



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- ◆ Monday 7th June
Year 10 & 11 Exams
- ◆ Friday 4th June
Year 8 Interschool Sport
- ◆ Wednesday 9th June
GAT
- ◆ Thursday 10th June
Year 9 Maths Exam
- ◆ Monday 14th June
Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
- ◆ Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th June
Year 9 Morrisby Report
- ◆ Friday 18th June
Report Writing Day - Student Free

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Principal's Update

State-Wide Lock-Down

As you would have read in my communication via Compass today, the Acting Premier, James Merlino, has announced that there will be a State-wide Lock-Down commencing from midnight tonight until midnight of the 3rd June. We will therefore return to Remote and Flexible Learning for this period.



The organisation over this time will be:

Friday 28th May: Remote Learning Preparation Day,

- no classes 7-9,
- Revision for 10 and 11 in preparation for exams
Year 12 classes only if necessary and teachers will advise students

Monday 31st – Thursday 3rd June

Each class (Year 7 to 12) will meet on teams for the first class of the week for the teacher to set the learning tasks and to answer questions.

Teachers will then let students know when they will be meeting with their class again, so they can put this in their planners.

When we return from lockdown on Friday 4th June

Year 10 and 11 Exams and year 9 Maths Exams will commence on Monday 7th June. The exam timetable will show up on Compass for each student involved

The Year 12 GAT will go ahead for all students completing a Unit 3 subject, however the Trial GAT has been cancelled

Report writing Day – has been moved from Friday 11th June to **Friday 18th June**. This change is due to the moving back of the exams.

End of Semester Reports will be delayed until the beginning of term 3

Year 10 Work Experience, Ski Camp and other school events, will go ahead as planned unless we receive further advice from DET and DHHS

Semester two units will commence for students in years 7, 8, 9 and 12 on the 14th June (there has been no change to this date).

On- Site Supervision for Students of Essential Service Workers and Vulnerable Students

If your child fits into these categories and you require on-site supervision during remote learning, please email the school at gladstone.park.sc@education.vic.gov.au and put Attention Mr Centofanti in the subject line.

10 Year Anniversary of our Italian Immersion Program

On a pleasant note, I am pleased to announce that this year is the **10th Anniversary** of our innovative Language Immersion Program. It continues to be a strong and important program for our school. We are also reaping the rewards for all the hard work and dedication of our staff and students, which is having a positive impact on the VCE results of these students, as well as providing them with opportunities beyond their high school years. Many of our students have gone on to study languages at university, which leads into exciting and varied career opportunities.

Congratulations to the LOTE/Immersion team on reaching this milestone. There is a report in this newsletter celebrating this milestone.

Intermediate & Senior Sport

Congratulations to the following teams convincingly winning the division sports and now will represent the school at NMR.

Intermediate Girls Soccer – NMR 11th August

Intermediate Boys AFL – 22nd July

Intermediate Girls Netball – 28th July

Intermediate Boys and Girls Badminton - 5th August

Senior Girls AFL – 24th June

Senior Boys Netball – 21st July

Senior and intermediate sport – 18th May

Cross country NMR - 23rd June

Congratulations to both intermediate boys and girls badminton teams. They easily beat Aitken, Hume and Sirius and have made it through to NMR on the 5th August. Plenty of time to continue training.

Thank you



Intermediate & Senior Sport

Congratulations to all senior teams who participated in intermediate sport on Monday 18th May. The following teams made it through to NMR

Boys and Girls Badminton

Girls Netball

Boys AFL

Intermediate Girls AFL

Intermediate Boys Netball

Senior Boys Soccer

On Tuesday May 18th, senior boys played an inter-school round robin which saw our boys perform extremely well. A great display of soccer was had by all teams. My thanks go to every Gladstone park SC player on the day who gave their all and for their fine team spirit. Special thanks to Ermin Julardzija for his captaincy and leadership, Josh O'kane for an outstanding performance and VET'S Brodie Walker for his help on the day.

Coach Mr.G. Balestra



Excursion to Calabria Club

On the 21st of April two of the Italian Immersion classes, 7J and 8J, accompanied by Mr Caponeri, Ms Scorsolini, Ms Nardi and Mr Centofanti, visited the Calabria Club in Bulla. There we were greeted by some migrants from Calabria in Italy. We split up in four groups and throughout the day we were given the opportunity to experience many traditional Italian activities, such as pasta making, bocce and soccer. We also learned about traditional dancing and clothes. This was a fun experience to learn new things about Italy. After a long day of fun activities, the Italian staff there made us a delicious pasta and pizza lunch. After we all ate, we were treated with some homemade gelato. DELIZIOSO!

Siena Griffiths and Olivia Goodwin 7J



Immersion Celebration Night

Celebrating 10 years of Italian Immersion Program at GPSC!

Wednesday 5th May we celebrated 10 years of running the Italian Immersion program at GPSC. It was an extremely successful night, which made teachers, parents and students all proud of being part of the “big Italian family” of the college.

The night was opened by Mr Balestra and Mr Centofanti, playing and singing traditional Italian songs, then Ms Cudrig, the Italian Immersion Coordinator, addressed the audience and introduced the Immersion teaching staff. The passion for Italian is so widespread at Gladstone Park that even Ms Gutterson started her speech in Italian, demonstrating her appreciation and support for the Language Immersion Program.

The student hosts – Jack Breen (8J), Isabella Chaperon (yr 10) and Natalie Hermiz (9C), did a great job presenting the night and interacting with all the speakers and special guests, and they also shared their personal experience with truly heartfelt speeches.

Amongst the special guests, we must acknowledge Dr Matthew Absalom, from Melbourne University and Ms Mary Marcuccio from the Dante Alighieri Society, who have not missed one single year Immersion Celebration Night over the past 10 years.

