



NEWSLETTER

16TH SEPTEMBER

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Principal's Update



The end of a big term

Term 3 is always big, and it's fair to say that students and teachers are all deserving of some rest. You will see in this newsletter some of the amazing extra-curricular events that have happened in the last month – all of which created a fun atmosphere for students and added cheer to the end of the term. Thank you to all the staff involved in planning and running these events. Diversity week – Thomas Taylor, RUOK? Day – Natalie Henry, Mariam Baroudi and Jessica Nash, Science week – Jessica Smith and Samantha Paterson, Gladdy's Got Talent – Luke Condello, and Photography excursion – Joanne Carvalho, and of course all those assisting the organisers. We are very fortunate to have so many staff members wanting to build positive experiences for students.

Students Studying Unit 3&4 Subjects

All the very best to students as you prepare for your **practice exams** in the **first week of the holidays**, (Monday – Thursday), and the 3-hour English trial exam today. These exams are run by the VCAA exam supervisors, who will also supervise the actual exams next term. We aim to give you as much practice as possible, so you are confident and comfortable with the actual exams next term.

You will be drawing upon all you have learned in class, from your study skills sessions, and from family encouragement. Use it all and do your best.

The trial exams are a particularly important learning tool. Make the most of this opportunity and continue to work with your teachers in honing your exam skills. We are all here to support you.

Parent Teacher Student Conferences

These conferences are a real community building event – they are the biggest school event we have for community engagement, and importantly, are focus on student learning. Thank you to all the parents and students who attended on-line conferences with teachers to discuss learning progress. From all accounts, this was a great opportunity to celebrate achievement and growth and to find out how to make the most of next term's classes.

Camps

We have had two successful trips recently. The **Two Ski Camps** for year 11 and Year 12 students were a great success, and students experienced magnificent alpine conditions. Thank you to all involved in assisting our students on the slopes and for feeding and caring for the large group who attended Particularly Ms Hickling for the many hours involved in organising the trips.

All the best to the students and teachers involved in the **Year 8 Canberra Camp** to be held on the first week of next term. We look forward to hearing all about it.

None of these experiences would be available if it wasn't for the generosity of the staff who organise and give up their family time to attend. We are very fortunate to have such generous and dedicated staff. Thanks to all.

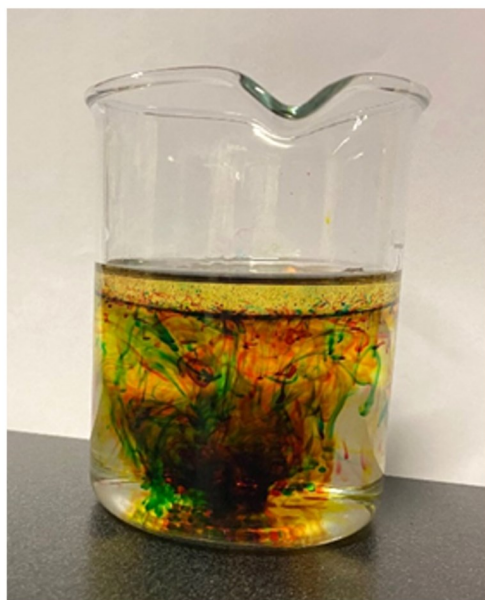
GPSC Science Club

GPSC has begun a Science Club which started on the 5th August. Our first week we looked at Chemistry Balloons, Fireworks in a Jar and Elephant's Toothpaste.

The Science Club will run every Friday lunchtime in W9.

For the second half of Term 3 we are going to look at Rube Goldberg Machines and coming up in Term 4 will be Forensics and Crime Scene Investigations!

We've already got some incredible members but we would love to see more of the school community getting involved!



National Science Week

GPSC celebrated National Science Week this term from the 11th to the 18th of August. This year's theme was Glass – More than Meets the Eye.

