



## NEWSLETTER

25TH NOVEMBER 2022

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Monday 28th November to Friday 2nd December  
Year 12 Orientation
- ◆ Tuesday 29th November to Friday 2nd December  
Year 11 Orientation
- ◆ Thursday 8th December  
Junior School Awards
- ◆ Monday 12th December  
Middle/ Senior School Awards
- ◆ Monday 12th December  
Junior School Locker Clean Out
- ◆ Tuesday 13th December  
Year 7 2023 Orientation - No Other Students Required At School
- ◆ Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th December  
Junior School Activities

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## Principal's Update

### Former student, Aziz Behich, on the world stage.

Gladstone Park Secondary College is incredibly proud that a member of its alumni has been selected in the Socceroos squad for the World Cup in Qatar. Aziz Behich, who graduated from our college in 2008, has been a main-stay of the Socceroos squad for the best part of a decade and on Wednesday (23rd of November) morning Australian time, joined the field and played a full game taking on current world champions France. Aziz's soccer journey began professionally at current A-League Men's club Melbourne City. He has had stints in playing in the top divisions in Turkey, Netherlands and currently is plying his trade in Scotland for Dundee United. Whilst a student at Gladstone Park, Aziz was part of the senior boys' soccer team that took out the state championship. We wish Aziz and the Socceroos the best of luck as they tackle the world's best in Qatar!



### Year 12 Graduation

Our 2022 Graduating Class attended the formal Graduation Ceremony, held at Moonee Valley Race Course in the Celebrity Room, it was a wonderful night of celebrating the completion of their high school education.

Every graduating student was presented with their graduation gift on stage as well as award winners across a range of learning areas and programs. Congratulations to all students on your success in completing your VCE or VCAL certificates and for all the efforts put in to reach this level. We are very proud of you all. The graduation is an occasion our students, parents and staff look forward to as it is a chance for everyone to celebrate the past 6 years of hard work and dedication at Gladstone Park and the many achievements over those years.

Congratulations to the overall High Achiever – Samir Bitar for his efforts which culminated in this award and to all other award recipients.

It is always a relief for the VCE students to finish their exams as the stress can be quite overwhelming. Thank you, parents for supporting your children through this time. We look forward to hearing how you all went in the coming weeks.

Thanks to the Senior School, Ms Camelia Jansz, all the teachers who helped out on the night and for attending to help celebrate with our students and for your support throughout the year. A huge thanks to our College Captains for their brilliant and heart-felt speeches, Dylan Do, Ayla Kotch, Alannah Sweetts, and Ines Zepcan. You have all been great leaders for the student body of Gladstone Park. Well done and thank-you to you all for your work throughout the year.

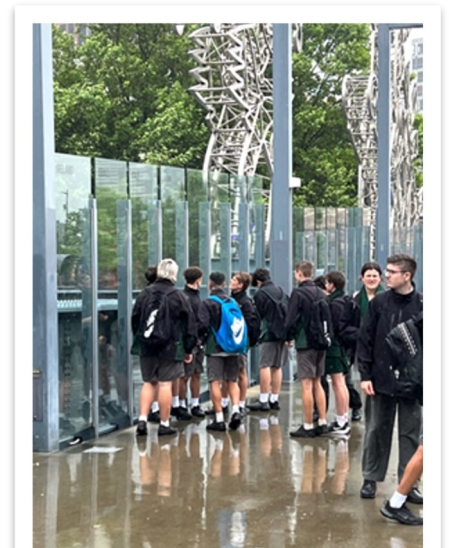
## Year 8 Art Excursion

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of November, the Art Department took 80 eager year 8 students to experience Australian Art in real life on a tour of the Ian Potter Centre, at the National Gallery of Victoria in Federation Square.

Education Officers from the NGV gave the students fascinating insights and some secret histories of the artworks on display, and how they related to the wider City of Melbourne's history and people. Our year 8 students got the chance to see in real-life, the Australian masterpieces that they have been studying in class. A group favourite was Tom Roberts, 'Shearing the Rams' and Fredrick McCubbin's *The Pioneers*.



Students spent time studying and drawing from life the sculptural form of Inge King's *Forward Surge* located out front of the NGV International and the Arts Centre Spire opposite Hamer Hall. They investigated the meaning behind the enormous series of stainless-steel sculptures titled, *The Travellers* as they embarked on a walking tour of Sandridge Bridge in Southbank, which represents a period of migration to Australia (as defined by historian Dr. James Jupp AM). More than 3.7 km of stainless steel (in 4455 pieces) was used to create the sculptures. The average weight of each figure is 2307 kg while the heaviest figure is 7701 kg!





## Year 8 Art Excursion Cont...

Students concluded the day by visiting the ever-popular, Hosier Lane where they witnessed murals and pieces by some of Melbourne's most talented street artists and graffiti writers. Students discussed the age-old debate whether graffiti is art or vandalism and whether it contributes positively to our nation's landscape or degrades it.



The art which students experienced throughout the day provided them with perspective and understanding as to how art is interwoven through the fabric of our Australian culture and helps form the identity of our Nation. This knowledge will be carried forward into the art classroom and will aid students with their future creative projects.

In all, a very informative and enjoyable day was had by everybody who attended.

Sincerely,

Emilio Longo

Visual Arts Learning Area Leader



# Year 9 Surf Camp

The surf camp was held from Wednesday the 9th to Friday the 11th of November at the Burnside Camp in Anglesea; a camp we have enjoyed for the past 15 years. Thirty-three excited students and four teachers made their way to Anglesea Wednesday morning, after a delay to change the trailer to fit some of the biggest and heaviest suitcases ever seen. We then set off to the camp site to unload and get ready for a 1pm surf lesson at Torquay.

