



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Friday 6th March
Divisional Swimming
- ◆ Monday 9th March
Labour Day Public Holiday
- ◆ Friday 13th March
House Cross Country
- ◆ Tuesday 17th March
Year 7 Sports
- ◆ Friday 20th March
Senior Sport
- ◆ Monday 23rd March
Year 8 Sport & Year 7 Tennis
- ◆ Tuesday 24th March
Parent Teacher Interviews

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Principal's Update

School Council Nominations

Congratulations to the following parents, staff and student for successfully being nominated to the school council. Because we had the exact number of nominations for positions in each category, there was no need for a ballot.

Student member: Rachel De Silva
Parent members: Scott Duncan, Nicole Hines and Magda Majzec
Staff members: Maurizio Corso and Veronica Hoy



Year 7 Family BBQ Meet and Greet!

Last week's year 7 BBQ was a huge success with many of our year 7 parents attending. It was a great opportunity for new families to meet with teachers and other families and to get to know some of our many school processes. It is important to keep communication open to all parents in the school community so we can all work together as a team in meeting student needs.

Thank you to the staff for attending; the Junior School team for organising the event, led by our new Junior School Principal, Klate McFarlane, Program Manager, Jodie Scott; School Captains for assisting in the organisation on the night; and all other staff and students for their work setting up, running the information sessions and working the barbeque. It was a very pleasant and productive evening.

Whole School Review

Next Wednesday we will be undertaking the first day of our School Review, where we look at our data and our successes over the past four year Strategic Plan. To assist us we will be running student and staff focus groups as well as classroom observations with our review panel, which include the School Reviewer, School Council President and the two Challenge Partners.

Day two will be held on the 25th February, where we plan the goals for the next four year Strategic Plan.

This is an exciting time and a valuable process in helping us to continue on our improvement journey. As always, our aim is to look at how we can further improve outcomes for all our students.

Payments for Excursions, Camps and Events

Can I remind parents and students that there are always due dates for payments and permissions for school events. We are being strict about not accepting payments after the due date for organisation purposes. Please make sure you adhere to these dates to avoid disappointment.

If there are financial difficulties, please contact the school well before the due date to arrange a payment plan.

House Swimming Sports

SWIMMING CARNIVAL- CAPTAINS' REPORT

On the 13th of February, we had our annual Swimming Carnival which was a great success! We had a record number of individual students that participated in the swimming events and so many more who participated in the other novelty events that were ran throughout the day. The weather was nice and warm which made it perfect to go for a swim.

There were many students that dressed in their house colour to show their support and earn points for their houses. In the end, Wolverton came in 1st place with a total of 704 points, Taylor came in 2nd place with a total of 685 points, Fairbank came in 3rd with 674 points and Carrick came 4th with 412 points. Although Wolverton came out on top, everyone who was there and participated, even by just wearing their house colour, made the day a success by earning points for their own house.

The Year 12s enjoyed their last year at the Swimming Carnival as they dressed up as their favourite characters with their fun and silly costumes. The waterslides were a hit, with many students lining up all throughout the day to get a turn to go down. Towards the end of the day, a gigantic inflatable was put into the water and everyone had the opportunity to get a turn going on it!

Thank you to everyone who came and made the day very fun and enjoyable by participating in a different ways, especially to the teachers who organised the event and also to those who helped by running and supervising the day.



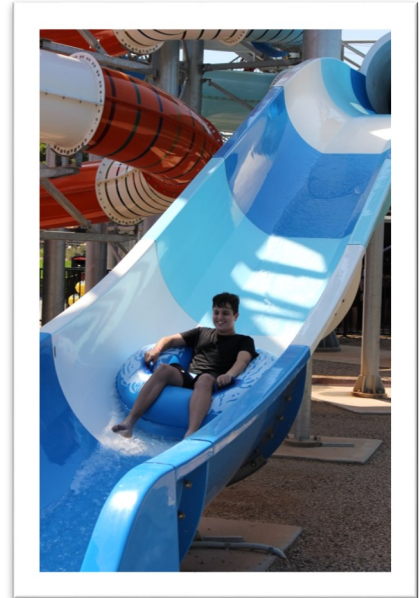
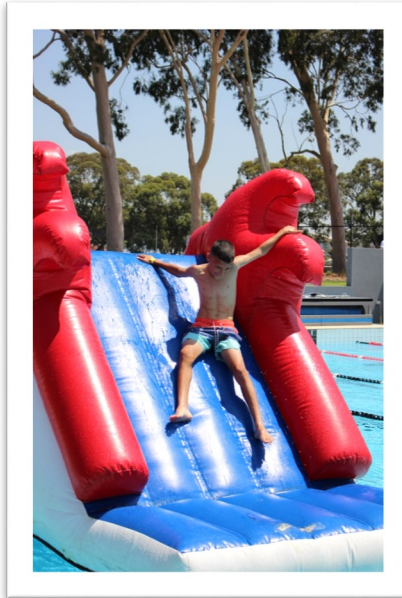
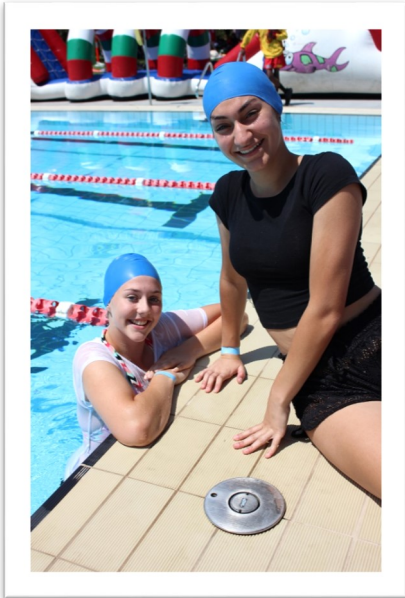
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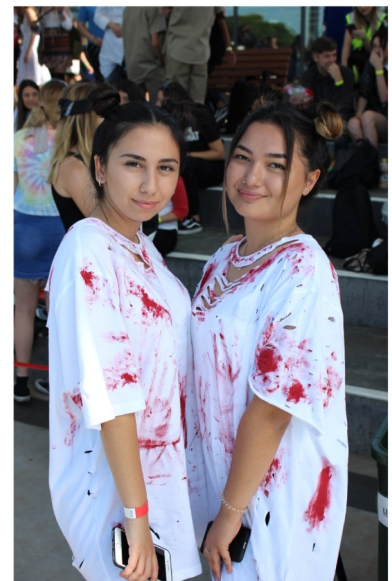
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Intermdiate Boys & Girls Volleyball

