



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Wednesday 26th October to 16th November
Year 12 Exams
- ◆ Monday 14th November
Last Day for Year 10 & 11
Classes
- ◆ Tuesday 15th November to
Wednesday 23rd November
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Year 12 Graduation
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Friday 25th November
Year 8 Canberra Camp
- ◆ Thursday 24th November
“Encore” Music Performance
- ◆ Monday 28th November to
Friday 2nd December
Year 12 Orientation

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Principal’s Update

Assistant Principal appointment

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Jody Scott to the substantive assistant principal role at our school.

Jody has been acting assistant principal this year as Junior school Principal and will continue in that role. It is great to have Jody on-board.

She has great skills in leading the team in junior school and in further developing our supports for student wellbeing and inclusion. Congratulations, Jody.

2023 School Captains



From left to right:

Sophie Conlan – Academic Captain, Marjorie Falefata – Civics and Citizenship Captain, Brivini Fernando – Arts Captain & Ky Shennan – Sports Captain

I look forward to regular meetings with the Captains and hearing their ideas for improvements at our school.

Final Assessments for the year

Students and staff are currently very busy. Year 10 and 11 exams start next week, with the important last day of classes for Year 10s and 11s on Monday 14th November.

Years 7 – 9 are in the process of preparing for their final assessments for the year. I commend students and teachers for the strength of their perseverance this year. They have had to re-learn how to pace energy over the terms, semesters and year after two tiring years of disruptions.

It has been difficult, and it is very rewarding when students talk to me about their drive to improve grades from one semester to the next. Thank you all.



Principal's Update Continued...

New Bell Times for 2023

We have decided to change the bell times for next year based on opinions from all members of our community. Thank you to all those who put forward their opinions. New Bell times for 2023 will be:

Period	Time
1	8:50 – 9:40
2	9:40– 10:30
recess	10:30 – 10:55
3	10:55 – 11:45
4	11:45 – 12:35
lunch	12:35 – 1:20
5	1:20 – 2:10
6	2:10 – 3:00

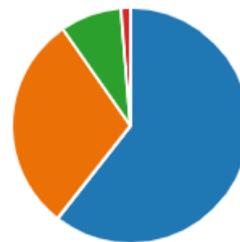
The survey of students and parents showed that 30% of respondents wanted the bell times to remain the same, 60 % wanted the changed bell times, and 10 % were either unsure or didn't mind. The difference between students and parents is that 36 % of students, and 18% of parents wanted bell times to remain the same.

Those who wanted the change made comments such as: it would be better for traffic flow at the end of the day, more lunchtime activities would be good, agreement about student safety, it's good to finish early for health and wellbeing.

3. Which is your preference? (0 point)

[More Details](#)

● New bell times as proposed	464
● Keep bell times the same as the...	228
● I don't mind either way	64
● I'm not sure	10



Here are answers to some questions brought up through the survey:

- Buses – we are talking with the bus companies about timetable changes to have buses arrive earlier.
- Canteen queues – we have monitored this over term 3 and term 4 and the queue reduces to zero between 1:10pm and 1:15pm
- How is supervision increased? – Currently, staff are allocated 2 yard-duties per week, by shortening lunch, we are able to accommodate 3 yard-duties per week for each teacher. This allows for more supervisors, and some teachers to take on activities. The extra supervisors can open classrooms on a wet weather timetable.

Year 12 Celebration Day

Another sea of costumes, another cohort we've bitter-sweetly had to farewell. Our class of 2022 had a ball, celebrating their achievements – not just as year 12s, but as their title of 'high school students' comes to a close.

Our festivities kicked off with T-Shirt signing. Students very eagerly wrote lovely farewell messages to their peers, best friends and teachers. The following day was met with joy, tears and some Senior School Staff representing the GPSC uniform in its best light!