The surfers headed down to the Torquay back beach where the weather was a beautiful sunny 29C. The waves were good, but was very overcrowded with the surfers bumping into each other. Most of the students stood up on their boards. On the way back to the campsite we stopped off at the chocolate factory in Bellbrae, where they filled their stomachs with scrumptious chocolates and ice-creams.

We headed to the campsite and after a shower, relaxation time, and our first dinner, we drove to Point Roadnight in Anglesea for a beach walk, then drove to the lighthouse at Aireys Inlet and had a wander around. Before long, it was supper and off to bed for a good sleep in preparation for our surfing lesson on Thursday.

After a good night sleep the surfers went to Anglesea beach at 10am to catch some waves with students getting some long rides into shore. The weather was overcast but warm and the waves were more powerful. Students had a great surf session. We went back to the campsite for lunch and drove to Erskine falls in Lorne. The trek down to the falls takes you through the rainforest to a lookout which is really quite picturesque.

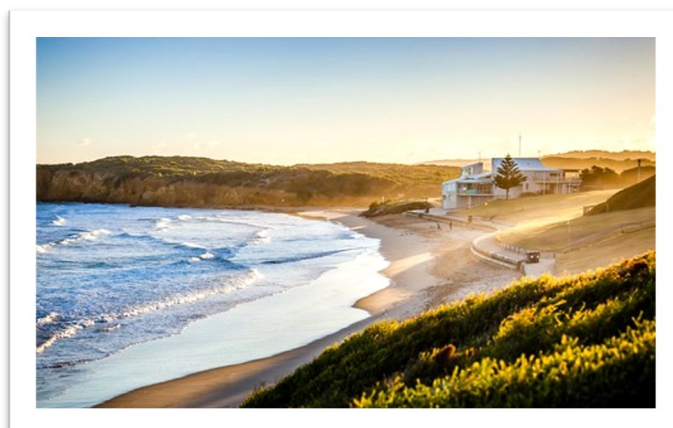
We drove to Torquay and went shopping at the surf outlets and grabbed some great bargains.

We returned back to camp with everyone getting ready for dinner, followed by a movie night in the big gym to watch the surf movie BLUE CRUSH. The last day was an early kayak lesson at Cosie Corner in Torquay. The day ended with fish and chips at the park in Torquay where students talked about the great waves they rode.

I would like to thank all the students for their perseverance and enthusiasm with all the activities. The camp will run again in November next year, so all students in Year 9 in 2023 should seriously think of attending, as for many students this year it was the best experience they have had whilst attending Gladstone Park SC. All students have made new friendships and formed memories that will last forever. I would also like to thank the staff who attended the camp for their collaboration, enthusiasm and involvement. Camps are an important aspect of the school's curriculum. Thank you to: Con Zanetidis, Vanessa McLennan and Roger Centofanti.

Glen Johnson  
Camp Coordinator

Photo's to follow in the next newsletter.





# Year 11 Ski Camp - Falls Creek

From faceplanting in the snow, and a bus breakdown (coming 3 hours late) to pick us up on the way home; I think I can speak for everyone that went on ski camp when I say it was a rollercoaster of events. I was debating whether or not to even go to Ski Camp up until 3 days before, but I am thanking myself for making the decision to go. I couldn't miss the chance to go to the snow for the first and possibly only time in my life and that's a choice I will never regret.

The bus ride up there was a JOURNEY, 6 and a bit hours!! plus a 30-minute stop for lunch, where I think I had the best sausage roll I'll ever have in my life. When we arrived at Falls Creek, we put our things away in our rooms and basically got right to skiing and snowboarding. I chose to snowboard as I thought it would be easy from watching videos on Instagram, but I promise you those videos are very deceiving. After everyone got their gear sorted, we headed up to the mountain for our first lesson and introduction to skiing.

I picked up snowboarding a lot quicker than I presumed to be honest, at the start I was a little wobbly when turning, but I got the hang of it after a bit. After getting the basics down, it was such a thrill, and I was so impatient to go straight to the tracks from there. There were so many different tracks you could go on, like the Wombat's ramble, which was my personal favourite and led you all the way down the mountain, close to the plaza and right next to lunch.

Some highlights of the camp for me were obviously the free time periods of snowboarding where I would just board down every track I could find, come back up the ski lift and repeat for hours on end. Also, can't forget about the downtime every night after dinner where you could play cards, watch movies, and just relax.

Overall, I have to say it was a blast from beginning to end. Snowboarding was so much fun and yes, I stacked it a few times, but that was expected. We had pizza for lunch every day which I cannot complain about because it is the best recovery food after being exhausted from boarding, in my opinion. And although our bus ride home was delayed by 3 hours, I still did not want to leave Falls Creek. It's going to be a forever-lasting memory for me.

Huge shoutout to all the staff that attended, and especially Mr. Condello for taking my snowboarding group for most of the camp and Ms. Hickling for making the whole camp possible.

Harry Stanko



# Year 11 Ski Camp - Falls Creek





# Student Services

## '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.**

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

# 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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)



## 2022 Important Dates

Monday 21st November to Friday 25th November	Year 8 Canberra Camp
Thursday 24th November	'Encore' Music Performance
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
Thursday 8th December	Junior School Awards
Monday 12th December	Middle/Senior School Awards
Monday 12th December	Junior School Locker Clean Out
Tuesday 13th December	Year 7 2023 Orientation Day—No other students at school
Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th December	Junior School Activities
Monday 19th December	Junior School Counseling
Tuesday 20th December	Last Day Term 4
Tuesday 31st January	First Day Term 1 2023

## 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](http://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.