

9TH SEPTEMBER, 2019

MALI & RAPHAEL

OUR RULES FOR LIVING...

- CLASS 3 HAVE MADE AN INSPIRING LIST

Class 3 have been learning about the Hebrews and reading the old Testament stories about people who were put in difficult situations but rose above them to do good and help others. We learnt about Moses and his Ten Commandments and decided to make our own commandments, or 'classroom rules'. We went around the circle and each child put forward a rule that they thought they would like to live by, perhaps a way they would like to be treated. We strived for each rule we made to have a 'we shall' rather than 'shall not'. The children then wrote the rules on a painting that they had done and displayed them in the classroom.

We shall include others

We shall be kind

We shall do things that make others and ourselves feel good

We shall respect others

We shall be honest

We shall always try our best

We shall not steal

We shall not hurt people or nature

We shall not talk badly about others

We shall be thoughtful of others

Marianne

CALENDAR

Friday 13th September

Class 6 Computer Education
(Pick up from CIRES school in Mt Evelyn at 2.15pm)

Friday 13th & 20th Sept

Class 4 Gymnastics Program
(Pick up from Knox Gymnastics Centre at 2.30pm)

Wed 11th (Group 1) &

Wed 18th (Group 2) September

Founders 2020 Orientation

Saturday 14th September

Bush Dance (see note on back page)
Mt Evelyn Public Hall 4-7pm

Tuesday 17th September

Walk to School Day/Pancake breakfast

Thursday 19th September

Spring Festival from 9.00am

Friday 20th September

Last day of Term 3 (Normal finish time)

(Term 4: October 14th to December 12th)



NEWSLETTER #12

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Ghilgai School



Ghilgai 'Walk to School' day...

Ghilgai is welcoming students and parents to join us in a Walk to School Day. The aim of this event is to promote road safety, the environment, healthy living and exercise amongst our students.

When: Tuesday 17th of September 2019

Time: Meet at 7:50am for an 8:00am start.

Starting Point: Corner of Glasgow Rd & Sheffield Rd,
Kilsyth South

Arrival: Arrive at Ghilgai at approximately 8:30am.

A **pancake breakfast** will be available to the whole school community from 8.30am

(**Pancakes \$2 each** – gluten/dairy free option available also).

The Seed Group has kindly offered to the pancakes. We would gladly appreciate parent helpers on the morning, so if you are able to please let us know!

We will organize a car to place school bags in if needed at the starting point, bags will be driven to school. We will also organize a carpool for parent walkers to collect their vehicles after the morning walk.

Students need to make sure they are wearing footwear that is comfortable and supportive. Runners are ideal. There may be patches of uneven ground and possibly slippery surfaces depending on the weather. It will also be advisable to bring a rain jacket or coat.

Parent walkers are required. The Walk to School event cannot take place without the help of parents to support teachers in supervising students. If you are able to help, please let us know. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Funds raised will go to The Smith Family.

With thanks, Chris

- Please return your form A.S.A.P. to your Class teacher or email ggs@ghilgai.com.au for catering and logistical purposes.



Thursday 19th September
from 9.00am

Everyone is welcome!

Tally Sheet for The Smith Family

(Thank you to Class 6 for counting)

Class 2 Cake Stall	\$146.80	
Wreath makers	\$ 62.00	\$208.80
Winter Solstice	\$288.40	\$497.20
Helping Hand 9/8	\$ 6.50	\$503.70
PJ day 14/8	\$338.30	\$842.00
Helping Hand 22/8	\$150.90	\$992.90
Helping Hand 9/9	\$188.80	\$1181.70

Walk to school/ Pancake Day

From the Classrooms...