On 20th Feb our intermediates went to Epping Leisure Centre to play Volleyball. Both teams were competitive but couldn't get the wins on the board. Thanks to Chanel Sorbello, Jo-Ryan Wood, Haile and Destiny Mauri for supporting the teams as managers. Also thank you to staff – Ms Davies, Ms Ross and Mr Puxley



Intermediate & Senior Tennis

Intermediate boys and girls and senior mixed tennis was played on February 20th. Congratulations to both the intermediate teams who won and will now play in the next round. The senior team were competitive and finished second, but unfortunately will not compete in the next round.



School Captains' Update

PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT:

On the 24th of February, we had the great opportunity to talk to the Grade 6 students at Gladstone Park Primary School about our role as captains and what leadership means to us.

We wanted to present different themes that are relevant to leadership such as resilience, finding our voice, giving back to the community, to follow and explore your passions and to always stay persistent. Discussing the importance of each theme in our lives and its contribution in shaping all leaders, we highlighted how these assets influenced us to be who we are today. Using examples of our own and relating to the grade 6 students, we truly believed that they learned and are appraised on how to become a great leader, whether it be in school or extracurricular activities.



Throughout this session with the Grade 6 students, we were able to answer questions the students had about high school as well as future pathways and careers. We were amazed at the enthusiasm and excitement of the students and their willingness to ask questions!

Overall the session was a success and we came out feeling that we had truly inspired our younger students and that they understood and deeply thought about what had been said. We thoroughly enjoyed our time speaking to the students at Gladstone Park Primary School.

We would like to thank the primary school for giving us the chance to meet such well-behaved, intelligent students, and the teachers for taking time out of their day to organise and listen to us speak.

A huge thanks to Ms Elana Ieremidis for guiding us throughout our session and successfully organising this beneficial event!

YEAR 7 BBQ:

On the 20th of February, we had the opportunity to help in hosting the year 7 barbeque night, where we were asked to help assist in presenting and talking to parents, teachers and students who attended.

Before the night commenced, us captains and a number of dedicated teachers helped in setting up the cafeteria to look as great as possible for our wonderful parents and students. This included hanging up the lovely artwork that our year 7 students had made within their classes. Throughout the course of the night, we had the chance to talk to parents and students alike about our personal secondary school experiences, as well as spread our advice to our new students about the long journey ahead.

It was so delightful to see so many parents who were enthusiastic about their children's transition from primary school to secondary school, as well as their interest in their children's education. It was also amazing to see how comfortable these parents were in asking us questions to gain an insight of the school from a student's perspective. Overall, we thoroughly enjoyed this night, especially the snags!

We would like to thank the Junior School team who organised this great event, and to the teachers who volunteered to cook an amazing barbeque! Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank the parents and students for taking time out of their day to come!

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YAG OVIC Danish Student Association meeting

On Monday, the 17th of February the members of the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) of the Victorian Information Commissioner which is a youth leadership group that focuses on privacy among youth, met with representatives of The Association of Danish Pupils. We were among some of the lucky young people in our group who were able to meet with the six students from the Danish association and discuss issues regarding youth and privacy.

The Association of Danish Pupils is a nonprofit organisation that is run by students that work with students in schools in Denmark, with their president being only 16 years old and working full time for the organisation in her gap year. The organisation governs the pupils' interests towards politics and media, with one of their major focuses being on privacy.