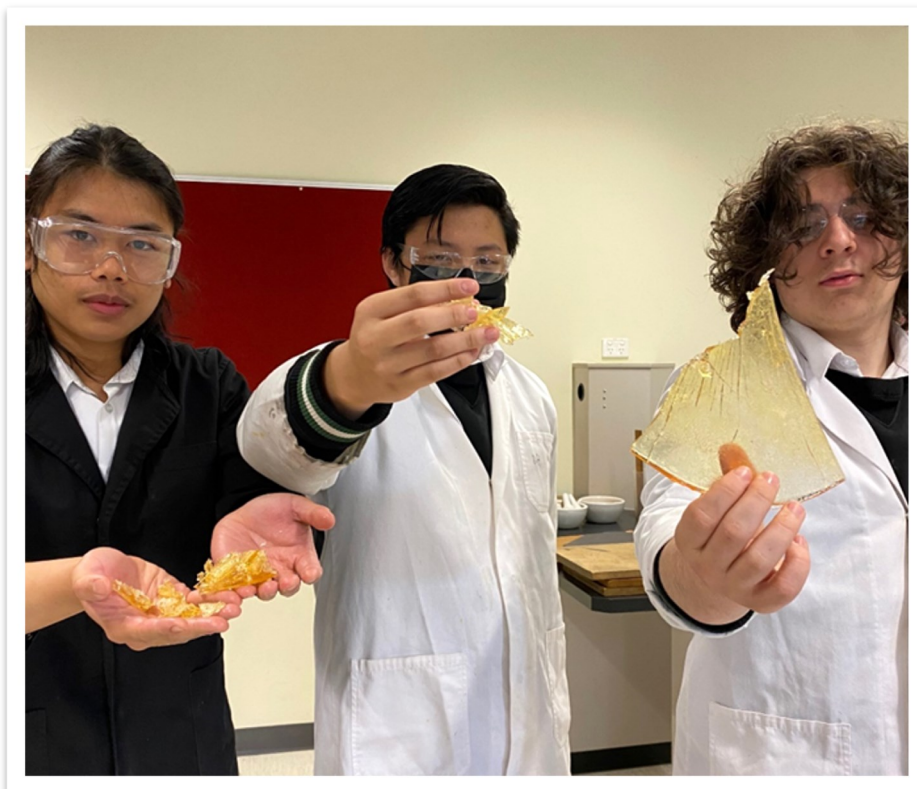
Every lunchtime teachers hosted two practical experiments or investigations demonstrating the different ways we see and use glass as well as its interactions with light. To name a few of the activities we made kaleidoscopes, sugar crystals, reflected light in jelly and made glass completely disappear! Students even lifted mysterious fingerprints and even got to smash some movie magic glass!

Students from all year levels were involved! There was a great atmosphere every day that was lead by some enthusiastic Year 11s and 12s!

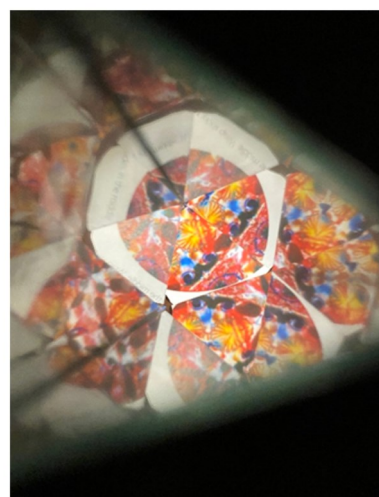
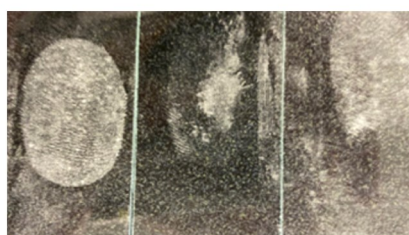
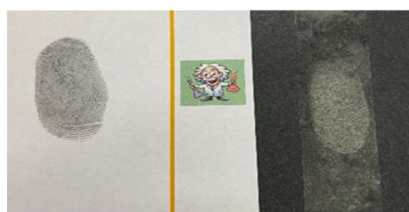
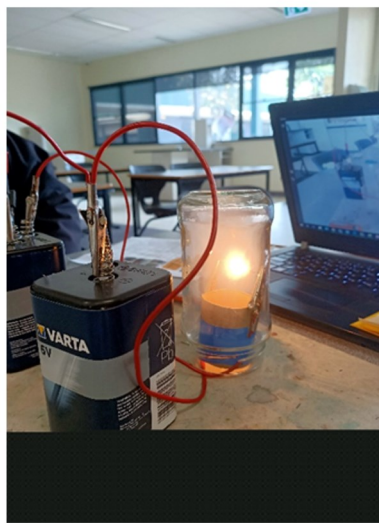
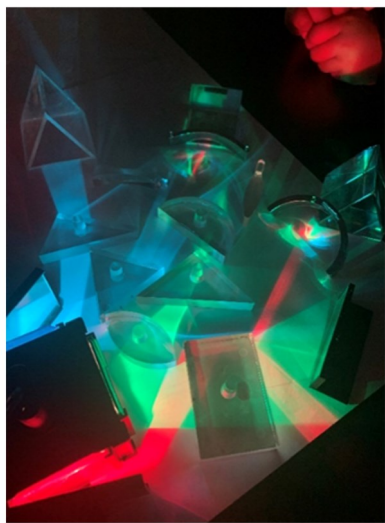
We cannot wait to see the amazing and wonderful experiments students will complete in this space. With curiosity ignited from Science Week we plan to continue exposing the students to more investigations and discussions for the remainder of the year in Science Club!