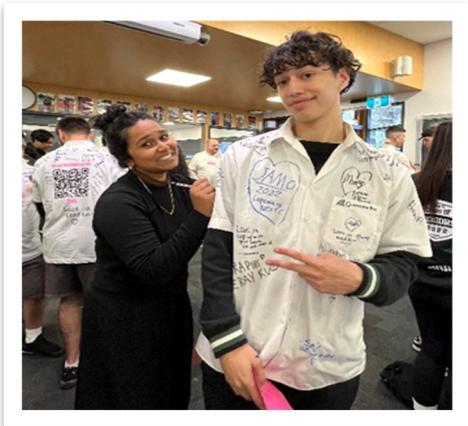
The atmosphere was electric – students dressed in their myriad of imaginative costumes – enjoyed a delicious breakfast hosted by Senior School (shout out to Ms. Nichols' famous hot chocolate!) and were able to mark the occasion with a snap in the photobooth. After showing off their best dressed to the rest of the school, the 2022 school captains put on quite the show. Awarding some interesting and intriguing 'Most Likely to...' awards to their cohort and ending with a dance sequence that had everyone off their seats.

Thank you to Ines, Alannah, Dylan and Ayla for their hard work in putting on such a memorable day for their cohort, and to the Senior School Team for their support.

We wish the class of 2022 all the best for their exams, their future and their lives.



Year 12 Celebration Day



Italian Poetry Competition

Concorso di Poesia!

On Thursday 3rd November, primary school students from our district all participated in *un concorso di poesia*! A poetry competition.

For the competition, students in Year 5 and Year 6 memorised different poems from Gianni Rodari, such as “Dopo La Pioggia” (After the Rain). Gianni Rodari was an Italian writer and journalist, who created stories and poems dedicated for children.

There were many mixtures of personalities in the children, many of them being shy at the beginning but they eventually opened up and had a really fun time talking to their peers and other students from different schools. From the start of the day, organisers and helpers for the poetry competition made beautiful posters, hanging them on windows. Italian flags were also displayed throughout the day.

For the competition, the primary school students performed and recited their plays to a jury that consisted of Signora Curini, as well as our own students from Years 10 and Year 9. As jury, we rated the students by how well they had memorised the poem and their pronunciation. After every student performed, we selected students that were taken into the finals. In the finals, the selected students would redo their poem for the last time, to finalise their place in the competition.

For students who were not in the final, they still were given awards such as “miglior attore / miglior attrice” (best actor/ actress) and “miglior pronuncia” (best pronunciation). Every participant, staff and helpers enjoyed a pizza lunch at the end of the competition.

As a student who participated in the poetry competitions in primary school, it was incredible to see the hard work that the younger students put into these competitions. I could see the students were very hard working and determined, but also had quite a lot of fun with it!

Grazie mille to Signora Curini and Ms Carfi, and other staff, as well as the student helpers for helping the poetry competition run as smoothly as it did!

Thank you as well to our jury, Amelia Rose Evans, (Y10) Natalie Hermiz (Y10) and Maanya Menon (Y9) Atiana Sefo (Y10)

ITALIAN POETRY COMPETITION



Italian Poetry Competition

Well described, Atiana!

It was a pleasure for me organising and running the Italian Poetry Competition this year, which was back on site at Gladstone Park Secondary College after having been held remotely for the past two years.

The Italian teachers of Greenvale, Westmeadows, Tullamarine and Gladstone Views Primary Schools did a great job in preparing the year 5 and 6 students to compete. Some of them dressed up and many brought props to make the recital more convincing.

It was amazing to see the students' enthusiasm and confidence with the language and the jury did not find it easy to choose who won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. All the young students well deserved a certificate, at least, and some of them demonstrated excellent pronunciation and performing skills.

It was a great day for all of us. The students in the jury and also the runners contributed to it in a fantastic way. A big *GRAZIE* to them (Natalie, Atiana, Amelia Rose, Maanya, Linh, Dumini, Jemina and Jayda), to Mrs Hoy and Mrs Carfi and all the Italian teachers from our school.

Ms Curini, Teacher of Languages

ITALIAN POETRY COMPETITION JURY



Student Services Update



Show your support for Movember

At Student Services, our Student Services Team Member, Josh Dean, is taking part in Movember. Not only is Movember about growing a 'Mo' but it aims to promote men's health. Movember is the leading charity funding research and programs focused on mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer.

