



NEWSLETTER

26TH MAY 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Monday 29th May
Year 8 Sports
- ◆ Monday 29th May
Year 9 Vocational Stream
Parent Information (6:00 pm -
6.30pm)
- ◆ Tuesday 30th May
Year 7 Immunisations
- ◆ Thursday 1st June to Thursday
8th June
Year 10 & 11 Exams
- ◆ Thursday 8th June
Year 9 Maths Exams
- ◆ Friday 9th June
Student Free Day
- ◆ Monday 12th June
Kings Birthday - Public Holiday

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Principal's Update



Open Day

We held a very successful Open Day on Wednesday 10th March. It was a great opportunity for prospective students and parents to see the school in operation. We had students as tour leaders to show families around and answer questions. It is a point of pride that our students (not staff) explain the school, how it works, and the experiences they have had. It is so much richer for students and parents to hear from a student perspective. The feedback from these tours was very glowing, of both the school and the student tour guides. Thank you to Anthony Greaney and Jody Scott for the hours involved in coordinating the experiences of these Days. Thank you to all our student leaders for their amazing work and pride.

Careers Expo

Last week all Year 10, 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to attend a Careers Expo excursion to the Melbourne Showgrounds for the 2023 Victorian Careers Show. This is Follow-up at home with conversations about careers is a great opportunity to value-add to the experience. Parents are encouraged to visit the website for details of exhibitors and seminars that were available to students.

Year level Assemblies

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 students attended year-level assemblies over the last two weeks. These were a wonderful celebration of student leadership, sporting achievement, and progress in the High School Musical rehearsals. Students reported on their experiences through camps, the Active Citizenship Medallion program and the Student Representative Council. We are looking forward to celebrating students' academic success and contributions at the mid-year awards ceremonies.

Student Free Day

Please note that Friday 9th of June is a student free day for Report Writing Day. This is the Friday before the King's Birthday long weekend.

Year 7 Calabria Club Italian Excursion

On the 3rd of May, the Immersion and SEAL students went to the Calabria club in Bulla.

The Calabria club was built in 1970 by Italian immigrants who had newly migrated to Australia and I was lucky enough to be one of the many students to go. When we arrived at the club we were split into three groups and did rotations through three different activities.

Our first activity was bowls or in Italian, Bocce. We were divided into 2 teams, red and green. The game was the perfect combination of fun and suspense, and we had a fantastic time.

Our next activity was meant to be soccer but unfortunately it started to rain, so instead we headed inside and played a card game called Scopa. We were split into groups of 4 and played against one another to see who would end up with the most cards.

Afterwards, we headed to our last activity, where we kneaded, cut and shaped pasta dough. We all had an extraordinary time. Around 12 pm, we all sat down for lunch where we had a delicious meal of pizza and pasta and for dessert we had gelato. After lunch, we packed up, thanked the incredible club members and head back to school.

I think I can speak for all the students that attended that day that it was an unforgettable experience and we all enjoyed it. Thank you and I wish for the best for next year 7's when they go on that trip. Thank you.

Nethuki (7K)



Italian Poetry Competition

On Thursday 4th May we welcomed Year 5 and 6 students from Westmeadows PS, Greenvale PS and Gladstone Views PS to participate in our annual Italian Poetry Competition.

The students were required to recite a poem, in Italian, and perform in front of five judges and their peers. All students performed to a very high standard. The competition concluded with awards being presented to the winners and a yummy pizza lunch.

A big thank you to our wonderful judges: Ms Ellul and Year 10 students, Matilda Sansoe, David Osagiede, Chris Scalise and Aeisha Villanueva.

Thanks you to Mrs Chaperon and Mrs Carfi for organising this event.



Year 7 Italian Immersion - Semester 2

Year 7 Italian Immersion - Semester 2 2023

An open letter from a parent

The Italian Faculty and Junior School are calling for expressions of interest from families of Year 7 students who think their child, after settling into secondary school life, could be further extended and engaged. With enough interest, we will start one year 7 class on the Immersion Program in Semester 2. In the following letter Mrs Sibel Kirci, mum of two students at the school, shares her view and experience on the Immersion Program. Her insights shed light on the incredible opportunities this program provides and the positive impact it has had on her children's learning journey.

