



NEWSLETTER

14TH OCTOBER 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Tuesday 18 October
Year 11 Biology Excursion
Melbourne Zoo
- ◆ Wednesday 19th October to
Friday 21st October
Year 10 Camp
- ◆ Friday 21st October
Year 7 Girls Volleyball
- ◆ Tuesday 25th October
Year 8 Girls Volleyball
- ◆ Tuesday 25th October
Curtain Call -
Musical Performance
- ◆ Wednesday 26th October to
16th November
Year 12 Exams
- ◆ Thursday 27th October
SRC Casual Clothes Day
- ◆ Monday 31st October
Curriculum Day
- ◆ Tuesday 1st November
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

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Principal's Update

Welcome to term 4!

Year 12 Graduating Class of 2022

Congratulations to the Graduating Year 12 Class of 2022 for all the hard work completing their studies for the year. The annual T-Shirt Signing Day went well on Thursday, with a great rapport between students and staff. Today is Celebration Day, where students come to school in fancy dress. The day starts with a breakfast in the study centre, Dress-Up Parade in the junior quadrangle and stage. Then we have a final student-led Year 12 Assembly and performances prior to dismissal at about 12:15.

This time of the year has a number of enjoyable days of celebration and I thank all involved, particularly the Senior School Team for all the organising, the School Captains for organising and running the assembly, and to all the students for getting in the spirit of celebration in a respectful manner.

Year 12s, you should be proud of all the work you have done this year and of the growth you have made over your 6 years at the school. Thank you for all your contributions to a positive school culture. I wish you all well in your exams and look forward to celebrating with you further at your Graduation in November.

Camps

As you will see in this newsletter, we have had a number of camps recently – all such rich and valuable experiences for the students involved. The staff who organised and attended these camps spent many hours of preparation in the lead-up and, of course, many hours at camp – away from family and friends. My sincere thanks to all these staff for the sacrifices they have made to create such great and lasting memories for the students. Please enjoy the stories that follow.

Child Safety

Our school is committed to the safety of all students. Child Safety encompasses matters related to protecting all children from child abuse, managing the risk of child abuse, providing support to a child at risk of child abuse, and responding to incidents or allegations of child abuse. In this newsletter, there is a poster explaining that students can tell any teacher or adult at the school if they feel unsafe, know of or suspect child abuse. Teachers are supported to assist.

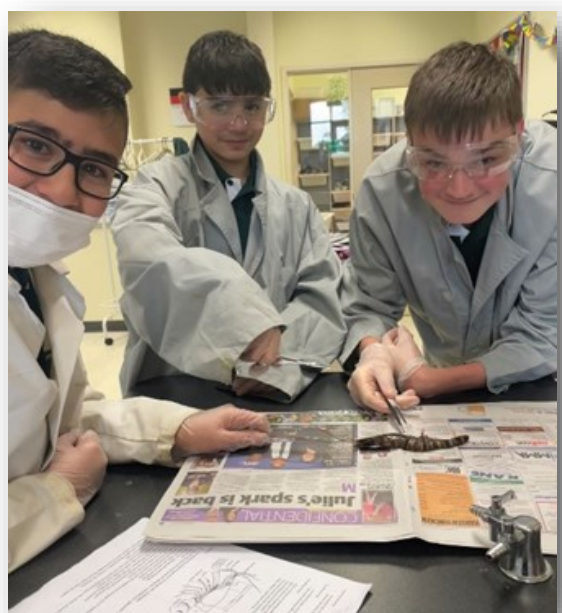


GPSC Year 7 Science

This week some of our year 7 students completed their prawn dissection for the topic of Classification. In this investigation students were identifying the major structure in prawns that allow it to be classified.

Here are some photos of 7G participating in the practical investigation on Wednesday 12/10.

Other year 7s will be participating in this practical throughout the coming weeks.



Year 7 & 8 Leadership Camp

At camp we had the best experience of our lives as we were the first to experience a leadership camp. We learned how to collaborate with each other and use each other's strengths to achieve our goal. We learned about the aboriginal culture and how they grew up with all the knowledge while we only start to unlock what the Kulin people knew long, long ago.

