



NEWSLETTER

21ST JULY 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Friday 21st July
School Musical VIP Night
7:30pm
- ◆ Saturday 22nd July
School Musical
Matinee 2:00pm
Closing Performance 7:30pm
- ◆ Wednesday 26th July
Subject Selection Parent
Information Night
Year 10 - 6:00pm VCE/
VM - 7:00pm
- ◆ Thursday 3rd August Year
7 Awards
- ◆ Friday 4th August Year
8 Awards
- ◆ Friday 4th August Year
10 Immunisations

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Principal's Update

High School Musical

This year's school production opened last night and is looking great! There is still an opportunity to see it if you have not yet booked tickets. Tickets are available for Friday night, Saturday matinee and Saturday night tickets available. It's a great family show and I Guarantee you will be in awe of our talented students.



Student Subject Selection and Parent Information Evening

I am looking forward to seeing many families at our Parent Subject Selection Information sessions in the PAC on Wednesday next week (26th July).

- Information for Parents of Year 9 students, about Year 10, will start at 6pm.
- Information for Parents of Year 10 students, about the VCE including Vocational Major (VM), will start at 7pm.

University Open Days

August is the season for University Open Days. I encourage students from year 9 up to visit. Students from different year levels will gain different insights from the experience. Year 9 students will gain great insight into what is available at university, and this will help their long-term thinking about subject selection. Year 10 students are at an important stage of choosing their senior subjects – and this could influence what courses are available. Year 11 and 12 students are at a point of really focusing in on specific universities and courses – needing to know details so their preferences are in order. Visit <https://www.vtac.edu.au/opendays.html> for details.

NAIDOC Week

Our school celebrated NAIDOC week in the first week of this term with Year 7 excursions to the Melbourne Museum to learn about the Indigenous people of Melbourne and fits in with their studies of science and humanities. We also had an artist, Toneya Kennedy, produce some artwork outside our Student Wellbeing Offices. You will find more detail about her work in the following pages.

Junior Leadership Camp

Thank you to all the staff who attended this incredibly positive camp. It provided a great opportunity for our young leaders to strengthen and expand on their leadership skills. The camp activities were designed to provide an environment where our students can increase their confidence, goal setting skills, resilience, and collaborative thinking. These are all skills that are very important for young and emerging leaders. Thank you, Ms Chelsea Ross, for organising the camp, and thank you Ms Carfi, Mr Edwards, Mr Davies, Ms Watts, Ms Light, Mr Suratman, Mr Della Zuanna and Mr Stingell for being there and supporting our young leaders.

Year 8 Calabria Club Excursion

Hi my name is Evie, on Wednesday the 21st of June myself and some year 8 students went to the Calabria club. It was a really fun day, we played bocce, fed goats, went on a tour of the whole club, ate delicious pizza for lunch and had gelato for dessert. My personal highlight of the day was getting to interview *le nonne* at the club who immigrated from Italy many years ago. It was so interesting to hear about their life and how they have all become who they are today. Thank you to all of the incredible staff and all the people at the club who organised this amazing excursion for us!

Evie Ciavarella – 8J

Grazie a Mr. Balestra, Mr. Scarfone & Marta Cecchetti!



NAIDOC Week Celebration

NAIDOC Week Celebration (National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee)

This year we celebrated NAIDOC week by having indigenous artist Toneya Kennedy paint a specially designed mural in our school opposite the canteen. Here is some information about Toneya and her bespoke design.

THE ARTIST



Name: Toneya Kennedy

Age: 29 years

Language Group: Barkindji (NSW)

Contact: t.kennedy.arts@gmail.com

ABOUT ME

My name is Toneya and I am a proud Barkindji woman from Broken Hill/Wilcannia NSW. My people lived along the Barka (The Darling River). I grew up all over Australia and I use those experiences in my artwork. I was first taught to paint Aboriginal Art at a young age by my late father Gregory Kennedy whom was also an artist. Over the years I have developed a modern and contemporary style. I use my art to tell stories of my own personal experience or create custom artworks for others. I have a fierce passion for creating art. Every single piece is original and authentic with much heart and soul painted into every artwork.

