



NEWSLETTER

20TH MAY 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Wednesday 25th May
SRC - Casual Clothes Day
- ◆ Wednesday 25th May - 7:00pm
Immersion Celebration Evening
- ◆ Thursday 2nd June
Year 9 Maths Exam
- ◆ Friday 3rd June to Thursday 9th June
Year 10 & 11 Exams
- ◆ Tuesday 7th June
VCE Recital Performing Arts
Concert 4:00pm - 9:00pm
- ◆ Wednesday 8th June
Musical Rehearsal 3:20pm - 5:00pm
- ◆ Thursday 9th June
Year 7 Interschool Sport
- ◆ Friday 10th June
Report Writing Day - Pupil Free

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Principal's Update

Emergency & response - Two days of Remote Learning

We had a burst water pipe that caused significant damage to our main electrical switch for the school on Tuesday 10th May. Quick and considered action from many people meant students and staff were kept safe and away from the area while an assessment was made. The school had to go to remote learning mode for two days while the site was made safe enough for repair works. Many thanks to Business Manager, Karen Taggart; Facilities Manager, Mario Scicluna; and Assistant Principals Roger Centofanti, Klate McFarlane & Jody Scott for their calm heads and sound decisions that kept the community safe.



Transition Events – Open Day and Immersion Celebration Night

As a result of the emergency, our Open Day and Immersion Celebration Nights both had to be rescheduled. Open day went ahead on Friday 13th May and was very well attended. It was pleasing to see that most families were still able to attend. Thank you to Anthony Greaney – Junior School Program Manager – for coordinating and training a team of student tour guides. Prospective parents are very impressed that students can lead tours and speak so well about their school and its programs. Parents are also very impressed with how open our classrooms are – that teachers welcome visitors into their ordinary classes so that visitors can see exactly what the student experience is.

The Immersion Celebration Evening will be this held on Wednesday 25th May. I am looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our Immersion students across many year levels.

A huge thank you to the Junior School team, in particular Jody Scott, Anthony Greaney and Angela Giardina for their continuing work with Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition.

Retirement of Jan Armstrong

I would like to take this time to recognise the incredible service of Jan Armstrong who, sadly for us, is retiring. Jan started teaching at Gladstone Park Secondary College in 1977 and during her time here, has taught Geography, French and Psychology. She was coordinator of Geography and most recently the Program for Students with Disabilities Coordinator – a role she has held for more than 15 years. In all her roles in the school, Jan has shown unwavering professionalism. She has mentored a great many teachers and in doing so has given strength to the teaching profession, this school, and many others. Jan has made a positive difference to the lives of thousands of students – to their learning, their resilience, their sense of self and their futures. Jan will be sorely missed by friends, colleagues, and students. We wish her many happy adventures and joyful moments in retirement.

VET Business

On the 16th May, our year 12 Vet Business class were fortunate enough to have Ms Mihalakos come into the class and run a relaxation and mindfulness class. As part of the course students learn about stress in the workplace and how it can have lasting effects on the employee and employer, therefore having an affect on productivity. The class learnt different ways to combat stress and through Ms Mihalakos's class they now have some coping strategies not only for business but with their personal lives as well.

Thank you



Divisional Cross Country

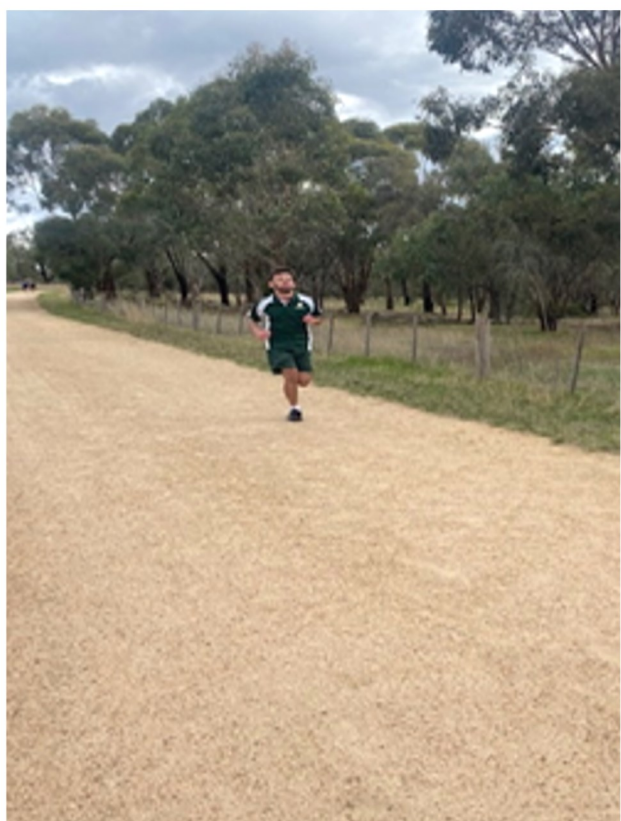
Congratulations to all students who attended the divisional cross country plus the Vet Sport and rec students who were timekeepers and checkpoints. A great job by all. The following students have made it through to the next level – NMR. Keep training. Well done