As we discovered new plants we have or have never seen before, we never knew that we could eat some of them. As when we looked at the nature, we only saw trees, mountains and rocks but the Kulin nation saw something different they see medicine, herbs, food and shelter.

Michelle Yusap

Camp was really fun, and I felt very honored to be chosen to go there. It was extremely enjoyable and exciting, and it was great to be able to go to 2 camps in one year. It was a great opportunity to get to know my friends a bit better and to also learn some valuable knowledge, (like making soap out of leaves).

A few of my highlights were canoeing, high ropes, the bush walk, the nature/indigenous culture session and just staying in the cabins in general. I would definitely go again (if I could). Overall, it was a thrilling experience.

Dilara Demir

Camp helped push us to reach our goals and push ourselves to the limit. As we went through hardship together and bonded more, we worked better together. We learned lots of information about the Aboriginals and their culture and got a better understanding as how our mother nature helped us.

We also learned their ways of looking at the nature and as they see plants as medicine or food.

Nayli Jayathissa



Year 8C's Wheelchair Basketball Incursion

Thanks to Basketball Victoria for running a wheelchair basketball skills clinic with one very lucky year 8 class. They had a 'ball' and learnt a lot.

Wheelchair basketball was the most fun I've had with basketball for a long time. The staff running it were nice and knew a lot about the sport. I want to thank Basketball Victoria and Ms Ross for organizing such a fun experience. I don't think many of us had done it before and we were shocked with how hard and enjoyable it was.

Jye Ritchie



Year 8 Canberra Camp

A number of year 8s had an amazing time at Canberra camp last week. We participated in numerous activities, including going to the old and new Parliament House, Australian War Memorial and the Royal Australian Mint.

We were fortunate to look at the tallest mountain Canberra, Mount Ainslie, which provides an amazing view of many landmarks across Canberra. Some of the attractions visible from the lookout are Lake Burley Griffin, Australian War Memorial and Parliament House.

Students immersed themselves with the history of the war memorial. This was my favourite activity of the whole trip because I found one of my relative's names and placed a poppy in remembrance of his sacrifice for us. I loved learning about all the World War histories there and felt very connected to my past. In Parliament House we looked at the house of representatives and the house of commons.

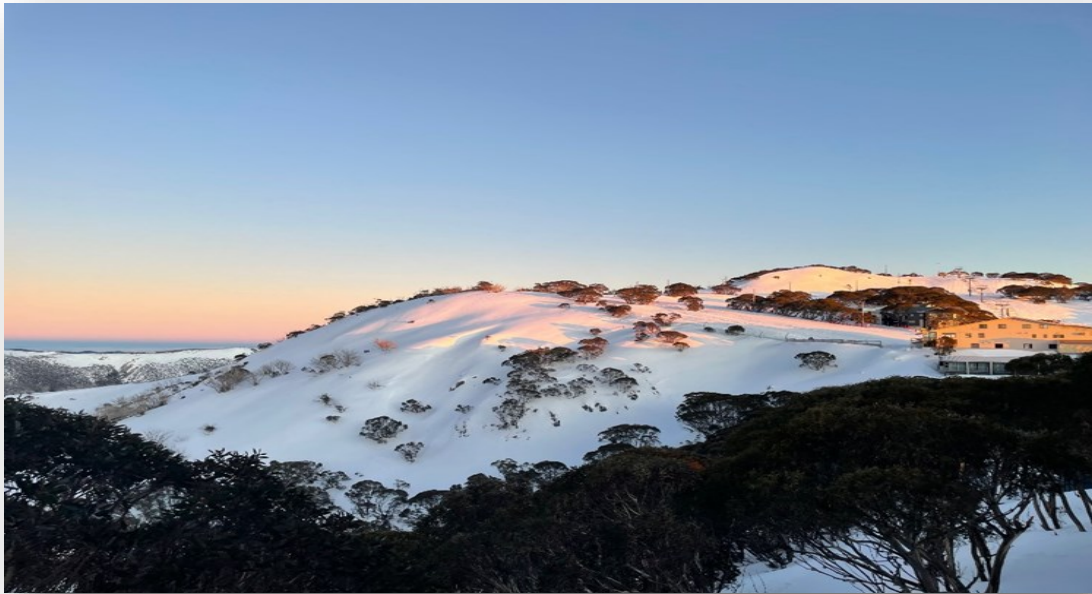
This is going to be a trip that I am going to treasure for my whole life and I am sure others would enjoy this amazing trip to Canberra also. Thank you to the school and the teachers who made the trip possible.