At our meeting, we discussed the major issues in our youth today regarding privacy as well as where each of our countries stand with the problem. Some of the topics we discussed included: what privacy means to us, the privacy issues our youth face today and the ways in which we keep our privacy safe. It was quite insightful hearing the opinions of students of a similar age to us to see how similar our thoughts and issues were despite the geographical difference.

One thing that was found particularly interesting was the fact that Denmark had a strict law on asking permission before posting a photo of someone online. Although Denmark has laws such as this to protect their privacy, it was mentioned that many of the youth took advantage of it as it is hard to enforce such a law due to the time and personnel required to do so. As well as this, it was interesting to see how much the Danish Government and schools supported the publicising of the importance of youth privacy in comparison to Australia.

Overall our meeting was an amazing and educating experience, and we thank The Association of Danish Pupils for giving us their valuable time. It's an experience we will all remember.

By Letisha Osagiede and
Karan Singh



CAREERS

Quote: Find out what you like doing best, and get someone to pay you for doing it. Katharine Whitehorn
Middle School

Welcome to 2020 and the excitement of undertaking Work Experience in Year 10. A reminder that forms need to be returned by **28 February**. It is important to start thinking about future aspirations, career choices and courses. Engage in activities and programs that will be offered through the year to assist and guide your pathway. Year 9 students, start thinking and researching about where you would like to do work experience in 2021. Ask friends parents, family, community and sports connections for potential placements.

Interested in a school based apprenticeship – check out opportunities by researching <https://www.grouptrainingdirectory.com.au/all-institutes/#search-result>

When considering work experience, school based apprenticeships, part-time/full-time employment and study you need to have a tax file number and a USI. Both are easy to register – see links below.

File Number (TFN)

How to apply for a Tax File Number. Essential for employment and study! <https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/tax-file-number/apply-for-a-tfn/>

Unique Student Identifier (USI)

Vocational education? – You need a USI. What is it/How to apply?

A Unique Student Identifier is for life! You only have to create it once and it will be used for every vocational training you do. Apply online <https://www.usi.gov.au/your-usi/create-usi->

Useful hack: List in your mobile contacts for easy access when applying for courses or employment.

Searching for work experience and SWL. Consider the following

Does it give me insight to my career choices?

What are the things I like to do?

Could it lead to employment?

Am I making the best use of this time and opportunity?

Structured Workplace Learning – Your forms are now due. If you haven't found a workplacement check out the <http://www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au/>

Not sure which direction to take?

Have a browse on Victorian Skills Gateway then come and have a chat at the careers office. <https://www.skills.vic.gov.au/victorianskillsgateway/explore/Pages/default.aspx>

Careers

How do I pay for future university studies in Australia?

https://www.sbs.com.au/language/english/how-do-i-pay-for-my-studies-in-australia_3

Considering TAFE as a pathway? Check out the Free TAFE Courses

Check out the following local TAFE's – there are many more to choose from.

Free TAFE courses are in skill shortage areas – means there are lots of opportunity for employment.

TAFE courses can be a pathway to university, apprenticeships, traineeships and employment.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe>

How to apply for a Tax File Number.

Essential for employment and study!

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Apply-for-a-TFN/>

Senior School**VCE and Careers Expo**

<https://www.vceandcareers.com.au/>

Australia's biggest education and careers expo is now in its 28th year!

2020 EXPO TIMES

Thursday 30 April - Friday 1 May, 9am-3pm

Saturday 2 May - Sunday 3 May, 9am-3pm

LOCATED AT

Station Street, Caulfield Racecourse, Caulfield

CAREERS

Year 12 Career Agenda

Tuesday 14 /4/2020	Start Term 2
Monday 15/6/2020	Senior Careers Expo
May - August	Finalise course choices
Wednesday 10/6/2020	GAT
Monday 13/7/2020	Start Term 3
Monday 3/8/2020	VTAC, SEAS, scholarship applications open
August Weekends	University and TAFE Open Days
Monday 24/8/2020	Year 12 Career Action Plan due
Wednesday 30/09/2020	VTAC applications close
Monday 5/10/2020	Start Term 4
Friday 9/10/2020	Scholarships and SEAS applications close
Friday 23/10/2020 – Wednesday 18/11/2020	VCE Exams
Monday 23/11/2020	Year 12 Graduation
Saturday 12/12/2020	VCE results and ATAR distributed online
Wednesday 20/1/2021	Round 1 VTAC offers online

2019 Important Dates

Friday 6th March	Divisional Swimming
Monday 9th March	Labour Day - Public Holiday - No School
Thursday 12 March	Year 7 & 8 Bully Zero Program
Friday 13th March	House Cross Country
Monday 16th March	Holocaust Museum Year 10
Tuesday 17th March	Year 7 Sport
Wednesday 18th March	Holocaust Museum year 10
Friday 20th March	Senior Sport
Monday 23rd March	Year 8 Sport & Year 7 Tennis
Tuesday 24th March	Parent Teacher Interviews 12:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday 25th March	NMR Swimming
Friday 27th March	End Term 1 2:30pm Finish
Tuesday 14th April	Term 2 Starts
Wednesday 15th April	House Athletics

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.