We heard about the Immersion Language Program at GPSC through a parent in 2021, and that it was a beneficial program. We decided to attend the Immersion information session in 2021, as any opportunity or program for our children to expand their learning abilities/skills would be valuable. We heard current and past students speak about their positive learning experiences in the Immersion class and heard about the benefits from teachers and a speaker from the University of Melbourne.

Initially, we (especially our daughter), were apprehensive about applying for the program.

Our thoughts were along the lines of:

We (our family) already speak two languages fluently, will learning another language be too much?

Is Immersion going to be too hard?

Will our daughter struggle to learn Italian in Mathematics and Humanities?

Will her learning experience be positive or stressful?

Will we be putting our daughter under too much pressure?

After further researching the benefits of language immersion, we made the decision to apply for the program at GPSC. It's the best decision we have made about her education.

She is now in year 8. We can attest, that our daughter has thrived and is having such a positive learning experience in the Immersion program. In her own words, 'I love Immersion'. She was a student speaker at last year's Immersion Information session and attended a primary school this year (in attendance with her teachers) to express her positive experience in the program. She loves going to school every day and doesn't want to miss one day.

We and our children cannot speak highly enough of their Immersion teachers. Our children always have something positive to say, and again, we'd like to thank the Immersion teachers for giving our children a very positive learning experience, for being so supportive, for your dedication, encouragement, compassion, guidance and helping our children grow. We appreciate you.

Our son is in Year 7 this year and witnessing firsthand, his sister's very positive experience, he wanted to do Immersion too. We applied. We were very happy that he got accepted into Immersion too. Then, we were very disappointed to hear that the program wasn't going ahead this year because there weren't enough students to fill the class.

Year 7 Italian Immersion - Semester 2

Finally, there is a chance for students in 7J to fully experience the Immersion program from Term 3. I invite all Year 7 students' families to take this opportunity. This program will give participating children an enhanced education and will provide the skills needed in their future success.

The Italian Immersion Program is such a beneficial and valuable learning experience and it would be such a shame if this opportunity is missed. The only one thing this program is missing is enough students to fill the class for the program to begin.

Sibel Kirci

If you and your child are interested, please fill out the letter you will receive from your Italian teacher and return it to them. If you have any queries, please contact the Italian and Immersion coordinator, Mr Andrea Caponeri, at andrea.caponeri@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your support in providing this opportunity to your child.

The Italian Faculty and Junior School



Debating Team 2023



Gladstone Park's passionate debate teams have begun their competition journey, successfully completing their first two rounds of competitions at Coburg High School.

Our debaters have been dedicating a lot of time and effort and it has paid off, representing Gladstone Park as strong public speakers.

Below are the results of round 1 and 2 competitions.

We wish them the best of luck for round 3!

Round Two:

C Grade:

GPSC 1 vs Pascoe Vale ✓ By 6

GPSC 2 vs St Mary's

D Grade:

GPSC 2 vs St Mary's ✓ By 2

GPSC 3 vs Santa Maria ✓ By 3

Round One:

C Grade:

GPSC 1 vs AIA ✓ By 3

D Grade:

GPSC 1 vs AIA ✓ By 3

GPSC 2 vs Santa Maria ✓ By 1

GPSC 3 vs Ilim College



Best Speakers

Congratulations:

- Kyeisha Candasamy,
- Nayli Jayathissa &
- Michelle Yusap

For being awarded best speakers for the night

Divisional Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students for making it through to the NMR Cross Country on the 14th June.

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| • Ali Hussein | Ali Hussein | Allegra Mazzeo |
| • Anna Breen | Ammika Hammond | Archer Bramble |
| • Beyorn Dias | Chacha Jin | Charlie Lysaught |
| • Damon Hollow | Evan Manefield | Coby Brooks |
| • Hayley Allwell | Isabelle Miller | Jacques Albanti |
| • Jake Sweerts | Jake Warden | Jazmine Atieh |
| • Jenuli Malwenna Hewage | Jeremy Volpe | Jett Taormina |
| • Jola Fultiak | Kai Long | Mannat Preet Singh |
| • Marcus Cieri | Matthew Curtolo | Meah Allwell |
| • Moniks Cuic | Pavle Stojkovski | Sara Ali |
| • Sheena Babbar | Stephanie Mikhael | Tajhan Tuakana Kuki |
| • Taylah Miller | Toby Myers | Tristien Ricciuti |
| • Willow Lysaught | Zac Gabbour | Hannah Burgers |
| • Abdulaziz Abu Sabha | | |



