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**NEW**SLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Thursday 1st April Last Day Term 1 2:30pm Finish
- Monday 19th April First Day Term 2
- ◆ Thursday 22nd April Divisional Cross Country
- Friday 23rd April ANZAC Day Service
- Wednesday 28th April Year 7 2022 Information Evening Performing Arts Centre 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- ♦ Wednesday 5th May
   Open Day 9:00am 12:30pm
- ♦ Wednesday 5th May Italian Immersion Night 7:00pm - 8:00pm

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## Principal's Update

#### **Sports and Athletics:**

It's been fantastic to be able to get back to mostly normal this year and be able to hold our sporting events such as the Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival and participate in the inter-school sports program. Many teams have competed at the local level and have gone on to regionals.



You really do not know how much you miss these events until they are gone, so we are all appreciating them even more this year.

Our Athletics Carnival was held on Wednesday and we were lucky to have such a good day weather wise, and such great attendance by our students.

The year 12 students looked fabulous, which added to the carnival atmosphere. It was great to see the other year levels dressing up in house colours and supporting the competitors.

Thank you to Mr Puxley, the PE staff and all other staff who assisted with the set-up, running events and supervision on the day. A particular thanks to our VET Sport and Rec. students for all their work in organising and helping out on the day. It ran smoothly because it was a team effort.

Well done to all competitors and a big congratulations to Fairbank house, who were the overall winners on the day with a grand total of 3,815 points.

1st Fairbank 3,815

2nd Taylor 3,540

3rd Carrick 3,480

4th Wolverton 3,460

Photos of the event will appear in the first newsletter for next term.

#### **Happy Holidays**

Thank you to all students and parents for your support over the term and for your assistance during the 5 day lock-down. Thankfully, we continue to be rewarded for our Covid measures by having zero cases for the past month.

Have a wonderful holiday break.

Lynne Gutterson

## Year 8 Boys & Girls Volleyball

On Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> March the year 8 Boys and Girls Volleyball team headed to Epping Leisure centre to play a round robin tournament against the schools in our division – Sirius, Hume, Roxburgh Park and Aitken. Many good games were played but unfortunately we don't get to move to the next level. Our girls game second to Sirius.

Thank you to the coaches and captains of the teams. All students were well behaved, displayed great sportsmanship and extended their skill level

Ms Talbot



# **Divisional Swimming Championships**

Congratulations to the following students who are the age group champions for 2021

- 13 year Female Yasemin Borucu
- 14 year Male -Mason Lim
- 15 year Male Jake Sweerts
- 18 year Female Alannah Sweerts









Ms Talbot

# Northern Metropolitan Region Swim Team

On the 24<sup>th</sup> March the interschool swim team lead by swim captain – Alannah Sweerts( year 12,) competed at regions at Watermarc. It was a great day with Yasemin Borucu – Girls 200m Freestyle, Jake Sweerts – Boys 50 m Backstroke and Alannah Sweerts- Girls 50 m Breaststroke getting place medals . We came 4<sup>th</sup> in many races and look forward to 2022. Special thank you to Ethan Van Peppen who worked all day doing medal presentation for the school.















### VCAL - Term 1 Review

The VCAL students for 2021 have commenced the year in a positive fashion. All current students have clear goals in relation to their TAFE/VET industry. Some Senior students have already commenced work placement as others commence their search for new job opportunities in the structured workplace learning.

Classes have been busy with project work, a highlight being the VCAL garden program which has sustained a great supply of fresh organic vegetables for staff on a weekly basis in term 1. The harvest has been of a high quality as the student prepare for replanting crops for term 2.





Another highlight of the term was the excursion to the MCG on Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students were taken to Australia's most famous sporting stadium as part of their literacy unit on sporting culture and history. Students were taken on a tour of the ground, and then given some time to view the MCG Museum. An interactive sporting section was a big hit on the day for the students.





### **2021 Important Dates**

Thursday 1st April	Last Day Term 1 - 2:30pm Finish
Monday 19th April	First Day Term 2
Thursday 22nd April	Divisional Cross Country
Friday 23rd April	ANZAC Day Service 8:50am - 10:30am
Wednesday 28th April	Year 7 - 2022 Information Evening Performing Arts Centre 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Tuesday 4th May	Performing Arts Concert 6:30pm - 9:30pm
Wednesday 5th May	Open Day 9:00am - 12:30pm
Wednesday 5th May	Italian Immersion Night 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Friday 7th May	Intermediate Sport
Friday 7th May	Senior Sport
Friday 14th May	Year 12 Movie Night 6:00pm - 11:00pm
Monday 17th May to Friday 21st May	NAPLAN Year 7 & 9
Tuesday 18th May	Intermediate Sport
Tuesday 18th May	Senior Sport
Monday 24th May	Junior Sport
Tuesday 25th May	VCE Recital / Performing Arts Concert 6:30pm - 9:30pm

### **Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday 8:15am to 4:15pm

<u>Friday</u>

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.