If you would like to donate towards Movember, you are welcome to click on the link or use the QR code: <https://movember.com/m/14766232?mc=1>



'Get Crafty This Christmas' Decoration Competition

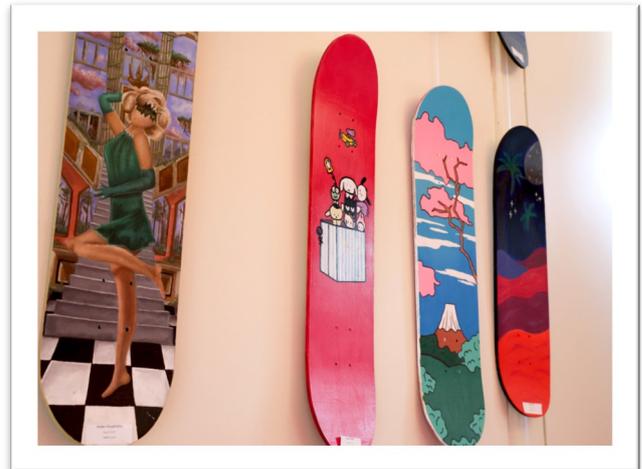
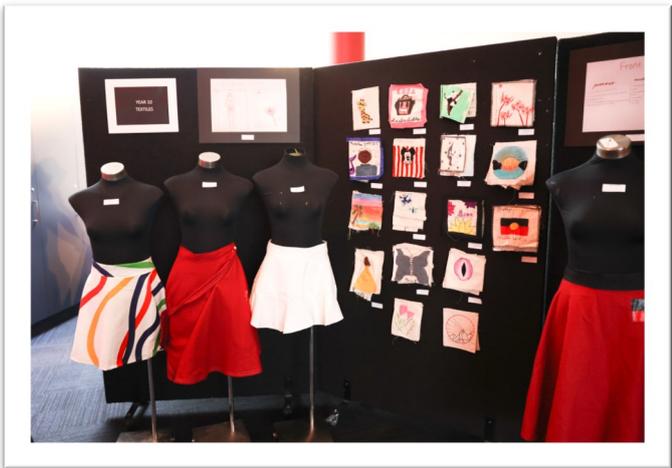
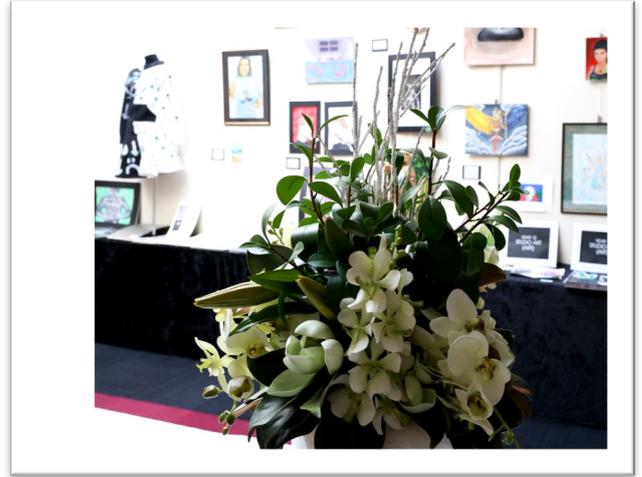
We will be running a Christmas tree decoration competition at Student Services. If you would like to take part, get your best craft skills together and make the fanciest Christmas decorations to hang on our Christmas tree. There will be prizes for the most creative decorations. Here are a few ideas for inspiration.

Please make sure to attach your name and year level to your decoration.