Jessica Smith & Samantha Paterson

Science Teachers



National Science Week

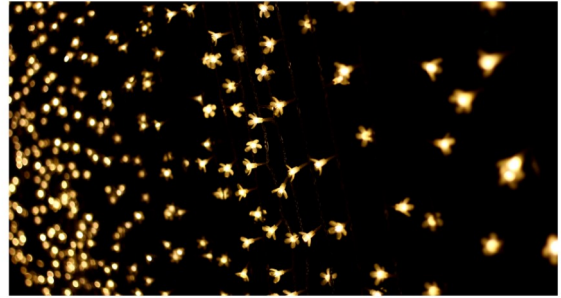


Year 11 Studio Arts - Photography

Melbourne After Dark Excursion

On Thursday the 4th of August the Year 11 Photography students had the opportunity to see and capture Melbourne after dark.

The day began with us exploring the *Requiem to New York* art exhibit at the Ian Potter Centre, NGV, which was a display of photos captured by Ashley Gilbertson on her iPhone during the quarantine period. We viewed the exhibit and took photographs of all our favourite pieces to further study later in class. This art exhibit was really cool to see, and it was inspiring to see how an iPhone which is accessible to all can capture meaningful photos also.



Next, we explored the *WHO ARE YOU: Australian Portraiture* exhibit at the Ian Potter Centre, NGV. *WHO ARE YOU: Australian Portraiture* is the first exhibition to comprehensively bring together the rich portrait holdings of both the National Gallery of Victoria and the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra. I had a fun time exploring and taking photos at these art exhibits, as it was a great source of inspiration for our photography portfolios.

We then made our way over to the Lightscape exhibit at the Royal Botanic Gardens. This was an amazing opportunity, as now Lightscape is entirely sold out. We got to explore the spectacular Royal Botanic Gardens at night like we'd never seen it before, covered in dazzling lights. We all took plenty of impressive and beautiful photos with the unforgettable light displays. I loved exploring Lightscape at night as it was so amazing to see and capture photos at night with the class.

After exploring the Lightscape exhibit, we all tested our photography skills by taking photos of car light trails at flinders street station. I personally think that these photos turned out well, and it was fun for us all to develop our knowledge on how the Canon SLR cameras work particularly highlighting movement and motion. I thought it was highly enjoyable to capture the light trails, and they are some of my favourite photos to date.