Divisional Cross Country



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Interschool Sports

On the 10th May we participated in interschool sport plus Senior Boys Netball and Senior Girls AFL. We have moved through to NMR level with Intermediate Girls Soccer, Intermediate Boys Footy, Senior Boys Netball and Senior Girls Football. A great effort. Thank you to the coaches and Vet Sport and Rec students for assisting the teams. Also thank you to Taylan Sirim and Taylan Demir for refereeing Soccer.



On the 16th May we participated in senior sport plus Intermediate Boys Netball and Intermediate Girls Football. Teams through to NMR – Intermediate girls footy, intermediate boys netball, senior boys and girls Badminton, senior girls Netball and Senior Boys Soccer



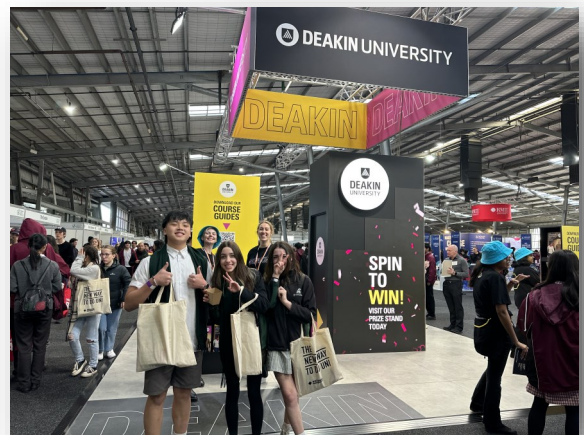
Victorian Careers Expo

The Victorian Careers Fair (18/19 May 2023) gave Year 10-12 students an opportunity to look for further education pathways and career options. The event was blessed by Hermes, the god of handbags and excursions, as well as the efforts of the sub-schools, educational support staff, and teachers who worked together to ensure the smooth running over two days.

Students found the event useful as it combined both education (providing career guides and advice) and the opportunity to collect as much freebies as possible - many of the institutions provided students with hats, socks, water bottles, and more.

Students also had the opportunity to put on military gear, play with police dogs and sit in tactical vehicles.

We would like to thank all teachers, sub-schools and ES staff who helped to ensure the excursion was a success!



School Musical Production - 2023



Disney's *High School Musical JR* centres on the blossoming relationship between Troy, a high school jock, and Gabriella, the new smart girl at school. They meet on a family vacation and become attracted to each other while singing in a karaoke competition. Rediscovering each other at school, their relationship and their surprise decision to audition together for the school musical are thwarted by the school's current leading lady, Sharpay, and Troy and Gabriella's well-meaning friends. Finally, Gabriella and Troy find a way to be themselves and are rewarded with the lead roles in the school musical. Full of catchy songs and exciting dance routines, this musical explores issues of friendship, first love, and acceptance.

Our hardworking production team has assembled another very talented cast who are now rehearsing to present this fun and vibrant show to parents, friends, and staff of the college. The cast are currently rehearsing twice a week and will also be attending a rehearsal camp later in term 2 and they can't wait for you to see the show.

Performances are held in the school's theatre on the following dates:

Thursday 20th July – 7.30pm

Friday 21st July – 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd July 2.00pm and 7.30pm

Tickets available through TryBooking from the 15th Of May (please refer to the next page for booking links)

School Musical Production - 2023



TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

Website: <https://www.trybooking.com> Search word for booking is – GPSC -High School Musical Jr. (or see links below)

Bookings Open – Monday 15th May at 9.00am

Bookings Close – 2 hours before each performance

Ticket Prices: Adults \$20.00, Concession/Child \$15.00

Dates and links:-

Opening Performance – Thursday 20th July - 7.30pm

Website link – <https://www.trybooking.com/CHXXH>

VIP Night – Friday 21st July - 7.30pm

Website link – <https://www.trybooking.com/CHXXI>

Saturday Matinee – Saturday 22nd July - 2.00pm

Website link – <https://www.trybooking.com/CHXXN>

Saturday Evening – Saturday 22nd July - 7.30pm

Website link - <https://www.trybooking.com/CHXXO>

Information for Parents - Vaping

How do I talk to my kids about vaping?