NAIDOC Week Celebration

About the Mural for GPSC

This mural depicts the coming together of people from all different walks of life. The centre meeting place represents the student wellbeing building. Each meeting place is connected with lines, each section of lines shows different directions to represent that everyone has a different path, but we can still come together to support one another. The animal tracks (Kangaroo and Emu) represent both our native animals and also depicts a journey through life. The wedge tailed eagle is Bunjil. He is an almighty ancestral being and creator and protector. He is greatly respected amongst Aboriginal culture. In the background you will see many colours and patterns. These represent inclusivity and also the many colours and textures of our land.



Leadership Camp - 2023

Back when I was in year 7, I was very inspired to be a leader because of the year 11 students that went to the camp with us. I felt that going to this year's leadership camp would allow me to encourage the new students to become great leaders themselves in the future.

During the camp, we did many exciting activities such as a flying fox and canoeing which was not only very fun for the students and I, but also allowed me to get to know them better, hearing the stories about their lives.

In going through with this rare experience, I learnt many essential leadership skills that have already started to benefit me outside of school. - Year 11 VET student, **Pavle Stojkovski**.

The aim of the 2023 Leadership camp was to give students who were identified as emerging Leaders within the school community, the opportunity to participate in camp activities and group work whilst getting to know one another.

After having earned the privilege to participate in the Leadership Camp, much fun was had at many events including low ropes, canoeing, super sweep, the very long boardwalk, orienteering and much more.

The Year 7 and 8 students were guided by encouraging teachers and Year 11 leaders who inspired and supported us to continue to be responsible leaders. - **Cedar Breen-Sciulli year 7**

Leadership camp was an amazing opportunity to gain independence and learn how to be a leader. There were many great opportunities to grow and fun activities to go with it. My personal favourite was the zip line we rode as it was very long and had an exceptional view. Leadership camp was overall a great experience and was beneficial to everyone who participated. – **Joshua Cliff year 7**



Leadership Camp - 2023



Career News - Important Dates For Year 12's

VTAC Applications – for University

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.

This is in preparation for VTAC applications, which will start on 31 July 2023.

<https://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html#mainround>

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)

Career's Information

INSTITUTION	DATE	TIME
Australian Catholic University Melbourne Campus Ballarat Campus	Sun 13 August Sun 27 August	10am – 2pm 10am – 2pm
Australian National University	tbc	tbc
Bond University	Sat 29 July	10am – 2pm
Box Hill Institute of TAFE Elgar Campus Lilydale Campus	Tues 22 August Thur 24 August	3pm – 7pm 3pm – 7pm
Australian College of Arts (Collarts)	Sat 26 August	9am – 2.30pm
CQUniversity	Sat 31 August*	4pm – 7pm
Charles Sturt University Albury-Wodonga	Sun 13 August	10am – 2pm
Deakin University & Deakin College Warrnambool Campus Geelong Campuses Burwood Melbourne Campus	Sun 6 August Sun 20 August Sun 27 August	9.30am -12.30pm 9am – 3pm 9am – 3pm
Federation University	Sun 13 August	10am – 2pm
Griffiths University Nathan Campus Gold Coast Campus	Sun 13 August	9am – 2pm
Holmesglen Institute All Campuses	Various days	Various times
JMC Academy Melbourne Campus	September	tbc
La Trobe University Melbourne Campus Mildura Albury-Wodonga Shepparton Bendigo Campus	Sun 6 August Wed 9 August Sat 13 August Sat 26 August Sun 27 August	10am – 4pm 4pm – 7pm 9.30am - 2pm 10am – 2pm 10am – 3pm
Monash University Caulfield Campus Peninsula Campus Clayton Campus Parkville Campus (Pharmacy Focus)	Sat 5 August Sat 5 August Sun 6 August Sun 21 August	12pm – 4pm 10am – 2pm 10am – 4pm 10am – 2pm
Photography Studies College	Sun 13 August	10am – 2pm
RMIT Bundoora Campus Brunswick & CBD Campuses Point Cook Flight Training & Bendigo	Sun 6 August Sun 13 August Sun 20 August	10am – 4pm 10am – 4pm
SAE Qantm South Melbourne Campus	Sun 12 August	11am – 3pm
Swinburne University Hawthorn Campus	Sun 30 July	10am – 4pm
Torrens University	Sat 12 August	tbc
University of Melbourne Parkville & Southbank	Sun 20 August	10am – 4pm
University New South Wales (UNSW) Canberra Campus (ADFA) Sydney Campus	Sat 19 August Sat 2 September	tbc tbc
University of Sydney	Sat 26 August	tbc
Victoria University Footscray Park Campus City Flinders Campus City Queen Campus	Sat 20 August	tbc
William Angliss Institute of TAFE	Sat 12 August	10am – 3pm