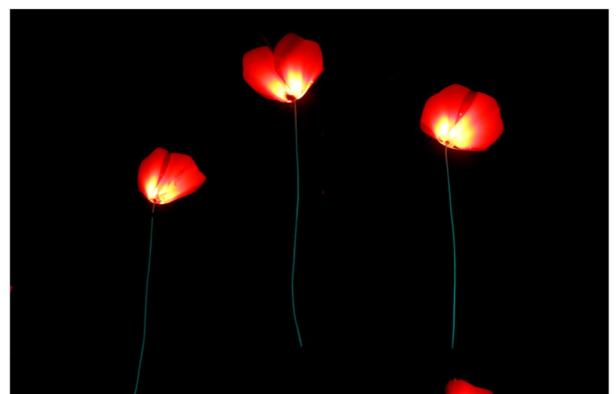
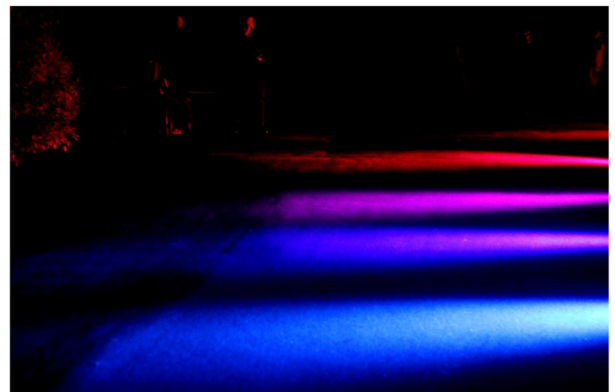
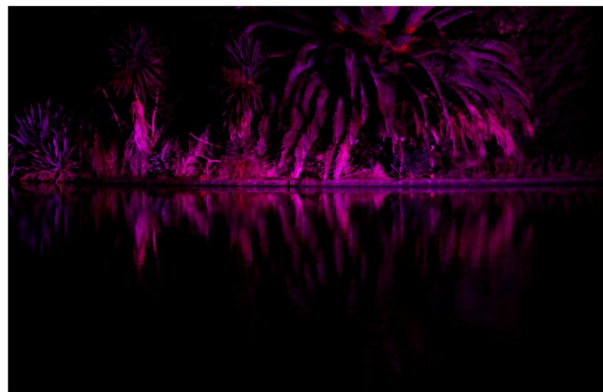
This excursion was made possible by Mrs Joanne Carvalho, Mr Kevin Monteiro, Mr Mathew Janineh and Mr Luke Fazekas, as they planned and supervised this excursion. As well as Mr Klate McFarlane for understanding the importance of this excursion. A private charter bus was provided back to school from the city at night, Glow Sticks were also advised for us to wear so we were easily identifiable in the dark, it was also pretty fun breaking all the Glow Sticks and adding to the lights at night

Gladstone Park Secondary College would like to say a huge thank you to Shirrah Comeadow, the producer of the Lightscape event. We are all so very grateful for the opportunity. This excursion will be an experience to remember.

