



NEWSLETTER

20TH DECEMBER 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Tuesday 31st January
First Day for Students
Term 1 - 2023
- ◆ Monday 6th February to
Wednesday 8th February
Year 7 Camp 1
- ◆ Wednesday 8th February to
Friday 10th February
Year 7 Camp 2
- ◆ Friday 17th February
Whole School Photo Day
- ◆ Monday 20th February to
Friday 24th February
Year 8 Canberra Camp
- ◆ Monday 20th February
Swimming Carnival

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Principal's Update

VCE Results

Well done to all our VCE students who received their ATAR last week.

On Friday, we celebrated some outstanding VCE results with 14 students and their parents. The 14 students listed below all attained an ATAR score higher than 90. Congratulations to each of these students for their hard work, perseverance, and dedication. We are proud of their efforts and wish them all the best in their future studies.

Zachary Abdel-Sayed

Dyna Antony

Samir Bitar [Dux 98.85]

Jake Bond

Dhamika Devinuwara Wadasinghage

Emilio Gokcek

Julian Guida

Shyla Malelang

Delini Paranagamage

Samantha Stavrakis

Vanessa Tran

An Vuong

Mevindu Wickramarachchi

Ines Zepcan



Principal's Update Continued ...

Junior School Awards

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Award Name	Year Level	Name	
Academic Excellence	7	Hayley	Allwell
Academic Excellence	7	Meah	Allwell
Academic Excellence	7	Thehas	Bomiriya
Academic Excellence	7	Anna	Breen
Academic Excellence	7	Feyza	Bulut
Academic Excellence	7	Ava	Connell
Academic Excellence	7	Dilara	Demir
Academic Excellence	7	Nayli	Jayathissa
Academic Excellence	7	Linh	Luong
Academic Excellence	7	Dumini	Manikku Wadu
Academic Excellence	8	Heba	Abu Sabha
Academic Excellence	8	Angelo	Benjamin
Academic Excellence	8	Shenantha	Fernando
Academic Excellence	8	Kurumi	Haruki
Academic Excellence	8	Sabrina	Hermiz
Academic Excellence	8	Ewan	Khartabil
Academic Excellence	8	Cooper	Kirk
Academic Excellence	8	Anna	Nissan
Academic Excellence	8	Dimitrios	Skouras
Academic Excellence	8	Niza	Thambi
English	7	Dumini	Manikku Wadu
English	7	Dinuga	Wasala
English	8	Heba	Abu Sabah
English	8	Shenantha	Fernando
EAL	7	Maria	Aqrawi
EAL	7	Loura	Alshammas
EAL	8	Mona	Maskin
EAL	8	Lora	Alsaloum
Mathematics	7	Thehas	Bomiriya
Mathematics	7	Meah	Allwell
Mathematics	8	Shenantha	Fernando
Mathematics	8	Farid	Dallal
Humantites	7	Hayley	Allwell
Humantites	7	Dinuga	Wasala
Humantites	8	Heba	Abu Sabha
Humantites	8	Steve	Georges

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Junior School Awards

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Science	7	Dumini	Manikku Wadu
Science	7	Dilara	Demir
Science	8	Shenantha	Fernando
Science	8	Niza	Thambi
LOTE	7	Linh	Luong
LOTE	7	Michelle	Yusap
LOTE	8	Sabrina	Hermiz
LOTE	8	Judy	El-Moustafa
Health & PE	7	Hayley	Makowski
Health & PE	7	Nicholas	Poloni
Health & PE	8	Cooper	Kirk
Health & PE	8	Taylah	Miller
Performing Arts	7	Linh	Luong
Performing Arts	7	Johan	Varkey
Performing Arts	8	Benjamin	Gao
Performing Arts	8	Naduli	Attanagoda
Technology	7	Michelle	Yusap
Technology	7	Nisa	Kirici
Technology	8	Cooper	Kirk
Technology	8	Emily	Gattuso
Visual Arts	7	Yagmur	Aruca
Visual Arts	7	Isabel	Hajnal
Visual Arts	8	Ava	Duncan
Visual Arts	8	Lachlan	Johnson
Food Technology	8	Ronny	Cook
Food Technology	8	Emily	Gattuso
Musical	7	Alani	Pavlesin
Musical	7	Marco	Bazerghi
Musical	8	Olivia	Goodwin
Musical	8	Giuliana	Mengato
Instrumental Music	7	Nayli	Jayathissa
Instrumental Music	7	Anna	Breen
Instrumental Music	8	Thomas	Hawes
Instrumental Music	8	Anna	Nissan