REGION CROSS COUNTRY TEAM 15th June – Bundoora Park

<u>13 Boys (3km)</u> Archer Bramble Max Nicholson Toby Myers Reeve Hammond Alexander Zuvela	<u>13 Girls (3km)</u> Isabelle Miller Meah Allwell Hayley Allwell Siena Griffiths Ava Wagner Jenuli Malwenna Hewage
<u>14 Boys (3km)</u> Abdulaziz Abu Shabah Michael Borelli Angelo Benjamin Charlie Lysaught Julian Vaccaro Kai Alloway	<u>14 Girls (3km)</u> Taylah Miller Ava Duncan Ruby Zuker Monika Cuic
<u>15 Boys (3km)</u> Matthew Curtolo Xavier Curtolo Cody Liersch Seth gysi	<u>15 Girls (3km)</u> Abbey Pandelidis
<u>16 Boys (5km)</u> Nathan Kenneth Taylan Demir Jake Sweerts Sami Ulusoy	<u>16 Girls (3km)</u> Kathryn Myers Milana Kozulin



Divisional Cross Country



VCAL Volleyball

Today, Friday 13th May, in P.E the VCAL students merged with the year 7s and 8s to play volleyball. Many students took the initiative to teach the younger kids the rules on how to play and gave them a chance to play in different positions. The VCAL kids were split up into teams with the year 7s and 8s to make the tournament fair and fun.

Isaac Regodeiro



Year 11 & 12 Applied Computing Excursion

Applied Computing Excursion – Thursday 12th May, 2022

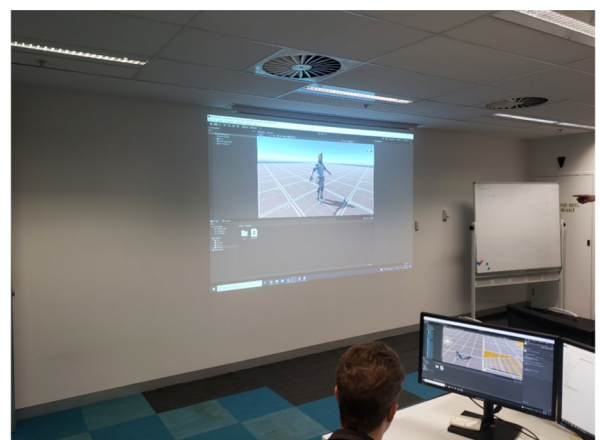
On Thursday the 12th of May, the year 11 and 12 Applied Computing and Software Development students attended the Academy of Interactive Entertainment (<https://aie.edu.au/>). Students in both the year 11 and 12 classes have been studying software design and development using the C# programming language and on the day were able to use these skills to create a small game using an industry wide used engine called Unity.

Students were able to use their knowledge of data types, arrays, functions and mathematics to make a player move around an object on the screen.

Student also visited ACMI (Australian Centre for the Moving Image - <https://www.acmi.net.au/>) to take in the history of computing and where it all began.

Steven McGlade

IT Learning Area Leader



GPSC E-Sports League

This term the inaugural GPSC E-Sports League is taking place. The League has started with a FIFA 22 Tournament on PlayStation 4 involving the Junior School students.

The Tournament will be taking place for Junior School students throughout this term every Monday at lunchtime in the PAC. Students are encouraged to check their Teams cohort page for any updates and news.

Students from the year 12 VET Sport and Rec class have done an amazing job at organising the tournaments players and also doing their own commentary throughout the gameplay on the day.

All students are encouraged to take part and to come along and support their fellow peers at the next round!

The finalists will be announced closer to the date and will play off for glory and of course a prize!

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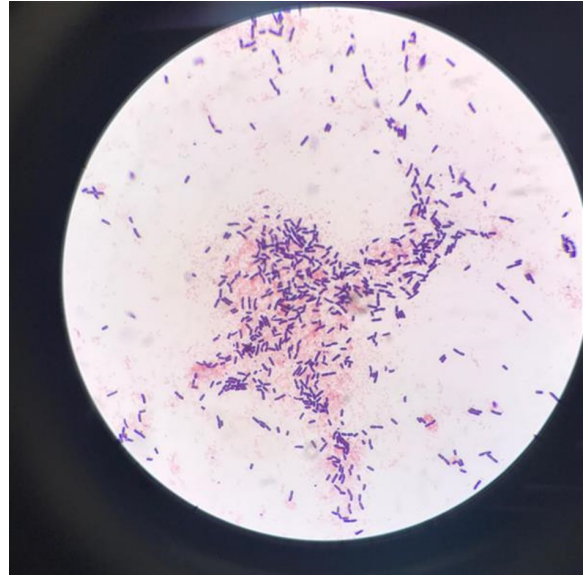
LaTrobe University STEM Excursion

On Tuesday the 17th of May, a range of female students from years 9 – 11 attended a Girls in STEM day at La Trobe University. The day was aimed at exploring future study options in the fields of STEM and also to take part in some engaging workshops in the field of the STEM subject areas.

One workshops consisted of using robotics to identify components and to navigate through some terrain to answer challenging questions. The other workshop consisted of being in a lab to take swabs of their own nostrils and skin to be able to put the results under a microscope. Results can be seen in the images.

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Monday 6th June	Year 8 Interschool Sport
Tuesday 7th June	VCE Recital/Performing Arts Concert 7:00pm
Wednesday 8th June	Musical Rehearsal 3:209m - 5:00pm
Thursday 9th June	Year 7 Interschool Sport
Friday 10th June	Report Writing Day - Student Free Day
Monday 13th June	Public Holiday - Queens Birthday
Tuesday 14th June	Rock Night 4:00pm
Wednesday 15th June	Musical Rehearsal 3:209m - 5:00pm

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.a

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.