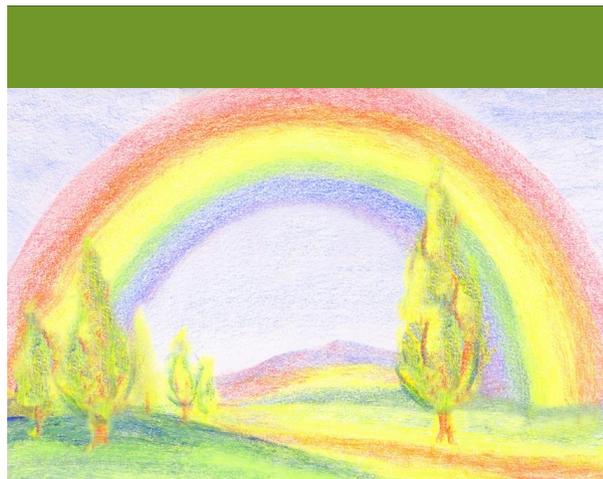
Founders: King Winter is journeying away. Little birds come build your nests and play. We have made some (with eggs) out of clay! Founders children are noticing rhyme lately too. Cindy

Class One: We are working on a Home Surrounds Block. We began with the indigenous story of the Mystery of the Flowers. The Wirrinuns (the Clever Ones) went in search of Baiame to ask for flowers to be returned to the people so that they may have colour, fragrance, birds, bees and honey again. The Wirrinuns were greatly refreshed from the spring on Mt. Oobi after their long and searching journey. And so, we take up the journey and mysteries of the mountain stream to the sea. Veronica

Class Two: Potatoes, potatoes, potatoes! Class 2 are busily adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing potatoes in our equations Main Lesson. Who knew maths was so tasty? We are busily running laps of our oval each morning trying to hit our target of 1000 laps this term! Each day we carefully add up our laps on an open number line. Do you think we can make it? Jaime

Class Three: Class 3 have been doing lots of hands-on Maths; weighing out the ingredients so that their baking tastes delicious! As well as measuring our broad beans which are now taller than all of us!

We have just finished our Home Surrounds Block on houses, where we looked at houses from different countries made from what was available on the land. Now the children will begin their projects and build their own mini houses. Come and see the products at Open Day! We are beginning to play our string instruments as a class. Thanks to all the practicing and the individual teachers we sound great and all play confidently. Enjoy the Spring sun! Marianne



Warm Birthday wishes (in September) we send to...

Founders: Asher and Cindy

Class Two: Ali

Class Four: Scarlett

Class Five: Levi, Ilija and Sylphe

Hats in Term 4...



Ghilgai is a Sun Smart School and it is a requirement that all children wear hats in Terms 1 and 4.

So it's now time to dig out those hats over the school holidays ready for Term 4! There is still a limited selection of Ghilgai hats available for purchase from Reception. Contact Justine if you wish your child to have one.

Please do not send cash to school.

With your permission (email or note), Justine will then notify the Bursar and the cost of the hat/s will be added to your next invoice.

Our hats range in price \$12-\$16 depending on the style.

If you require a size or color that is not available, then we can arrange to place an order for delivery in 2020.

Class Four: Class 4 have commenced a History and Geography Block. We have heard our first story about the start of the Endeavour's journey which left from England in 1768 on an expedition which would last until 1771. So far we have been looking at the structure of the ship and we measured out the size of the keel and lower deck on our basketball court, much smaller than the Ark.
Karen

Class Five: Class 5 have finished work on the story of Theseus. The story of Theseus entering the labyrinth to confront the Minotaur came to life as the class wrote of their dramatic experience "as Theseus"! We are preparing plenty of great music to share with you next term, including a few traditional Greek tunes that explore unusual rhythms and scale forms.

All the best! Paul

Class Six: Surely it is not week 8 already – there is still so much to do! There is one more computer lesson to attend in preparation for secondary school, writing pieces and drawings to complete and science experiments to enjoy! Cheers, Lisa

Physical Education with Chris: Congratulations to Class 5 on a successful Karate program. A big thank you to the parents who drove the children to their lessons each week, we really appreciate your support. Class 4 have made a fantastic start to their Gymnastics program which is every Friday for the remainder of Term 3.

From Derek: If anyone has a birdbath they no longer want and would like to donate to the school, the birds and wildlife will greatly appreciate it with summer coming!