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Junior School Awards

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Debating and Public Speaking	7	Meah	Allwell
Debating and Public Speaking	7	Sheena	Babbar
SRC Leadership	7	Dilara	Demir
SRC Leadership	7	Anna	Breen
SRC Leadership	8	Shenantha	Fernando
SRC Leadership	8	Bradley	Royals
Interschool Sport	7	Isabelle	Miller
Interschool Sport	7	Lucas	Rotella
Interschool Sport	8	Cooper	Kirk
Interschool Sport	8	Taylah	Miller
SSV Academic and Sporting Achievement	7	Isabelle	Miller
Junior School Leadership	7	Nevra	Kurucu
Junior School Leadership	7	Isabel	Hajnal
Junior School Leadership	8	Kaavinaah	Daver
Junior School Leadership	8	Cooper	Kirk
Active Citizenship Silver Medallion	8	Anna	Nissan
Active Citizenship Silver Medallion	8	Alec	James
DUX	7	Dumini	Manikku Wadu
DUX	8	Cooper	Kirk
DUX	9	Jan Aeisha	Villaneuva
DUX	10	Elsa	Hawes
DUX	11	Hanna	Alnader

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Middle and Senior School Awards

Congratulations to the following award winners:

LEARNING AREA	YEAR 9 RECIPIENT	YEAR 9 RECIPIENT	YEAR 10 RECIPIENT	YEAR 10 RECIPIENT	YEAR 11 RECIPIENT	YEAR 11 RECIPIENT
English	Jan Aeisha Villanueva	Pranjal Patel	Mercedes Ioane	Atiana Sefo	Daniel Hiron	Sophie Conlan
EAL	Eva Bitar		Akadi Somo		Waseem Azar	
Mathematics	Hala Alnader	Jan Aeisha Villanueva	Elsa Hawes	Jessie Vy	Hanna Alnader	Julia Chaperon
Humanities	Thomas Dav- enport	Jan Aeisha Villanueva	Natalie Hermiz	Tyson Telford	Stephanie Osagiede	Tara Topuzlular
Science	Hala Alnader	Caleb Welch	Mason Lim	Eren Murataga	Hanna Alnader	Petar Stojkovski
Italian/LOTE	Hala Alnader	Jan Aeisha Villanueva	Natalie Hermiz	Tristien Ricciuti	Claudia Schembri	Isabella Chaperon
Health & PE	Massimo Templeton	Amayia Matuauto	Jake Sweerts	Angelica D'Angelo	Catia Templeton	Daniel Loche
Performing Arts	Maanya Menon	Evelyn Thomas	Elsa Hawes	Mason Lim	Glykeria Koikas	Claudia Schembri
Technology	Caleb Welch	Eylul Karadag	Mitchell Reither	Eliza Ellul	Hinna Karuki	Gabriela Ponce-Moya
Visual Arts	John (Jack) Breen	Jan Aeisha Villanueva	Elsa Hawes	Lara Ozcelik	Hinna Haruki	Samira Elbaba
Information Technology					Neo Naiad	Katie Lu
Food Technology	Adriana Borrelli	Dihansa Fernando	Daniel Kasr	Teagan Jasen	Andrei Delos Reyes	Hinna Haruki
Digital Media	Dashveen Jayasundara	Kyeisha Candasamy	Gemma Spencer	Sienna Bastian	Hinna Haruki	Jacinta Bonnet
VCAL / VET / PWT	Mustang Wesley (PWT)	Janelle King (PWT)	(Pathways)	(Pathways)	(VCAL)	(VCAL)

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SPECIALIST AWARDS	YEAR 9 RECIPIENT	YEAR 9 RECIPIENT	YEAR 10 RECIPIENT	YEAR 10 RECIPIENT	YEAR 11 RECIPIENT	YEAR 11 RECIPIENT
Musical Award	Taran Punchihewa	Adriana Borrelli	Atiana Sefo	Amelia Rose Evans	NA	NA
Instrumental Music	Lauren Borg	Taran Punchihewa	Elsa Hawes	Shariff Rizi Deen	Claudia Shembri	Glykeria Koikas
Debating and Public Speaking	Eva Bitar	Jack Breen				
SRC Leadership Award	John (Jack) Breen	Nirmala Ganesh	Brandon Raffone	Natalie Hermiz	Marjorie Falefata	Delani Matuauto
Active Citizenship Awards	Xavier Curtolo John (Jack) Breen	Maanya Menon Holly (Q) Zarb				
Interschool Sport	Matthew Curtolo	Lara Tenik Temiz	Nathan Kenneth	Poppy Mckernan	Ky Shennan	Caitlin Stokes
Doug Rumble Award - Sport			Damon Hollow - 11A			
Hume & Whittlesea Council - VET Achievement Award			Ranen Ballah - 11A			
Uni of Melbourne – Commerce			Geizell Sullivan			
Ben Marie – Multimedia			Jacinta Bonett - 11A			
Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars			Elsa Hawes - 10A & Natalie Hermiz - 10A			