When it comes to talking to children, approach the conversation calmly, and ask questions. Try not to lecture or judge.

If your child may have tried vaping, please don't feel judged.

Conversations you might already be having with your teenager about alcohol, smoking and drugs should also include vaping. It's never too early to discuss this with them.

Quit Victoria, The Royal Children's Hospital and The Raising Children Network also have a range of resources available online to help young people better understand the risks. These resources are available at quit.org.au/teenvaping.

It might also help to get support and share advice with other parents of teenagers.

Call Quitline (13 7848) for free advice. Quitline counsellors can answer any questions you may have about e-cigarettes and can help you think of ways to approach the conversation.

If your teenager or young person wants help to quit vaping, they can have a confidential, live chat with a Quitline counsellor at quit.org.au.

[Vaping is becoming more and more prevalent among kids. Here's what parents should know - ABC News](#)

Career News - Important Dates For Year 12's

VTAC Applications – for University

Course applications	Open	Close	Fee
Timely applications	31 July (9am)	28 September (5pm)	\$55
Late applications	28 September (5:15pm)	3 November (5pm)	TBC
Very late applications	3 November (5:15pm)	1 December (5pm)	TBC

Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) applications	Open	Close	
SEAS applications and supporting documentation for 2024 course entry	31 July (9am)	6 October (5pm)	>> Applicants must submit a course application to activate the SEAS application in their VTAC Account.

VCE results and ATAR release	
VCE results and ATAR available online	11 December 2023 (7am)

Focus on Melbourne Series 2023

The Focus on Melbourne 2023 series gives students the opportunity to explore the courses and study areas that interest them at Melbourne University. Students also get to chat face-to-face with Uni staff and academics. Each course information evening will be held on campus from 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

DATE	EVENT
23 May	Focus on Agriculture
	Focus on Music
29 May	Focus on Information Technology
	Focus on Arts
30 May	Focus on Biomedicine
31 May	Focus on Commerce
5 June	Focus on Law
6 June	Focus on Engineering
7 June	Focus on Design
	Focus on Education
8 June	Focus on Fine Arts
	Focus on Science

Students should please register at [Focus on Melbourne](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/student-life/events/focus-on-melbourne).

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Career's Information

The Hotel School

Ever wondered what goes on behind the doors of a hotel and how they get it all to work? A Diploma or Bachelor in Hotel Management might be your next course.

As Australia's leading hotel management university, The Hotel School offers international tourism, hospitality, and hotel management courses and degrees.

hotelschool.scu.edu.au

IMPORTANT - Apply for a USI

To all Year 12 students who do not have a Unique Student Identifier (USI), please make sure you apply for one at <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi>.

You will need it to apply for University and TAFE courses.

University Open Days (As of 10 May 2023)

30 July 2023, 10am-4pm Swinburne University (Hawthorn Campus)

6 August 2023, 10am-4pm La Trobe University (Melbourne Campus)

6 August 2023, 10am-4pm Monash University (Clayton Campus)

6 August 2023, 10am-4pm RMIT (Bundoora Campus)

12 August 2023, 12pm-4pm Monash University (Caulfield Campus)

12 August 2023 Torrens University (City Campus)

13 August 2023, 10am-2pm ACU (Melbourne Campus)

13 August 2023, 10am-4pm RMIT (City Campus)

20 August 2023, 10am-2pm Monash University (Parkville Campus)

20 August 2023 Deakin University (Geelong)

20 August 2023 Melbourne University (City)

20 August 2023 Victorian University (Footscray)

Career's Information

A Career in the Arts with JMC Academy

MAY OPEN DAY

JMC's next open day will be Saturday 27th May 2023 at their campus in South Melbourne.

All 3 buildings will be open for students to check out their new facilities including their newly opened television studio.

Full details and to register: https://pages.jmcacademy.edu.au/May2023_OpenDay_Mel.html

Competition For Students

JMC has officially launched their 2023 high school competitions for students in years 9 – 12.

