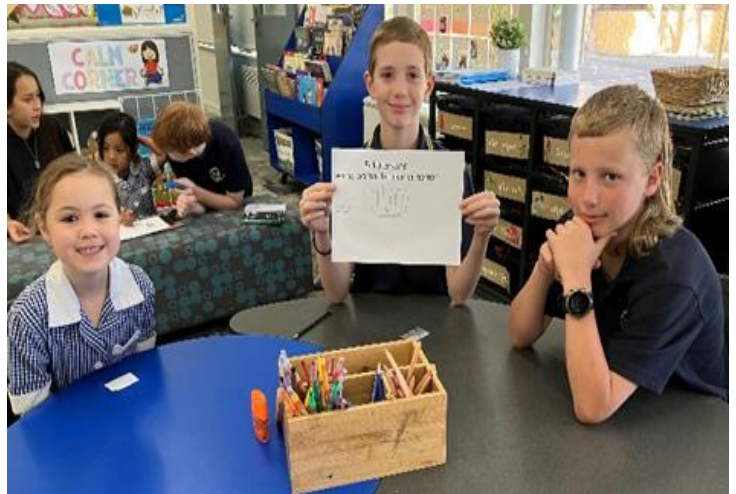
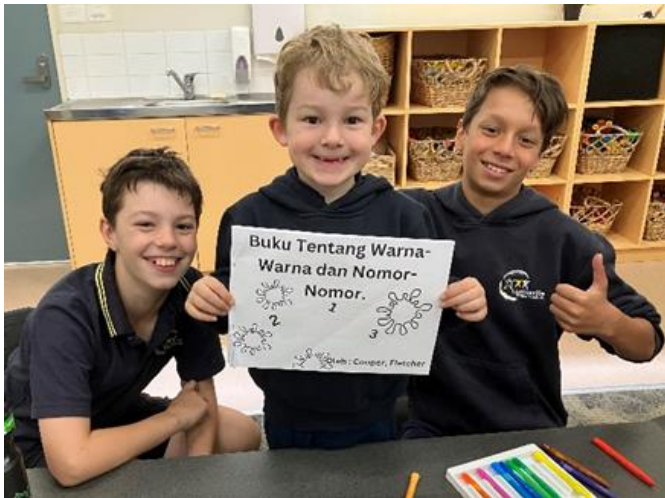
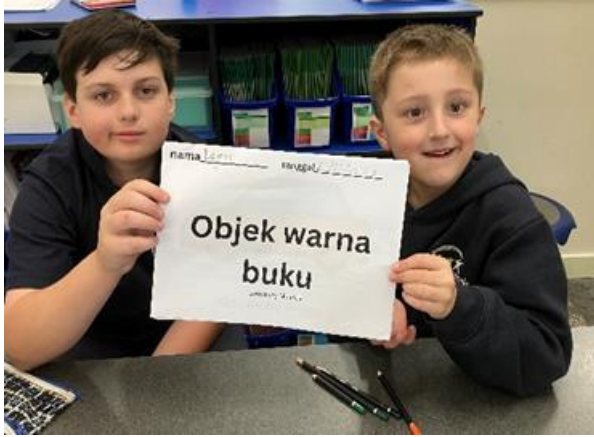
Thomas and Fletcher
Grade 5/6

Indonesian Education at Gladesville

Students from Foundation-Grade 3 enjoyed learning how to sing the Indonesian version of 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' which is 'Heads, shoulders, tummy and knees'. We enjoyed singing it at different speeds and trying to keep up with the actions. See some photos below of some of our students pointing to the different body parts.



Students in Grade 5/6 have been making and creating some wonderful booklets for their buddies this term all about numbers and colours. They enjoyed getting to read these with their buddy and helped them start to colour it so that their sentences matched the pictures.



Leader In Me at Gladesville

Thank you to all the families that completed the Leader In Me MRA survey. We had 16 submissions from families, which is wonderful. If you are wondering what the survey is used for, it is a whole school data set that our Student Voice Team collects and analyses for future 2024 goals.