Career's Information

TAFE: Kangan at Docklands

Kangan is having their Automotive Centre of Excellence Open Evening on Tuesday 1 August from 5.30pm onwards. It is open to all; students, parents, guardians, teachers.

If you are keen to go, register at the link below!

Further event details/Register Your Attendance: <https://info.kangan.edu.au/automotiveopennight>

Automotive Centre of Excellence Open Night

Tuesday 1 August from 5.30pm

Register your attendance at:
info.kangan.edu.au/automotiveopennight



TAFE VICTORIA

KANGAN INSTITUTE

Unleash You at Kangan Institute

Kangan Institute's Automotive Centre of Excellence invites you to our Open Night where you can learn about the careers available in Automotive trades.

Learn about the cutting-edge technology used to work on electric vehicles and see demonstrations of the modern equipment and techniques used in today's Automotive workshops. Plus you'll get to meet and talk with our highly-qualified teachers.

If you have a passion for all things Automotive, Kangan Institute will help you kick-start your career.



Automotive Open Night

Date: Tuesday 1 August
Time: 5.30pm – 6.00pm: Meet and greet with light refreshments
6.00pm – 8.00pm: Tour our state-of-the-art campus
Venue: Kangan Institute's Automotive Centre of Excellence,
1 Batmans Hill Drive Docklands
Please note: No parking is available on campus
Bookings are essential to secure your place at the Open Night.

On the night:

- Meet and talk with our highly-qualified teachers
- View a range of activities and demonstrations:
 - Electric vehicle demonstration
 - Car engine diagnostics
 - Spray painting in a modern spray booth
 - Body repair demonstration
 - Using heavy vehicle hoists
 - Marine outboard motor test tank

Register your attendance at:
info.kangan.edu.au/automotiveopennight

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2023 Important Dates

Saturday 22nd July	Musical Matinee 2:00pm Closing Performance 7:30pm
Monday 24th July	Intermediate Table Tennis
Tuesday 25th July	Senior Boys Soccer
Wednesday 26th July	Year 10 Active Girls Rock Climbing
Wednesday 26th July	Subject Selection Parent Information Night Year 10 - 6:00pm VCE/VPM - 7:00pm
Thursday 27th July	Year 7 Boys Football
Monday 31st July	Intermediate Boys Netball NMR
Wednesday 2nd August	Year 7 Boys Basketball
Wednesday 2nd August to Friday 4th August	Australian Mathematics Competition
Thursday 3rd August	Year 7 Awards
Friday 4th August	Year 8 Awards
Friday 4th August	Year 10 Immunisations
Wednesday 9th August	Year 9 Awards
Thursday 10th August	Mickleham Division Athletics
Thursday 10th August	Intermediate Girls Soccer
Friday 11th August	Year 11 Awards
Saturday 12th August	SEAL Testing 9:00am - 12:00pm
Monday 14th August	Curriculum Day - No Students at School
Thursday 17th August	Year 8 Sport
Thursday 17th August	Gladdy's Got Talent
Monday 21st August to Friday 25th August	Year 9 City Experience Group 2

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.