The competitions are: The Mocktail Film Award (filmmaking & animation competition), Canvas Art Award (2D/3D drawing competition) and the Songwriting Competition (lyric and recording comp).

For more information and for entry forms: <https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/teachers-resources/competitions-for-your-students/>

Careers Information

Up-coming Events at Melbourne University

Focus on Melbourne:

Learn about Melbourne University's undergraduate courses and pathway options across May and June. Registrations required: <https://study.unimelb.edu.au/student-life/events/focus-on-melbourne>

Focus on Agriculture	Tuesday 23 May
Focus on Music	
Focus on Information Technology	Monday 29 May
Focus on Arts	
Focus on Biomedicine	Tuesday 30 May
Focus on Commerce	Wednesday 31 May
Focus on Law	Monday 5 June
Focus on Engineering	Tuesday 6 June
Focus on Design	Wednesday 7 June
Focus on Education	
Focus on Fine Arts	Thursday 8 June
Focus on Science	

sheCommerce Camps:

The program provides a platform for students to meet like-minded peers, current Bachelor of Commerce students, alumni, and inspiring academics who are making a difference in industry and through their research. By participating in this program, students will gain a deeper understanding of the world of commerce, develop leadership skills, and broaden their perspectives on the role they can play in shaping the future.

The Year 9 and Year 11 application form: <https://fbe.unimelb.edu.au/shecommerce>

Applications close Sunday 21 May.

VCE Conservatorium Experience Day

An opportunity for students and teachers to come spend a day at the Conservatorium, experience repertoire from the VCE Syllabus performed by Conservatorium teaching staff and engage in Masterclasses. Delve into the finer aspects of your repertoire and discuss challenges, techniques and how to approach them.

Date: Tuesday 30 May

Time: 9am – 3.30pm

Location: The Ian Potter Southbank

Registration: <https://events.unimelb.edu.au/finearts-music/event/28936-1>

Careers Information

Holiday Events at RMIT and Collarts

RMIT - Tech and Trades Experience Day

29 Jun 2023

09:00 am - 02:45 pm

Free

Melbourne City

Join RMIT's Tech and Trades Experience Day and get a glimpse of what your future could hold! We welcome all Year 10, 11 and 12 high school students as well as parents/guardians.

High school students can participate in two hands-on workshops, tour facilities, interact with staff and students, and win prizes. Parents can connect with staff, students, and industry guests to learn about opportunities at RMIT.

Students will have the chance to choose two workshops from fields such as Building Design, Carpentry, Cyber Security, Electrical, Engineering, Refrigeration, Information Technology, Plumbing, and Surveying. These fields offer strong industry growth and promising future career prospects.

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/events/2023/june/tech-and-trades-experience-day>

COLLARTS - Winter Workshop Series

SATURDAY 1 - SUNDAY 2 JULY 2023

These Winter Holidays, we're opening our doors to Victorian High School students in years 10, 11 and 12 to participate in a series of practical, hands-on workshops!

Come and experience what it's like to live a day in the life of a Collarts student. We will have workshops covering the various creative study areas that Collarts offers.

We have 11 exciting workshops (\$15) over 2 days for you to explore. Book your preferred workshops below!

<https://www.collarts.edu.au/holidayworkshops>

2023 Important Dates

Monday 29th May	Year 8 Sport
Monday 29th May	Year 9 Vocational Stream Parent Information 6:00 - 6.30pm
Tuesday 30th May	Year 7 Immunisations
Wednesday 31st May	Junior Sport Netball & Football
Thursday 1st June	Year 9 Seal English Exam
Thursday 1st June to Thursday 8th June	Year 10 & Year 11 Exams
Thursday 8th June	Year 9 Maths Exam
Friday 9th June	Report Writing Day - Student Free Day
Monday 12th June	Kings Birthday - Public Holiday
Wednesday 14th June	Northern Metropolitan Regional Cross Country
Monday 19th June to Friday 23rd June	Year 10 Work Experience
Wednesday 21st June to Friday 23rd June	Junior School Leadership Camp
Tuesday 20th June	Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00pm - 6:30pm
Friday 23rd June	End Term 2 - Early Finish 2:30pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00am 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.