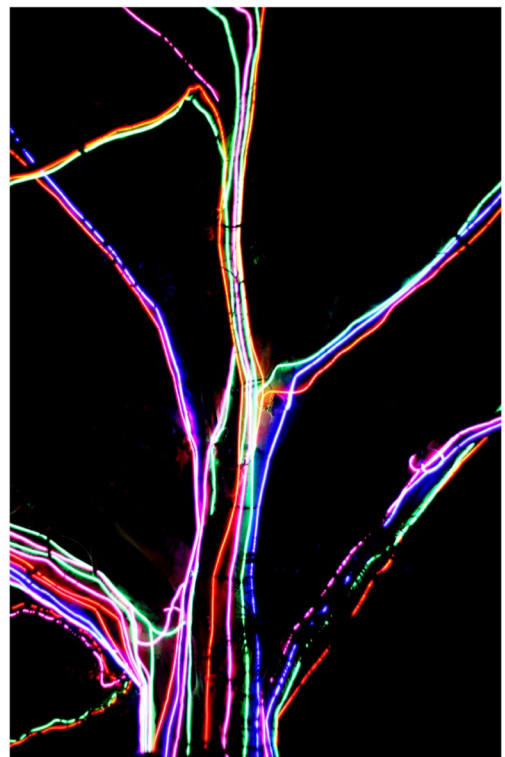
Jacinta Bonett,

Studio Arts- Photography student

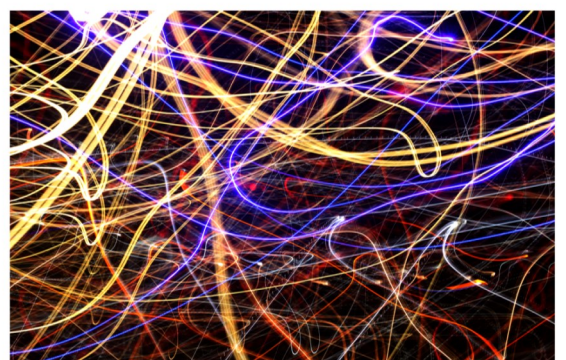
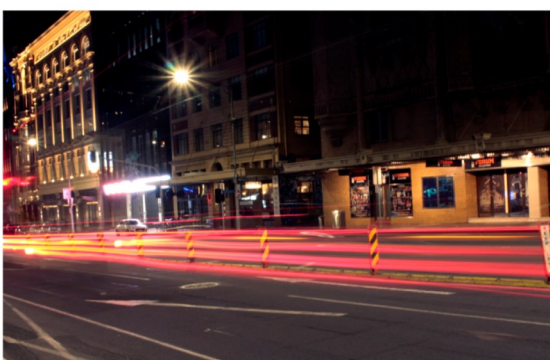
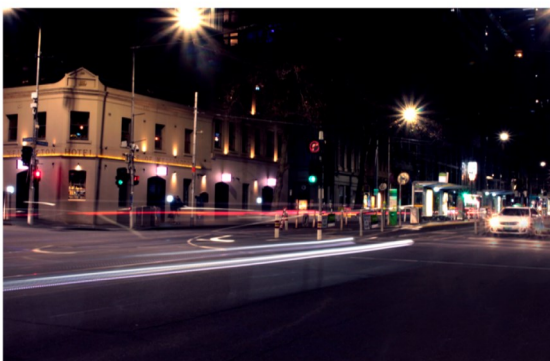
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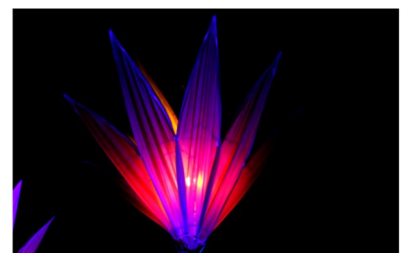
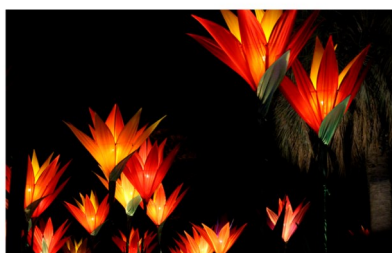
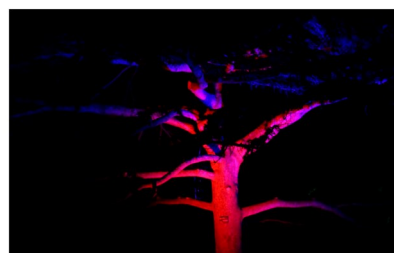
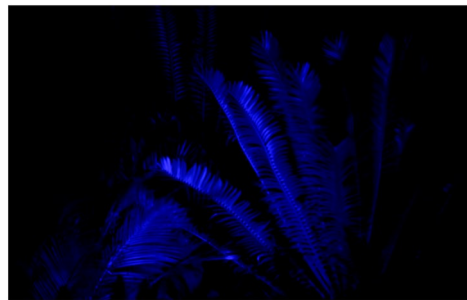
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“R U OK” Day

On Tuesday the 6th of September, Gladstone Park Secondary College students and staff participated in a ‘R U OK?’ Day event.

‘R U OK?’ Day is a national day that aims to promote mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

It all starts with a conversation with those who are around us that may be “struggling with life’s ups and downs”, where we ask the question, “are you ok?”.

Students had the opportunity to learn more about their support pathways within their school, external services, and the community.

The Wellbeing team, staff and students organized and facilitated a day. Students had the opportunity to make healthy choices by pedaling to make smoothies on bikes, kicking soccer balls towards a giant inflatable target and dancing to the beat of some Lebanese drums. In addition, the day was filled with live entertainment, mimes, and magicians.

