

GLADSTONE PARK **SECONDARY COLLEGE**



NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 26th June
 End of Term 2
 2:30pm Finish
- Monday 13th July Term 3 Starts
- Monday 13th July to Thursday 16th July Year 10 Portfolio Prep

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26TH JUNE 2020

Principal's Update

Congratulations, we made it!

I would like to thank and congratulate students and parents for being understanding and resilient, and to staff for all the hard work throughout this term, coping with remote learning, the return to school as well as the challenges around staying safe from Covid-19.



For staff, it really feels like one long term, starting in January and ending in June, as the first term break was spent preparing for the remote phase. Everyone is exhausted and really looking forward to the mid-year break. Congratulations on making it through to the break in one piece!

Here at school, we have been fortunate so far, in not having any cases of Covid-19, which means everyone must be doing the right thing with regards to hygiene, social distancing and following the Department of Health rules.

This, however, does not mean we stop being cautious and relax. It takes a community effort to keep everyone safe.

A couple of things I need to mention - mainly to students, but also for parents to discuss with your children:

- 1. The issue of rubbish in the yard has always been a concern. We remind students that it is never ok to leave behind your rubbish in the yard and expect that someone else will pick it up for you. This is even more important now with Covid-19. We ask that you all do the right thing and use the bins provided. We may still ask you to pick up rubbish that is not yours, but will provide tong-like implements or disposable gloves for this task. The most sensible thing is to be responsible for disposing of your own rubbish correctly. Do the right thing!
- 2. The next thing is the safety concerns raised by patrons of the shopping centre and parents who park in the shopping centre car park when waiting to pick up their children. It seems students are walking between the cars and almost getting hit. Can you please walk to the crossing sections to avoid a nasty accident happening.

Next term the cafeteria will be open to students once again. We ask that students maintain social distancing with each other as much as possible and to be particularly mindful to social distance from staff on cafeteria yard duty. The window in the cafeteria will remain open for lunch orders only. The cafeteria space is available to students from all year levels.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday break and look forward to seeing you all next term, refreshed and ready to learn.

Stay safe and well everyone.

Lynne Gutterson

P.E Development Fun

Year 12 VCAL/8I P.E

Many thanks to the year 12 VCAL P.E class who came into the 8I P.E classes on Thursday morning assisting teachers and students in coaching, setting up, game strategy and general fun.

8I were fortunate enough to have the following helpers who guided them with AFL:

Brodie camillari Cameron Drummond Ethan Fitzpatrick Jordan Kosteas Antonio Mazzacca



They guided the class in kicking, marking and handball skills and coached and captained small groups. It was a pleasure to have such knowledgeable and capable students assist the juniors in developing skills

Thank you

Ms Talbot









School Council News

School Council News:

This month's School Council Meeting was the second one we have had via remote means. It has been an interesting learning curve for many School Council members and has been a productive way for us to meet in these unprecedented times!

This month we discussed the transition of students returning to face to face classes. All in all, most students coped well with the remote learning set up and have transitioned back to school fantastically.

Well done to all teachers, staff, students and parents for a great joint effort in ensuring our children were able to continue their learning over most of term 2.

We also discussed the various ways the current restrictions will be affecting regular plans and activities Gladstone Park would normally be holding. All three sub schools have been very busy trying to ensure that programs will run as best they can with the least amount of disruption possible given the circumstances.

The SRC have also continued to meet remotely during this time and we were impressed with the ingenuity and dedication the students involved have shown.

Gladstone Park's recently completed four year School Review was another topic of discussion. The review enables us to identify areas of strength and improvement and the opportunity to set clear goals regarding areas of focus for the College over the next four years.

Lastly, we discussed the School Council self assessment. This is a DET requirement, which highlights areas in which we are doing well as a Council and areas where we need improvement. We look forward to working together to improve our effectiveness for our School.

Under the current conditions, it appears the School Council may have to continue to meet remotely. It has proved to be an effective way for us to meet and I look forward to providing you with an update next time.

Regards,

Sharon Matuauto



2020 Important Dates

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Friday 26th June	End of Term 2 - 2:30pm Finish
Monday 13th July	Start of Term 3
Monday 13th July to Thursday 16th July	Year 10 Portfolio Prep
Thursday 16th July	State Cross Country
Monday 20th July to Thursday 23rd July	Year 10 Interviews
Friday 24th July	Year 10 Mop up Interviews
Tuesday 28th July	Divisional Athletics
Wednesday 29th July	Year 9 Awards
Thursday 30th July	Year 10 Awards
Friday 31st July	Year 11 Awards
Tuesday 4th August	VCE Information Night
Thursday 6th August	Year 7 Awards
Friday 7th August	Intermediate Sport
Friday 7th August	Year 8 Awards

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

<u>school holiday periods</u>

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

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.