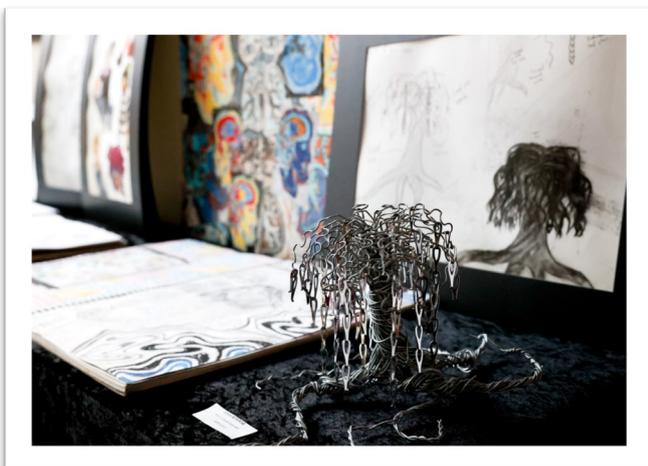
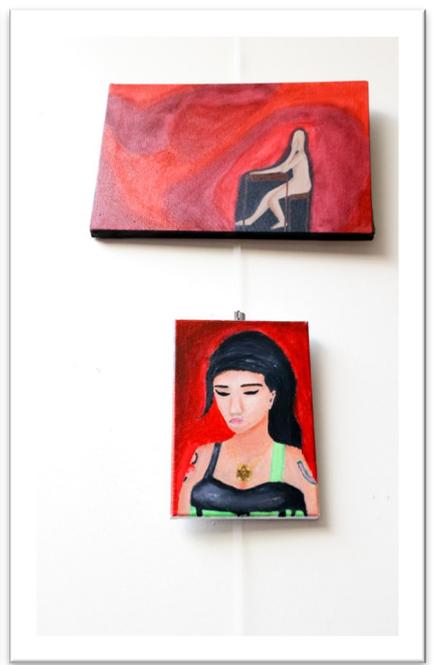
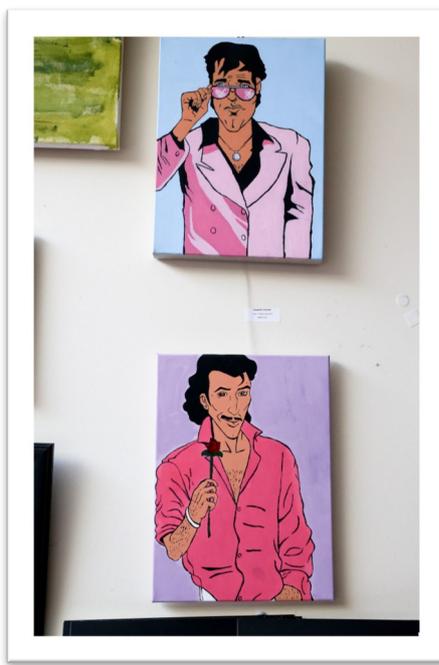
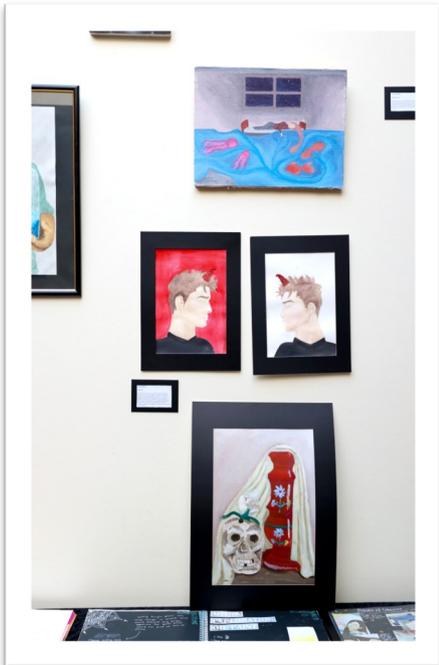
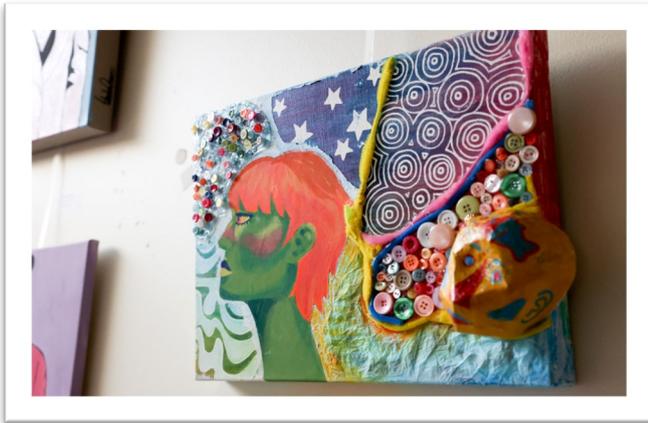


Prizes will be drawn on Friday December 9 so make sure to get them on the tree before then if you'd like to take part.

