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Dear GDPS Community,

I may just be out of a job! The 2022 School Student Leaders have been passing through my office at breakneck speed with so many new ideas and ways to improve our school—I am so impressed with their maturity and focus. Drawing from the research, young people who find their own voice in supportive school environments are more likely to develop a confident voice, a capacity to act in the world, and a willingness to lead others. By empowering students we enhance student engagement and enrich their participation in the classroom, school and community. We help students to 'own' their learning and development, and create a positive climate for learning. The GDPS School Leaders Program is invaluable in this respect.



Thank you to the families who continue to squeeze attending the weekly school assembly into their busy schedules—it does come around very quickly! This week's assembly was extra special with the announcement of our School Captain, Natalie Zalesiak and Vice School Captain, Bailey Judkins. I was so relieved that the student vote was clear and there were no tie breakers; this meant staff do not have to refer to written applications. Congratulations Natalie and Bailey I am sure you will represent GDPS in this role well. It was an absolute pleasure to present all school leaders

with their badges at today's assembly. Congratulations to you all!

School Council Needs You

At the beginning of each year GDPS requests nominations from parents/careers to be part of our School Council. Membership to School Council is for a 2 year period. School Council meets 8 times a year. The meetings run from 6:30pm to approximately 8:30pm.

Our School Council configuration is 10 members – 7 parents and 3 DET representatives. This year we have **5 confirmed vacancies on our School Council**.



Term 1	<u>COMING UP</u>	Term 1	<u>COMING UP</u>
Tue 1st March	Pancake Breakfast \$1	Mon 7th March	NO MARC Van
Wed 2nd March	No Preps, Hot Lunch Order & Whole School Station Ideation online event	Wed 9th March	GDPS Athletics day—in school activity
		Fri 11th March	Curriculum Day—No Students