



NEWSLETTER

10TH FEBRUARY 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Friday 17th February
Whole School Photo Day
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Friday 27th February
Year 7 Activities Day
- ◆ Tuesday 28th February
Year 7 Sport

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Principal's Update

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope that your summer has been restful and that you have had time to see family and friends. We have had our usual busy start, and I am always so pleased that on our students' first day, they have their timetable, locker, and are straight into the learning for their lessons. We have held assemblies for all year levels where School Captains and Sub-school staff spoke about our school's high expectations for students and the way the school supports them to be the best possible learners and community members.



The two student free days at the start of the term allowed teachers to prepare for both individual classes and whole-school approaches to learning. Thank you to students, parents and staff for this smooth start to the year, it has been very calm and productive with students in uniform and with the equipment they need for their classes. All our new students seem to have settled in well.

An important start

On the first day for students, our Year 7 students and School Captains had an assembly with a formal Welcome to Country from Thane Garvey, a Wurundjeri Man who spoke of his lands and his connection to them, and who performed a smoking ceremony to cleanse our students and school. The Welcome to Country ceremony was followed by a flag raising ceremony and an introduction to our school captains:

Sophie Conlan - Academic Captain
Marjorie Falefata - Civics and Citizenship (SRC) Captain
Brivini Fernando - Arts Captain
Ky Shennan - Sports Captain

New Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff to our Gladstone Park community. We are so pleased to have these committed professionals join us.

New Staff:

Rouada Elhaija	Art
Maureen Naguib	Mathematics
Kathy Nguyen	Mathematics
Jared Scafe	Mathematics
Fabrizio Scarfone	Italian Language
Damien Stingell	Humanities
Diana Beaumont	Humanities /English
Sebil Balkis	Humanities
Gabrielle Robinson	English
Mohammed Kaakour	English
Abby Watts	Health & PE
Paris Foster	Health & PE
Jordan Patane	Information Technology
Alexandra Borrelli	Science

Principal's Update Continued ...

Important Events:

Please always check our Upcoming Events section in the Newsletter. There are many important events for students that require consent & payment. As usual, Term 1 is very full, with many whole school events such as the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals and school photo day. There are also important events for parents and carers such as the Year 7 BBQ.

Compass is our main way of communicating with parents Please make sure you check regularly or have set automatic notifications for Compass on your phone. As with the last few years, the format of our regular community events might have to change depending on COVID restrictions.

BYOD – Laptops required for Year 10, 11 & 12 Students.

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 need to bring a laptop computer to school. We encourage you to look through the information and rationale for our BYOD program, and the purchasing portal on the [school website](#). There is also information there about options for bringing a laptop - whether it is one already owned or one you wish to purchase new. You will find information on minimum specifications for a laptop/device so that it can function with the school's Wi-Fi and the software programs used in classes.

If you have any questions, please email the school gladstone.park.sc@education.vic.gov.au, with the subject line: **BYOD Enquiry**.

School Council – call for nominations

The nominations opened Monday 6th February and close Tuesday 21st February at 4pm for 3 Parent and 2 Staff positions. Our 2 current student members will continue their term. Elections to take place if there are more nominations than positions. Nomination forms can be collected from the General Office. This is also communicated through Compass.

Traffic Safety

We have a lot of traffic, especially at the end of the day, and it is simply unsafe to cross Taylor Drive other than at the pedestrian crossing. Students must only cross the road at the designated crossings between the school and the shopping centre and must not cross Taylor drive if heading south – they can cross at Wolverton Drive.

We encourage students to walk to school for their health and for the health of the environment. To avoid congestion outside the school in the afternoon, your child could meet you in the shopping centre carpark. Also, the Taylor Drive Preschool cannot be used as it has very limited places and needs them all for their families.

If you do drive and pick up your child from the front of the school, please take care and be patient with before and after school traffic. Make sure you meet your child on the school side of the street. The other side is a no standing zone - a fine of \$111 applies for waiting there.

Principal's Update Continued ...



Student Services - Year 7 Buddy Program

Our Buddy Program will be running every Tuesday at lunchtime in the Gymnasium.

The program is offered to all Year 7 students, giving them a safe and positive environment to support their transition into secondary school. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Our Year 9 Buddies are student leaders that will be running a range of activities such as basketball, soccer and other minor games.

The program will begin running from Week 3 for the rest of the term on Tuesdays in the Gym. Listen out for the announcement over the PA system at the beginning of lunch!



Game On!

We also run our Game On! Sessions every Friday at lunchtime. It is run near the Year 7 area outside Junior School. There are a range of board games, chess and other card games that offer opportunities to socialize and make friends (yay!). Come along and say hello.

Year 7 Buddy Program



Privacy Collection Notice

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Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). This notice explains how the Department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the Department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the [School Entrance Health Questionnaire](#) (SEHQ) and the [Early Childhood Intervention Service](#) (ECIS) Transition Form.

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The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

Emergency contacts – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the Department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.

Student background information – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the Department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The Department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.

Immunisation status – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.

Visa status – This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the Department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and Department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: [Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information](#) (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the Department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

2023 Important Dates

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
Friday 27th February	Year 7 Activities Day
Tuesday 28th February	Year 7 Sport
Friday 3rd March	Division Swimming
Monday 6th March	Year 7 & 8 Sport
Monday 13th March	Public Holiday - Labour
Tuesday 14th March	Year 7 & 8 Cricket
Wednesday 15th March to Wednesday 22nd March	NAPLAN

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.