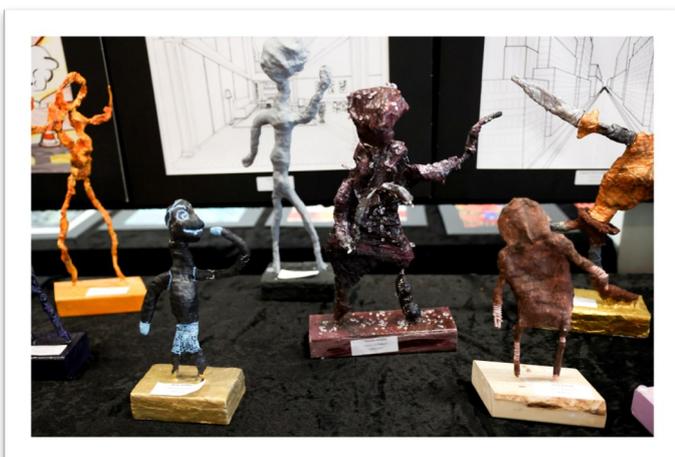
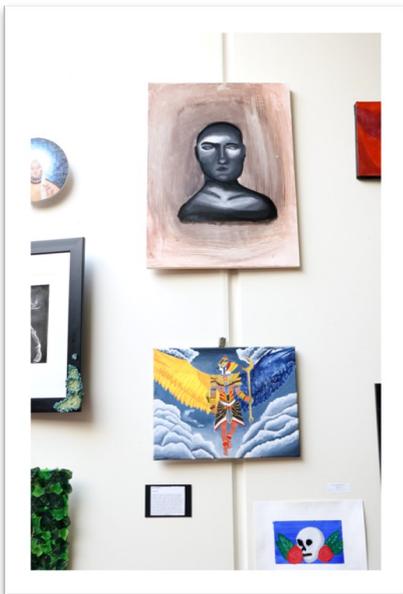
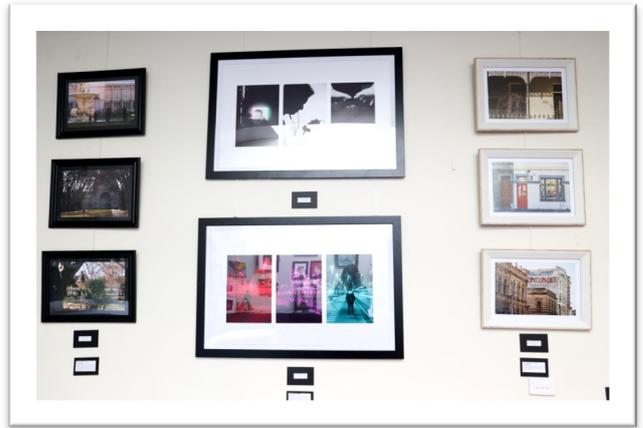
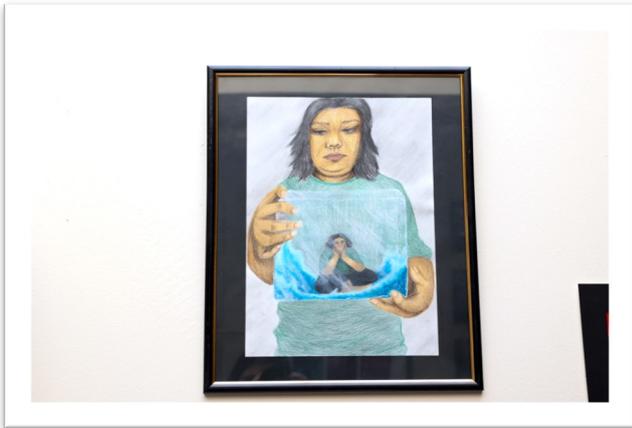
Additional Art Show Photos



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Youth Girls Football 2023

Register your interest for Girls AFL Football in 2023 via:

dwilliams@westmeadowsfc.com.au

- New players welcome
- No experience necessary
- Ages U8s - U16s
- Girls Only sides
- All abilities
- Have fun

#WestyTigers



**BAKING
COMMERCIAL COOKERY
HOSPITALITY**

Open night

WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER | 5.30^{PM} - 8.00^{PM}

BROADMEADOWS CAMPUS

- INFO ON COURSE DELIVERY, ENROLMENT AND APPRENTICESHIPS
- LIVE COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS
- FREE GIVEAWAYS
- TOURS OF OUR FACILITIES

SCAN TO REGISTER



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

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Thursday 24th November & Friday 25th November	Year 10, 11 & 12 Course Confirmation
Monday 28th November to Friday 2nd December	Year 12 Orientation
Tuesday 29th November to Thursday 1st December	Year 11 Orientation

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.