Performing Arts at Education at Gladesville

We've had a wonderful term in Performing Arts. Our focus has been on the Music curriculum and learning our Christmas carols. We are really looking forward to our Art Show and Community Carols on Wednesday 13th December. It has been a wonderful time to reflect on student growth in the subject as I have been writing their reports and I cannot wait to see what the students can achieve next year in Performing Arts.



Kitchen Garden at Gladesville

Students have had a great time in the garden this term, harvesting lots of fruit and vegetables. They have reflected on the term by drawing and writing which habits they use in the garden. These reflections are up on Compass under Learning Tasks.

Over this past week and next week, each class will be in the kitchen making Christmas cookies. These will be sent home with the students so the whole family can enjoy them!

Elise Brown
Grade 2/3 and Kitchen Garden Teacher

Chaplaincy at Gladesville

"As I reflect over the past few years of my time here at Gladesville Primary School, I would like to thank all of the staff, students and parents for making this one of the best employment opportunities ever! It is with great anticipation & sadness that I have been offered the position of 'Secondary Wellbeing Officer' at Mount Evelyn Christian School, and so will be moving on from Gladesville at the end of this year. The way this community has and continues to support one another through education, empowerment & wellbeing is nothing short of extraordinary, and something I have never witnessed in any other school like this before. Gladesville really has felt like another "extended family" to me and has provided the environment to make transitioning into this new role seem possible. Thank-you to everyone for allowing me to play a part in yours & your child(ren)'s lives. Every single one of these students is truly remarkable, and I hope to have the opportunity to cross-paths with some of you again in the future! Keep on seeing and trusting in that "leader within", using your voice & valuing kindness. Wishing every single one of you all the very best in the years ahead and have a very Merry Christmas!"



Warmly Yours,

Sarah Backo
Chaplain at Gladesville Primary School-

School Council at Gladesville

Message from our School Council President - Russell Yeo

As 2024 draws to a close and we each look forward to celebrating the holiday season in our own special way, we are presented with a great opportunity to reflect on the year that was and look forward to a year that promises plenty of excitement.

For our School Community, this was a year of transition as Mrs Wood accepted the Acting Principal role at Badger Creek P.S. presenting an opportunity for us to welcome Mr De Villa to our wonderful school.

Right from the outset Mr De Villa embraced the School culture and School Councils goal to become a corner stone of the community, positively embracing School Council suggestions and providing us with the support we needed to move forward with confidence.

The Buildings and Gardens team worked hard through the year to further develop the Stephanie Alexander Garden and to maintain the school grounds including several working bees clearing trees, spreading mulch and generally tidying up the school grounds. Thanks must go to Mel Strangio for her hard work and dedication, working tirelessly for the benefit of our school community.

The Fundraising Team worked extremely hard to put together the Community Car Show and Twilight Market, raising a significant amount of funds to contribute towards our goal of improving the playgrounds throughout the school yard. A huge thanks must go to Sam Lawrence, staff and the fundraising team for their countless hours spent sourcing market stalls, food trucks, donations for raffles and engaging car clubs to promote the event. A further thanks goes to all the parent helpers on the day, without each of you helping us, these events simply aren't possible.

Post Show and Shine, the Team have spent their time, in conjunction with the school, putting together a community market to complement our Christmas Carols event next week and putting in place the foundations for a huge 2024!!

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Steph Monds and Rosh Jeyanayagam for their hard work and dedication to School Council over the past years. Both Rosh and Steph are stepping away from their roles on Council next March, both have been integral parts in the school community, and both will be missed.