We have to admit, we had a slightly nostalgic moment when Ms Chaperon showed the beautiful photos of the Italy Exchange Program, and we can't wait to be able to offer our students such an invaluable opportunity again. Venice, Rome, Florence.....we are ready!

A special mention goes to Atiana Sefo, who recited an excerpt from Dante's *Paradiso (Divine Comedy)*, a task that even native Italian speakers would find extremely challenging. Bravissima Atiana!

Then was the turn of the Immersion awards. 15 students in year 7-12 have been recognised for being excellent ambassadors of the Immersion Program and for displaying exceptional skills. Congratulations to all the students who received an award!

The night concluded with some more music, coffee and some biscotti – giving current and perspective parents an opportunity to speak with the teachers and students. All in all, it was a truly successful night, there was a very warm atmosphere and everybody left with a big smile on their face!

Annalisa Nardi

For Year 8 and Year 9 Immersion 2022:

See Ms Cudrig in the LOTE/English staffroom or speak with your Italian teacher if you're interested in joining the program in year 8 or year 9 in 2022.

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“The first great thing about immersion was scuola futura which was a great opportunity to learn a little Italian and meeting my future classmates and the great teachers. This was good because on the first day of school I already had a few friends and knew a bit about Gladstone Park Secondary College.”

Jack Breen, 8J

“The immersion program not only expanded my understanding of the Italian language, but also allowed me to be in the same class with my friends and have a good time. The idea of learning subjects in Italian may seem difficult, but the teachers ensure that help is always available, creating a happy and supportive learning environment for all students.”

Natalie Hermiz, 9C

“The Immersion Program, at times, was challenging however it is helping me now, more, than what I thought possible. Studying subjects in Italian has taught me the importance of listening and paying attention to detail. It has also given me the confidence to ask questions in class and to think of things in a different way. [...] The last three years have given me the opportunity to make strong friendships and to see learning in a different way. It has brought me closer to my family and has helped me appreciate my heritage.”

Isabella Chaperon, Yr 10



Visual Art Excursion

On Tuesday the 11th of May, year 9, 11 and 12 Visual Arts students participated in an excursion to the Lyon Housemuseum in Kew. The museum is a contemporary art space which was established in 2019 in effort to showcase contemporary Australian art to the public. Housed in the museum's permanent collection are artworks by the likes of Patricia Piccinini, Callum Morton, Jon Campbell and Howard Arkley.

During the day, students were presented to by two professionals from the fields of fine arts and architecture. Fine artist, Peter Atkins, presented a body of recent works to the students and elaborated on his historical and cultural context, sources of inspiration, materials, techniques and processes, as well as the aesthetic qualities embodied in his work.

Following Mr. Atkins presentation, students were presented to by contemporary architect, Adam Pustola, who explained the two most recent design briefs he resolved which include The University of Melbourne's, *Southbank Hub*, and RMIT University's, *New Academic Street (NAS)*. This presentation provided the students with valuable insight into the architect's creative process and how the disciplines of Fine Art and Design differ and crossover at times. Students had the opportunity to view works from both practitioners in life and they were given the opportunity to pose questions at the end of the presentations.

For the second half of the day, students boarded the bus and journeyed to the National Gallery of Victoria to visit the *2021 Top Arts Exhibition*. Students had the opportunity to see some of the most conceptual and innovative folios and finished works from year 12 Studio Arts students who had the unique experience of creating their folios in 2020, while Melbourne was in the midst of lockdown due to COVID-19.

Gladstone Park Secondary College had the privilege of having the workshop at the Lyon Housemuseum and the chartered bus service for the day fully subsidised by the generosity of the Lyon Housemuseum fund. Students were most grateful for this opportunity and proudly represented GPSC whilst out in public for the day.

Sincerely,

Emilio Longo

Visual Arts Teacher



Visual Art Excursion



School Production - 2021



Tickets go on sale Tuesday 25th May at 9am through the Trybooking website. Bookings close 2 hours before each performance.

Ticket prices: Adults \$20 — Concession/Child \$15 — Group of 10 \$150

Website: www.trybooking.com – then search for “GPSC Shrek the Musical”, or click on the links below.

[Opening Performance](#) Thursday 22nd July at 7pm

[VIP Night](#) Friday 23rd July at 7pm

[Saturday Matinee](#) Saturday 24th July at 1pm

[Saturday Evening](#) Saturday 24th July at 7pm

2021 Important Dates

Monday 7th June	Year 10 & 11 Exams
Friday 4th June	Year 8 Interschool Sport
Friday 4th June	Year 12 Movie Night 6pm - 11pm
Wednesday 9th June	GAT
Thursday 10th June	Year 9 Maths Exam
Monday 14th June	Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
Tuesday 15th June	Year 9 Morrisby Report
Wednesday 16th June	Year 9 Morrisby Report
Wednesday 16th June	HOT ROCKIN' Performing Arts Concert
Friday 18th June	Report Writing Day - Student Free
Monday 21st June Friday 25th June	to Year 10 Work Experience

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

8:15am to 4:15pm

Friday

8:15am to 4:00pm

Last day of each Term the office
will close at 2:30pm

**The office is CLOSED during all
school holiday periods**

All upcoming dates can also be
found on our Website:
www.gladstoneparksc.vic.edu.au

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR DETAILS ?

Please immediately notify the College of any changes to your address or contact details.

ATTENTION YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 PARENTS

Parents are reminded that where a Year 11 or Year 12 student is absent from school due to a family holiday, this will be considered an unapproved absence.

VCE and VCAL have attendance requirements which must be met in order for a student to pass.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Parents are reminded that the school does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents/guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers should you require one.