Siena Griffith



Year 12 Ski Camp— Mt. Hotham

On Tuesday the 30th of August, 53 year 12 students had the opportunity to stay at Mount Hotham for 4 days. After a sleepy 5-hour bus ride, we finally made it to the lodge at the top of Mount Hotham. Aside from the snow, there wasn't much of difference to the winter weather back in Melbourne.



Our first day was spent setting up our equipment, familiarising ourselves with the lodge and being briefed about safety at the resort. 6 AM start to the second day was quite a shock, but we had to be up and about for our first skiing or boarding lesson.



Year 12 Ski Camp— Mt. Hotham

We were very excited, although it was a rough start for most of the skiers and boarders. Eventually everyone got the hang of it, despite continuously falling on their backsides (we were assured it was all part of the fun and at the very least some good entertainment for the onlookers). Later that night, a number of students went night skiing and others went for a night walk. The darkness of the evening gave a nice ambience for the students as they took to the chair lifts, it was a surreal experience as none of us had been skiing/boarding at night before, it was something to cherish forever.



The third day we headed back to the base of the Summit for our last two lessons of where we were split into three different skill levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced. It was our own personal choice to determine which group we felt most comfortable in with final decisions to be made by the selectors and master skiers McLennan and Mihalakos.

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The beginner group continued with the basics of skiing and boarding, the Intermediate group went down the Summit run to master their skills; and the advanced group accepted the challenge to attempt much steeper terrain on a run we have named 'the village circuit'. The views back up the mountain were breathtaking. Later that night majority of the students were watching the AFL finals between Richmond and Brisbane where poor Johnny was forced to watch the tiges lose in the dying minutes of the game. We are pretty sure we heard him say he barracks from Melbourne now.

Cleaning on camp you'd have to be joking! Friday morning was spent packing up, cleaning our rooms and getting out on the snow as quick as possible. Everyone was busting to use every last minute we had out on the snow.

Overall, we are so grateful for having the opportunity to attend this camp. It was a great way to make up for all the camps we've missed in the last couple of years due to COVID-19. Ski Camp will always be a treasured memory that we can all look back on and will make us want to re live the experience over and over. We would like to thank all the teachers and the volunteers for their time and Ms. Hickling for making this experience all possible.

Natalie, Deklan and Riley



GPSC students were invited to enter an Art Competition for World Mental Health Day (October 10th), where there were 3 self-care prizes to be won. The objective of World Mental health day 2022, was to raise awareness of mental health challenges and the importance of looking after ourselves and one another. We can all help in breaking down the barriers and supporting one another in seeking professional help before reaching a crisis point. Always remember there is support out there.

If you feel you need to talk to someone you can reach out to any of the support lines below or if an emergency call 000.

Support Lines

Lifeline: 13 11 44

MensLine Australia: 1300 78 99

FriendLine: 1800 424 287

Kids help line: 1800 55 1800

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid,

including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a

responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources

www.education.vic.gov.au/protect



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 Schemes (SEAS)	Open	Close	Fee
SEAS applications and supporting documentation	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 documentation	1 August (9am)	7 October (5pm)

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

2022 Important Dates

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Tuesday 25th October	"Curtain Call" - Musical Performance
Wednesday 26th October to Wednesday 16th November	Year 12 Exams
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Monday 31st October	Curriculum Day
Tuesday the 1st November	Cup Day
Friday 4th November	Year 7 Immunisations (2)
Friday 4th November	Year 10 Social

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.