Finally, I wish you all a safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

Regards,

Russell Yeo
School Council President

Habit Hero Award - Month of September and October

Foundation	Marlee Rawlinson	Marlee has done a phenomenal job with her reading and writing this term. She has proactively been seeking new ways to challenge herself. Marlee has utilised different learning strategies to help her own learning when creating her own 'Wombat Stew', including using the visual aids in the classroom to help her writing.
Grade 1	Logan Arnold	Logan has been focused on extending and challenging himself, with his learning goals in mind. It has been wonderful to see Logan flourish this term.
2/3B	Lucas Grigoropoulos	<p>Lucas has made excellent growth in Mathematics, actively embracing all challenges. He has applied himself to all learning tasks and enjoys working collaboratively with his peers.</p> <p>Congratulations Lucas for being proactive and synergising in Mathematics.</p>
4K	Luke Proctor	Luke is a very important leader in our class. He participates in everything that we do in class. He is proactive to achieve his goals and helps others to improve their learning. Congratulations!
5/6M	Cooper Alweyn-Harris	As the year has gone on, Cooper has embraced the responsibility of his captain's role with increasing maturity and integrity. Cooper is self-motivated, inclusive, and patient. These qualities, along with the courage to be himself and to encourage others to find their voice, make him a wonderful leader and role model for Gladesville. Congratulations Coop!
INDONESIAN	Riley Maskell	Riley used a proactive mindset to complete a Colour/Number Booklet for a junior school student. He used his time wisely, asked clarifying questions when unsure and willingly synergised with the teacher to get it completed. I am so proud of you Riley for approaching this task with such focus and drive to get it completed. Hebat!

INDONESIAN	Piper Jones	Piper is always focused during Indonesian lessons and brings along a proactive mindset. She challenges her abilities by often grabbing an Indonesian dictionary and writing more than has been asked of her thus taking on the extension option. Piper puts a lot of time, care and effort into the presentation of her Indonesian work. Kamu luar biasa!
PERFORMING ARTS	Jayden Jeyanayagam and Bawi Thang	Jayden and Bawi synergised well to explore the different elements of music such as pitch, rhythm and dynamics using Chrome Music Lab. They had some fantastic outcomes.
PERFORMING ARTS	Jessica McKail	Jessica has shown an incredible commitment to learning our Christmas carols. I cannot wait to see you shine in the performance.
ART	Logan Arnold	Logan is an able and conscientious member of the class who enjoys participating in art. He always takes pride in his artwork and demonstrates a good understanding of the skills and concepts taught this semester. Continue to keep up the good work!
ART	Shelby Alweyn-Harris	Shelby is an extremely able and enthusiastic member of the class who takes a keen interest in art lessons. Shelby can reflect, modify and enhance her work as it progresses. Shelby, continue to keep up your positive attitude and thank you for being a wonderful leader that synergises during art lessons.
Physical Education	Jackson Molesworth	I am pleased to see Jackson participate in yoga lessons. He has demonstrated a proactive mindset and is synergising with his peers. Continue to keep up your enthusiasm in Yoga!
Physical Education	Mia King	Mia is keen to participate during yoga lessons. She continues to have a proactive mindset and synergises with her peers. Well done Mia!
KITCHEN AND GARDEN	Marley Harrod	Marley has demonstrated Habit 3, Put First Things First when challenged to plan and design a sustainable scarecrow for the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. He considered different resources and

		<p>supplies that followed the criteria and are repurposed, reused or recycled.</p> <p>Congratulations Marley, you are a leader in sustainability!</p>
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Aussie of the Month

Aussie of the Month recognises students who lead the school mission, values and consistently demonstrates the 7 Habits. These leaders help make our school and local community a better place and are great role models for others.

Aussie of the Month	Lani Taylor	<p>This award goes to a student with an exceptional track record of kindness, acceptance and the inclusion of all. They have the ability to see the strengths in everyone, leading with compassion, understanding and kindness. This student sets the gold standard for personal integrity and respect for others, always being willing to help out and put the needs of others first. With a kind heart and an accepting nature, this student embodies the values of both the Aussie of the month and the Gladesville mission.</p>
	Oscar Haydon	<p>Oscar Haydon exemplifies in the most fantastic way, the ability we all have to carry our own weather. He shows enthusiasm and joy in everything he does, whether it be his learning in the classroom, playing outside or in Lighthouse groups. In doing so, Oscar demonstrates terrific leadership and is able to support his peers. Oscar also represents his class on the Student Voice team, where he respectfully shares his ideas and suggestions on important school topics.</p>

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