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2022 Staff accomplishments

Congratulations to Casey Wighton

Casey works in our Library and will be well known to many for her friendly advice. Casey has just received an Executive Dean's Award for outstanding academic performance in her studies for a Bachelor of Information Studies (Children's Librarianship). Well done Casey!

Congratulations to Roger Centofanti

Roger, our Middle School Principal and Physics and Maths teacher, was recognised for 35 years of service in 2021. Covid meant that there was no ceremony, but he has received a certificate from the Department of Education.

Congratulations to Arthur Traitsis

Arthur is a Maths teacher who has taught many students and even some who are now parents. Earlier this year, Arthur was recognised for 35 years of teacher service at a ceremony run by the Department of Education.

End of 2022, start of 2023

We've had a very successful year, with so much work done - in particular towards building up knowledge and skills that had fallen behind during our lock-down years. Thank you to everyone in our community for your perseverance, support for others, and care for the learning and wellbeing of our students and staff.

I wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing summer break – enjoying the company of friends and family.

Here are some important dates for 2023 to help with your planning.

Starting Dates for 2023

Friday 27th January - Teachers Commence

Monday 30th January – Curriculum Day

Tuesday 31st January – Students Commence

Student Free Days in 2023

Monday 30th January – Curriculum Day

Monday 24th April – Teachers' School Professional Practice Day

Friday 9th June – Report Writing Day

Monday 14th August – Curriculum Day

Monday 6th November – Curriculum Day

Reflections From Our School Captains

Look how far we have all come. From nervous beginnings the day before we walked into the gates of Gladstone park secondary college as year 7s, to now, graduating from year 12. Throughout our high school experience, we have all made new friends and achieved things that we never thought were possible.

It's crazy how all our years of schooling including primary school, will be gone in the blink of an eye. The routine we have been placed into, the people and the teachers we see every day. We have most likely sat in every classroom in our school, and now all that familiarity will most likely be gone. Although most of us dragged our feet to school dreading what's to come, I know we all will miss an element of it. The people we will keep contact with are those that have stuck by us and been close to us for years. It is these people that have made school a tiny bit more bearable, and I've got so many memories with them that I will cherish forever.

The thing that I'm asking you is to keep contact with the people that you also cherish and hold close to your heart. Sure you may drift apart later in life but make the most out of the friendships you have now as believe it or not we are still very young, and we have a lot of time to figure things out. Do what makes you happy and don't settle for any less. Express yourself however you wish and don't let judgment get to you as no matter what anyone here does there will always be someone judging, so don't allow it to affect you and your confidence.

As we look back, we can get so caught up looking at where we should be, where we aren't and where others are, in comparison to us, that sometimes we forget to appreciate where we have been, how far we have come, and what we have already accomplished to become united to be the best graduating class of Gladstone Park Secondary College.

I applaud the graduating class of 2022 for everything you have accomplished this year - for the hard work you have put in this year and the strides you have overcome. WE DID IT!

2022 School Captains: Ayla Kotch, Ines Zepcan, Dylan Do & Alannah Quirk



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

2023 Important Dates

Tuesday 20th December	Last Day Term 4
Thursday 26th January	Australia Day - Public Holiday
Friday 27th January	School Office Opens
Friday 27th January	Teachers Commence
Monday 30th January	Curriculum Day - No Students at School
Tuesday 31st January	First Day Term 1 2023
Thursday 2nd February	Musical Auditions Begin
Monday 6th February to Wednesday 8th February	Year 7 - Camp 1
Wednesday 8th February to Friday 10th February	Year 7 - Camp 2
Thursday 9th February	Year 12 BBQ at 5:30pm
Monday 13th February and Tuesday 14th February	Senior & Intermediate Sport
Friday 17th February	Whole School Photo's
Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February	Year 8 Canberra Camp
Monday 20th February	Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 22nd February	School Photo Mop-Up
Thursday 23rd February	Year 7 BBQ - 5:30pm

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.