Playgroups at Ghilgai

Monday

Community 9.00am -11.00am
Rostered 12.00pm – 2.30pm

Tuesday

Community 9.00am – 11.00am
Rostered 12.00pm – 2.30pm

Thursday

Rostered 9.00am – 11.30am

Friday

Rostered 9.00am – 11.30am

**Enquiries to Michelle – our
Enrolment Coordinator
9761 8369**

Next School tour...

Tuesday 22nd October

Thursday 7th November

Please meet in the breezeway at 9.30am.

**Open Day 2019
Sunday 24th November**

Craft with Lynda: Class 1 Chicks and ducks, red, yellow, brown. Some now sit in a pond on top of the mountain. "Step by step, then back again. The river winds under the bridge..." Just a minute, I know this! Again visiting our needles and wool to make beautiful embroidery. Class 2 Beanies, rows of colour growing still. One side finished, another to knit. Some have begun to stuff a sock!! A sock you say, wait and see what comes from this. One horse waiting for me, two horses in the shade of a tree...

Craft with Lisette: I would like to extend my thanks to Julie for her craft over the three weeks of my leave. All classes have been working well. We have some lovely dolls finished, others well on their way and woven recorder bags completed. Beautiful knitted scarves plus some beautiful dragon embroidery. Well done all!
Lisette

German with Georgia: We have begun reading a story... can you tell which one?

Im 12. Jahrhundert gab es erst eine Stadt. Diese Stadt hieß Hameln.

Die Bürger in Hameln hatten ein Problem. Sie mußten an Hunger leiden, da die Ratten alle ihre Vorräte auffraßen.



Der Bürgermeister rief den Rat zusammen, aber keiner wußte was zu tun war.



If your child is at home sick...

Please call Reception on
9728 5819
or email ggs@ghilgai.com.au

We would appreciate it if you could inform us by 10am if your child will be absent from school.
Thank you.

Ghilgai Organic Collective (GOC)

New members welcome!

Place next orders by:
Friday 13th September

For delivery on:
Tuesday 17th September



For more information contact
Fiona - 0409 171 727

Dress Code - Reminder

School is a place of learning and culture. One way we can support children to respect this is to ensure that the way they dress for school is appropriate. Clothing may have a distracting or counterproductive influence on our children's educational experience at school and can become an arena for peer pressure, fashion trends, advertising and messages and slogans. We do not have a uniform because we want to allow room for individuality to flourish. We expect students to wear simple, comfortable clothing in warm, cheerful colours and to keep fashion statements and party wear for special occasions.

- Clothing worn to school must be safe, practical and appropriate for the range of activities students take part in during the school day
- It should offer sun protection, tshirts which cover the shoulders.
- It should preferably be without advertising -writing and logos must be no larger than the fist of the wearer.
- Sandals must enclose the feet and provide safe footwear for play.
- Sturdy flexible footwear is needed on physical education days.
- A warm jacket and woollen hat in Term 2 & 3. Sun hats in Terms 1 & 4.
- Slippers or oversocks for indoor use in winter.
- Hair should be tied back in some way so that it does not impede eyesight and concentration.
- Only sleepers or small studs- no dangling earrings.

PLEASE NO...

- See-through or revealing clothing including very short dresses, skirts or shorts, low cut tops.
- Inappropriate clothing - e.g. night wear, underwear as an outer garment.
- Boots/shoes with high platforms or heels
- Thongs or party shoes, shoes with flashing inserts
- Black wear
- Skull and cross-bone, skeleton motif
- Bracelets/necklaces/chunky rings chains with personal talisman are fine)



DELWP Planned Burns - Spring 2019

(from an email sent to Ghilgai from the DELWP)

Forest Fire Management Victoria is planning to carry out three planned burns in the Dandenong Ranges this Spring if conditions become suitable for these burns to be carried out.