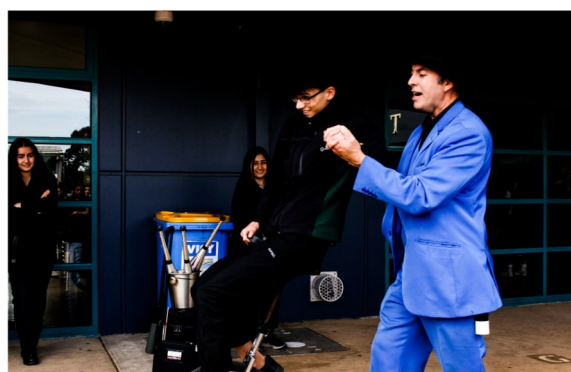
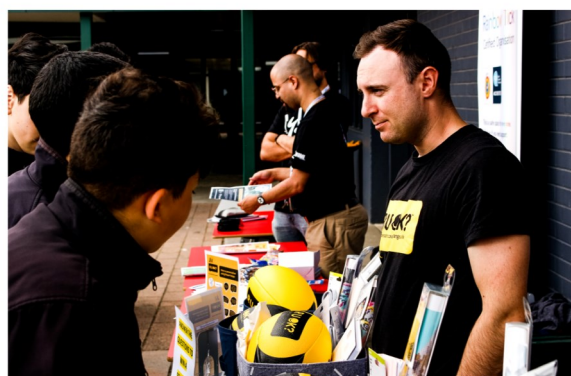
Let’s take a moment to check in with family, friends, peers, and colleagues, as your support can make a difference to someone’s life.



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Diversity Week

Diversity week, from the 29th of August to the 2nd of September, at school was a blast! There were a variety of canteen food options from different cultures throughout the week and well-planned lunch time activities including a universal Kahoot, flag race, and flower colouring in which was symbolic of one's culture(s) and traditions. Participating in the flag race, which required myself to work cooperatively and competitively with others, was a challenge but felt very rewarding and pleasurable once I had successfully completed the contest. – Marjorie Falefata (11)

On Wednesday, I had so much fun performing in the concert held in the PAC at lunch. Embracing and presenting my traditional Samoan culture within the school and witnessing my peers' performances also was such a privilege and an exciting, humbling experience. Looking forward to next year's Diversity Week! – Marjorie Falefata (11)

[Concert photos]

I found diversity week to be a great way to embrace and celebrate all the diverse students at the school through the different performances that showcased various cultures. – Claudia Schembri (12)

Being in year 12, I really enjoyed participating in my last ever diversity week! I believe that holding such events are important in embracing and celebrating the multicultural environment within our school. – Tharuki Delpa Chitra (12)

At lunch, I watched the concert in the PAC with a range of dancers and performers from around the world. All of the performers were amazing, and the crowd was very supportive and clapping along when needed. It was easily the best part of diversity week – Elsa Hawes (10)

Our language defines us, our religion showcases the beautiful nationalities we are from. During our cultural diversity week, I was astounded and amazed at all the performances and how gracefully each student honoured their culture, these wonderful performances is definitely one for the books and locked in for memories. – Matilda Felise-Tuua (12)

It was great seeing students showcasing traditional dances and other performances of their culture. Seeing how supportive and encouraging students and teachers are of others' traditions was quite a beautiful feeling. Whether it was watching others singing, dancing and embracing cultural traditions, or our band performing, the Diversity Week performances were certainly a highlight of the week and we all really enjoyed it. – Shariff Rizvi Deen (10)

For me personally, also being a Sri Lankan Australian, I love the fact that our school promotes the wide variety of cultures of Australia through diversity week. From providing students with a range of foods from different backgrounds at the school canteen, to holding a concert that allows students to perform songs/ dances from their ethnicities, I think diversity week further solidifies what Melbourne is truly about; vibrance, culture, and acceptance, which comes in many different shapes and forms. – Brienna Fernando (12)

Thank you to the following students for sharing their performances with us

Matilda Felise-Tuua, Junior Felise, PJ Resture, Luain Muliaga, Jeremiah Anderson, Matese, Nazareth Moata, Marjorie Falefata, Vedha Santhosh, Niza Thambi, Uvini Hettiarachchi, Elsa Hawes, Sofina Moata, Shariff Rizvi Deen, Brivini Fernando, Jordan Burgess, Lauren Borg, Taran Punchihewa, Edvina Mathew, Methuli Kirulapana, Tharuki Delpa Chitra, Brienna Fernando, Claudia Schembri, Roger Centofanti, Gino Balestra, Andrew Whitmore.

