



NEWSLETTER

18TH FEBRUARY 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Friday 18th February
Whole School Photos
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Principal's Update

Year 7 Camp

Thank you to Ms Ross and all staff attending for their work in organising and running another successful camp. The year 7 Camp is a great opportunity for students and staff to get to know each other and have a bit of fun away from school. This year is the first year we have been able to run the camp over two sessions in one week. It was a huge success. All students who wanted to attend were able to. There are some great photos in the following pages.



Year 7 BBQ

This will be held on Thursday 24th February (5:30pm start). We are looking forward to meeting new families and giving them the opportunity to meet other parents, speak with teachers, ask questions, and get a sense of what school is like for their Year 7 children.

Athletics Carnival

The Athletics carnival (on the 6th of April) is an important whole school event and compulsory for all students. Fortunately, we can fit all our students at the venue. This creates a great atmosphere, builds school culture, and creates a sense of belonging for students. Please ensure all payments and permissions are completed by the due date as no payments will be accepted after the due date.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

Thank you to students for continuing to test for COVID and record any positive results through the [COVID test portal](#) or with the school. More RATs will be provided so this can continue throughout Term 1.

Department of Health modelling shows that in the first 2 weeks of school, using RATs has already prevented more than 21,000 cases in schools. Their modelling indicates that continuing RAT screening in schools for the full 10 weeks of Term 1, we will prevent:

- 61,000 COVID-19 infections in children aged 5 to 17
- more than 150,000 COVID-19 infections in the overall community
- round 400 hospital admissions.

Principal's Report Continued

Teachers are learners too

This year the focus for teacher professional learning is collaborating in Professional Learning Teams (PLTs) to improving student literacy. On Tuesday 15 February, staff started training on the basic principles of how small groups of teachers can use a 'cycle of inquiry' to assess students' literacy learning needs, plan and implement an intervention and then evaluate its effect on student learning. All teachers are involved in this learning and PLTs will be an important tool for improving student outcomes this year and in following years. Thank you to our PLT leader, Ms Kostic, Literacy leader, Ms Langton, and Curriculum leader, Ms Kemp for their work in training our staff.

Other teacher learning has occurred over Curriculum Day and through various sessions over the past few weeks. This learning has included:

- Literacy goalsetting and teaching strategies
- COVID Safety
- Creating Positive Classrooms
- Teaching tips & ideas for BYOD classes
- Using Compass for teaching and learning

Thank you to Ms Ambepitiya, Ms Hibbert and Mr McGlade for sharing their knowledge and experience with others through these professional learning opportunities.

3rd Dose Vaccinations for 16 - 17 year olds

COVID-19 third-dose vaccinations are now available to 16-17 year olds who had their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine three or more months ago.

Supporting as many eligible students as we can to be vaccinated will help make our school as safe as possible.



Getting vaccinated is one of the most important steps we can all take to get direct protection against COVID-19.

How to book an appointment

There are many convenient and accessible options to access vaccinations. These include state-wide vaccination clinics, your local GP or pharmacy.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including:

- online: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine
- by phone: [1800 675 398](tel:1800675398) (Coronavirus Hotline)
- using the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder - [COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder | Australian Government Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/health-services/covid-19-vaccine-clinic-finder)
- In person: talk to your local pharmacy, doctor, or attend one of the State Vaccination Centres. <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-children-and-teenagers>

ADANAC Year 7 Camp - 2022

Camp ADANAC (which is Canada backwards) was awesome! I loved it. There were lots of activities like hockey, campfire, cooking and many more. My personal favorite was the waterslide, that went down the very steep hill into the lake at the bottom. The meals were very delicious. The last day we had an epic disco and everyone was having fun. Mr Condello and Mr Richardson were throwing some good moves. I wish that the camp was longer than 3 days but it was a great experience to make friends. THANKS ADANAC!