These three Spring burns are located at Kalorama, Olinda and Upwey and are important for protecting people, property and the environment in the surrounding areas from the impacts of bushfires. The burns may produce noticeable smoke in the area, depending on the weather at the time. Smoke may settle in low-lying areas

Each of the burns will involve traffic management. Additional road safety works will be carried out in preparation for the Upwey-Hughes Street planned burn that will also involve traffic management on Mt Dandenong Tourist Road, with some delays on weekdays from 9.00am to 3.30pm for approx. 5 days. These works may occur several weeks before the planned burn takes place.

To make sure you receive advance notice when any of these burns will be carried out, we recommend registering with the Planned Burning Notification System.

If you have any queries regarding these planned burns, please contact planned.burns@delwp.vic.gov.au

Punctuality

Our day begins at 9.00 am. The solid Main Lesson work starts around 9.20am. The first 20 minutes of the day provide the foundation for this concentrated work. Rhythmic activities, exercises in language or maths, singing or recorder. This group work consolidates many basic skills and at the same time harmonizes and centres the child for the depths and riches of the Main Lesson work.

One notices that a child who enters late cannot partake fully in Main Lesson work as this child often has a reduced attention span and a kind of superficial participation. Thus he/she is 'below par' in the Main Lesson work and this can lead to lack of joy in the learning experience, even to lack of self-esteem as the child experiences time and again, via lateness, that he/she does not quite 'fit' with what is going on.

Patterns form, unnoticed, so quickly. Mondays are often 'the worst' days, yet Mondays set the tone for the coming week! It must also be said that latecomers disturb those who are already preparing for the work ahead.

Children who arrive around 8.45/8.50 have a chance to:

- shed traffic/travel stress
- 'acclimatise' to the school ethos
- chat with friends
- anticipate the work of the day

Relationships found at the beginning of the day are an important part of the friendship chain. Please plan to arrive by 8.50am for School, 8.55am for Founders.

We understand and accommodate the unforeseen morning tangles.

Thank you for your support.

Ruth for Ghilgai Teachers

Attendance rates per semester in perspective (number of days missed)

0-6 This is within normal range

A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching opportunities available to them.

7-10 This attendance rate is below average

A child with this attendance rate could miss over 1 year of schooling between Founders and Year 10.

11-20 This is a poor attendance rate

A child with this attendance rate could miss up to 2 years of schooling between Founders and Year 10.

20 + This is a very poor attendance rate

A child with this attendance rate could miss over 2 ½ years of schooling between Founders and Year 10.

Seed Group invite you all to the Ghilgai School Bush Dance!



Teachers Paul, Louise, Fiona and David will provide the music and keep you rocking to new and old favourites until you are danced out! This is an event for close family and friends of Ghilgai of all ages.

Saturday 14th September 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Mt Evelyn Public Hall,
44 Birmingham Road Mount Evelyn

Bookings:

Please book and pay (for food only, see below) online at this link. If you are unable to access online, please get in touch with Justine – Reception 9728 5819 / ggs@ghilgai.com.au

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ghilgai-school-bushdance-tickets-68864173597>

(The password is Ghilgai)

Food:

Dinner will be available on the night for \$5 per person. You must book and pay for it in advance and online for catering purposes. There will be a variety of soups and bread (including gluten free and vegan options) and toast making facilities for the fussier among us. You are welcome to bring snacks to keep hungry kids fed and happy (no nuts please) and SEED group will have some healthy snacks for gold coin purchase on the night.

Helpers:

If you are able to help out with decorations and meal preparations from 2pm on Saturday 14th September we would love to hear from you. No special skills are required. This is a great way to get involved in your school community. Please contact Michelle Masterson [0417 127 003](tel:0417127003).



Thank you!

Last Thursday night a group of us gathered to learn how to make our very own beeswax wraps.

Selena guided us very well, with helpful tips and tricks and inspiration.

Along the way we got to know each other a little better too, beyond our usual identity of being the mum of `...!`

Thank you Selena for initiating this workshop. We each have something to share, and in doing we make our community stronger.

Please contact Seed Group if you have an idea or a skill you would like to share with others.