Congratulations to the winners of the flags scavenger hunt

1st – Tijana Jovic (10), Olivia Galatas, Adela Luke

2nd – Lyriq Hunt (12) and team

3rd – Marjorie Falefata (11)

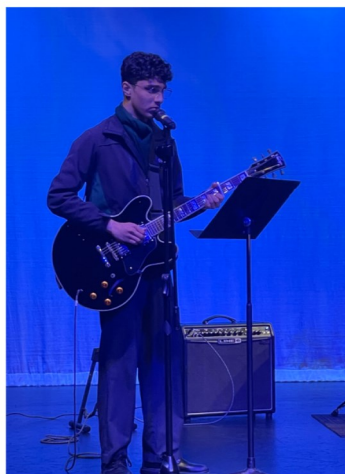
Congratulations to the winners of the cultural design competition

1st – Gimash Mudalpath (7)

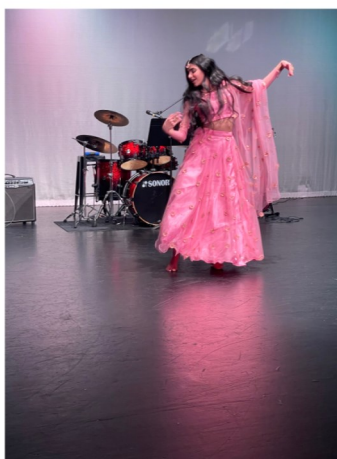
2nd – Kiara May (7)

3rd – Jelila Tumui (7)

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Gladdy's Got Talent

As you can see from the photos, there was a lot of enthusiasm for this year's Gladdy's Got Talent. It was so nice to have this event back on and see the incredible talent we have. Thank you to all participants and to Mr. Condello for organising the event.

Our winners on the day were:

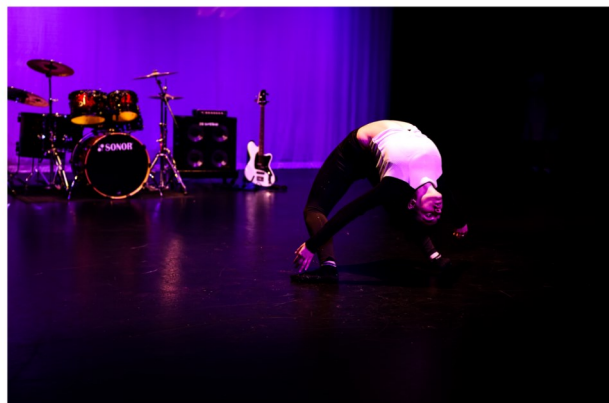
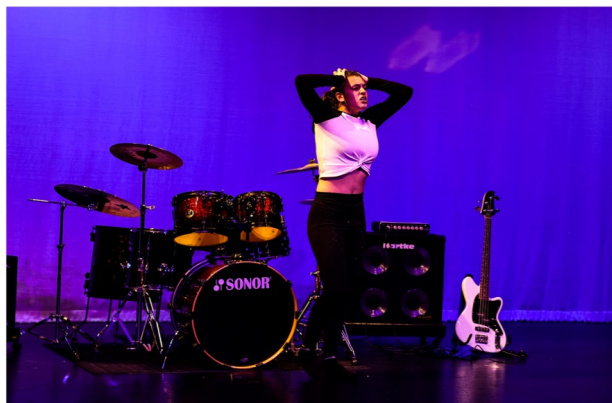
Liahn Angeles, Year 9 – Beat-box Performance

Matilda Felise-Tuua, Year 12 – Vocal Performance

Band Performance - Brienna Fernando, Year 12; Brivini Fernando, Year 11; Shariff Rizvi Deen, Year 10; Lauren Borg, Year 9; Taran Punchihewa, Year 9.