James Portlock Year 7

This year for the Year 7 camp, I was lucky enough to be chosen to attend Camp ADANAC alongside 8 of my peers as a Year 8 helper from the 7th to the 9th of February. The helpers were split up across different groups to assist the campers with their activities throughout the trip. We participated in various activities during the day such as the waterslide, water trampoline, stand up paddle boarding, and flying fox. During the night we also took part in a campfire, night walk, and disco. Overall, it was a fun and valuable opportunity. Thank you to the teachers and ADANAC staff for an amazing camp.

Cooper Kirk Year 8

Last week the year 11 vet students got the amazing opportunity to go and help the teachers on year 7 camp and leading the different groups in the various activities over the three days. The year sevens were a bright group who helped our vet students improve our leadership skills and make our trip just as enjoyable as theirs. The camp was a great way to get to know our peers and help some year sevens feel more comfortable with their new school mates and was a successful way for the year sevens to make new friends.

Catia Templeton Year 11



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P.E Fitness Testing

Fitness Testing

Each year at the start of term 1 then again at the start of term 3 our year 7,8 and 9 students participate in 8 fitness tests and a record is kept of their results. The 8 fitness components comprise of testing for Muscle endurance, Muscle strength, Flexibility, Cardio vascular endurance, Coordination, Agility and Speed.

Please encourage your child to tell you about their effort and what tests they did well in or need improving in.

Lee-Anne Talbot



VCAL Volleyball

Volleyball

On the 10th of February, the year 12 VCAL class went to the gym to play volleyball. It was a fun experience and we all got to touch up and work more on our skills. Most of us have not played volleyball since year 9 so we all loved that nostalgic feeling of playing volleyball. It was lots of fun and of course whoever was on my team won.

Omar Ali
Year 12 VCAL



Italian Immersion

Scuola Futura 2021

During the last term in year six, there was immersion classes after school called “Scuola Futura”. We went through some basic but fun and interesting information and learning. It was an amazing experience and we got to know each other and communicate with our classmates before we started high school.

In the first Italian immersion class, we had the opportunity to introduce ourselves and get to know a bit about our classmates. We had gone through Italian questions in the first class. We pronounced Italian words which was amazing.

The second session we had was Humanities where we tried to find the location of countries in the five continents and how to say the cardinal points in Italian. The next class was maths which was very fun, we learnt how to pronounce fraction equations and the answers in Italian and did some worksheets. The last class was unique, fantastic and a yummy experience. We made pizza as a class, Ms. Nardi had made the dough and our job was to kindly size out the dough and flatten it and soon after add the toppings. We had all made margherita pizza. It was my first time ever making pizza at school and it certainly was an unforgettable experience.



Immersion Information & Celebration

G LADSTONE PARK
SECONDARY COLLEGE

DIPARTIMENTO DI ITALIANO
GPSC

Italian Immersion Information Night 2022



Gladstone Park SC
is proud to
announce the 11th
Edition of the
Italian Immersion
Night.

Celebrate con noi!

Students'
achievements



Performances



Italian Biscotti
Packs to take
home!



*Come and celebrate the Italian
Immersion Information Night*

at

Gladstone Park Secondary College!

Wednesday 11th May

PAC

7pm– 8pm



2022 Important Dates

Monday 21st February	Musical Rehearsals Commence Every Monday and Wednesday
Tuesday 22nd February	School Photos Mop Up
Thursday 24th February	Year 7 BBQ 5:30pm Start
Friday 25th February	Year 7 Activity Day
Monday 28th February	Year 10 Elephant Education
Tuesday 1st March	School Tours begin (Year 7 2023)
Friday 4th March	Year 10 Party Safe
Friday 4th March	Division Swimming
Tuesday 8th March	Year 7 & 8 Sports
Tuesday 8th March	Year 10 Drive Safe
Thursday 10th March	SRC Casual Clothes Day
Monday 14th March	Labour Day - Public Holiday No School
Tuesday 15th March	School Council AGM
Thursday 17th March	Senior Sports

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.