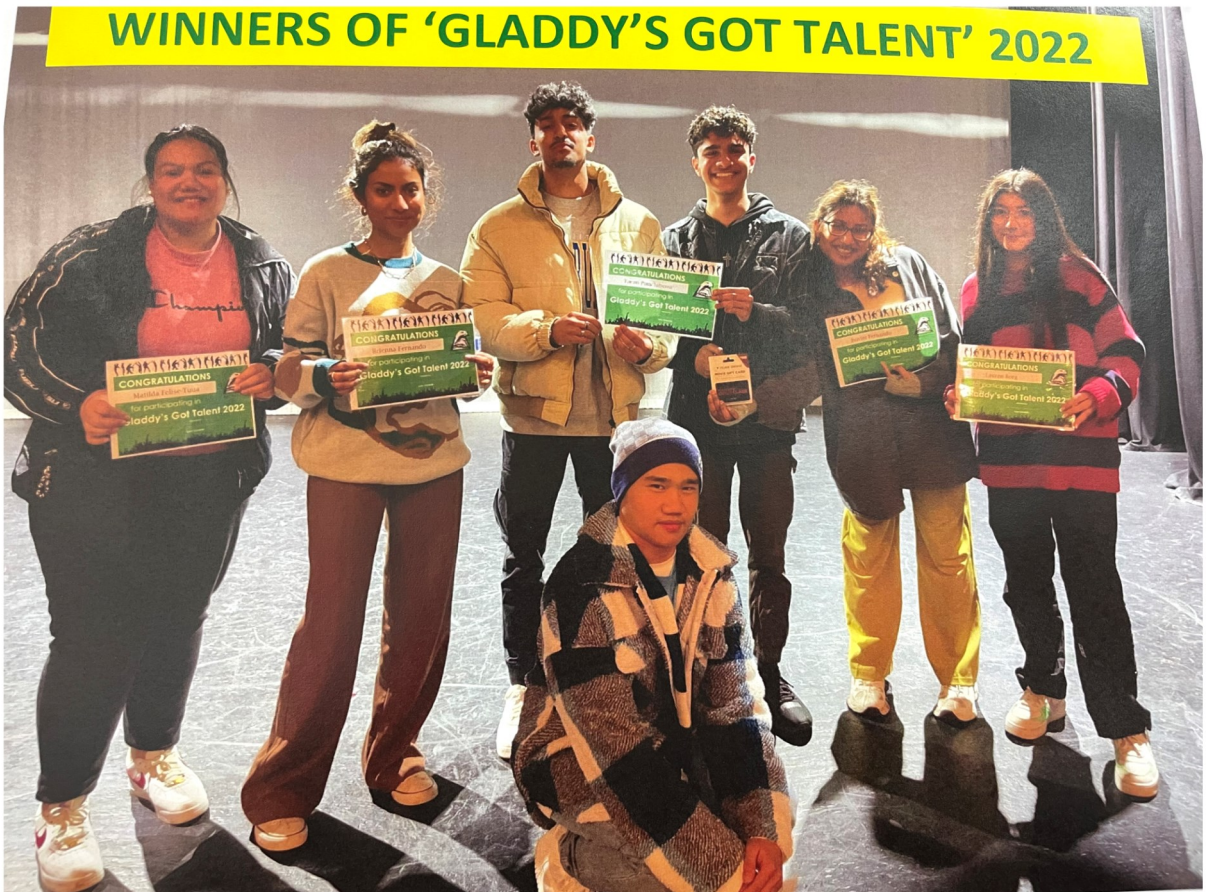
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VTAC University Applications Are Open!

For Year 12 VCE students, this is a crucial time where they have to enter their university course choices into the VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) portal. Students have the option to enter 8 choices.

The portal opened on 1 August 2022 and close 29 September 2022.

Course applications	Open	Close	Fee
Timely applications	1 August (9am)	29 September (5pm)	\$44.00
Late applications	29 September (5.15pm)	4 November (5pm)	\$126.00

Students will need to remember to apply for SEAS (Special Entry Access Schemes) as they can get special considerations for 4 categories to get their desired course.

- [Category 1: Personal information and location](#)
- [Category 2: Disadvantaged financial background](#)
- [Category 3: Disability or medical condition](#)
- [Category 4: Difficult circumstances](#)

Special Entry Access	Open	Close	Fee
SEAS applications and sup-	1 August (9am)	7 October (5pm)	N/A

There is also a section for scholarships from select universities.

Scholarships applications	Open	Close
Scholarships applications and supporting doc-	1 August (9am)	7 October (5pm)

For more information and requirements for SEAS, Scholarships and dates, please go to the VTAC website.

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Tuesday 25th October	"Curtain Call" - Music
Wednesday 26th October to Friday the 16th November	Year 12 Exams
Thursday the 27th October	SRC Casual Clothes Day
Monday the 31st October	Curriculum Day
Tuesday the 1st November	Cup Day

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.