Your 2015 School Council Office Bearers

At our School Council AGM on Tuesday night, the following councillors were elected to office:

School Council President: Luciano Markesich
Vice President: Sonia Mitchell
Treasurer: Chris Clewer
Assistant Treasurer: Michael Keenan
Resources Chair: Chris Clewer
Education Policy Chair: Janene Lobs

Congratulations to these members for taking up the challenge once again and for being prepared to work with the school to make Gladstone Park the best it can be. I look forward to another great year.

Interschool and Division Sports

We have had a few teams represent the school at recent Interschool and Division sporting events. All competitors represented the school well and we had some pleasing results. Two of these events have reports in this newsletter. The first, Carly Hatton, represented the school in the Interschool Show Jumping Competition. Carly came in 6th in the competition, which is a fantastic effort. The second, our swimming champions from the recent house sports, went on to represent the school at the Division Swimming Sports. Many of these students will be going on to compete at the next level. Well done to all our teams and individual competitors!
Hello everyone, congratulations on surviving term one! It’s been a great start to the year for all members of the school community, and a very busy one for us as school captains, tackling Year twelve whilst handling our new roles and responsibilities.

Whilst we haven’t yet had a chance to fully showcase what we have to offer the school, together we have developed some clear team goals, which we will work hard to realise throughout the year. Firstly, we view this position as more than having a badge. We will endeavour to be active members of the school community and work closely with students and teachers alike to foster a strong and cohesive environment, unified across all school levels. This, we believe, will reinforce and promote the culture of respect for which our school is renowned.

In the first few weeks of Term One, we had the chance to reach out to the wider community in a visit to our neighbouring school, Gladstone Park Primary School. In this visit, the captains and SRC President spoke to the Grade five and six students about what it means to show leadership in the community. On a personal note, we appreciated this experience immensely; it was a wonderful feeling to know that we could inspire future generations of leaders, and thus make a positive contribution outside the boundaries of our own school. Speaking to a new audience also allowed us to develop our own public speaking skills, which has given us more confidence that we can apply to our work around the school. We hope that from our visit, many of the students will enter our school community with greater confidence in their ability as young leaders, instilled with the knowledge that leadership begins with the right attitude and commitment to small yet significant contributions to the community. Leaders do not need a badge to be so. We taught them that all of them are capable of being leaders, and that they should always strive to reach their fullest potential.

Another opportunity extended to us was the GRIP Leadership Conference, which we attended on the 11th of March. This was an insightful day of fun and interactive workshops held in the city’s Convention and Exhibition Centre, which was attended by over one thousand school leaders from a variety of the state’s public and private schools. The program equipped us with a variety of leadership skills that will enhance our effectiveness as leaders by informing us about different styles of leadership and ways in which we can connect with people. It provided an excellent forum in which we were able to meet many inspiring people- not just presenters but students as well- who helped us to develop many exciting ideas which we hope to implement later in the year. We now have plans for many different fundraisers and the school’s 40th anniversary celebrations. We will be working closely with the SRC and particularly the SRC President, Aida Zepcan to get these plans under way.

Ultimately, Term one has been a rewarding learning experience for us as captains and we look forward to utilising these new-found skills in the coming year. We wish you all the best for the holidays, and a successful start to term two.
Student Leadership Training

In Term 4 last year and Term 1 this year, we have had significant training of our student leaders to enable them to fulfill their roles and to help strengthen the student community here at Gladstone Park. The training sessions have been run by Stride Foundation and our staff will be running the training in the coming years.

During Term 4 last year, School Captains and SRC leaders have been trained in leadership skills and the SRC had time to develop role descriptions and set goals for 2015. We also trained several 2015 year 11 students as peer mentors; some of whom have already helped students in years 7 and 8 resolve some differences.

This year’s Term 1 training has focused on helping our older student leaders provide support to our younger students through structured programs.

Each year we transition more than 280 students into year 7 from a variety of primary schools in the area. The school believes strongly in the leadership capacity of our students and we want to enable older students to lead discussion and workshops with our younger age student groups. Our aim is to add to our current transition program, to maximise the educational value of our student support programs and to build strong and positive interpersonal links within the student body of the school.

The programs we will run, in pastoral care and on particular training days aim:

- to develop a sense of responsibility towards those more vulnerable, thereby strengthening student connectedness and building a safe educational environment.
- to educate students on respectful relationships, enabling productive discussion and effective learning of skills and contexts.
- to develop the personal resilience of students
- to include students in the teaching of skills and strategies, maximising relevance and building leadership skills in older students.
- to build a program that is able to adapt to social and media changes through using students as educators.
Interschool Show Jumping Competition

On Sunday 1st of March my horse and I represented Gladstone Park Secondary College in the Interschool Show Jumping Competition at Geelong Grammar School. The Competition consists of two rounds of show jumping. It is a course of 12 jumps with 8 jumps in the first phase and 4 in the second phase. The second phase continues on from the first phase and you may only progress to the second phase if you complete the first phase without knocking down any of the rails. The second phase is timed, and determines the placing you receive. I came 6th out of 33 riders in this competition. I had a great day with Chelsea and my horse Jigsaw at the competition. I would like to thank my friend Chelsea Pham for being such a great strapper and photographer for the day.

From Carly Hatton
Student Achievements

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Year 11 student Zoe Evans for successfully applying for the UBS Young Women Leadership Academy in Sydney. Zoe will be attending the week-long program in Term Two at Sydney University with another 49 Year 11 students from public schools across Australia. The program is aimed at fostering the leadership skills of young female students. As part of the program, Zoe will have the opportunity to meet a diverse group of contemporary women leaders and engage in a number of practical and theory workshops, as well as field visits. Well done Zoe!

-Ms. Elana Ieremidis, Senior School Student Leadership Coordinator

DIVISION SWIMMERS.

On the 11th March, 41 students represented GPSC at the Division Swimming Sports at Sunbury. We came 2nd overall and have 21 students moving to the next swimming section NMR on the 24th March at Watermarc in Greensborough.

Congratulations to the following students for age group champions

13 year girl – Breanna Richards-Terke
13 year boy – Brodie Camilleri
14 year girl- Shin Lim
15 year girl – Mikayla Hearne
15 year boy – Daniel Barresi
16 year girl – Amanda Smith
17 year girl – Caitlyn Miles
University of Melbourne
Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences Information Day
Saturday 21/03/2015, 10am - 3pm
www.fvas.unimelb.edu.au

2015 At Monash Seminar Series
Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Cossar Hall, Building 401, Parkville
Thursday, 19 March, 6.30- 8.30pm
For further information call 1800 MONASH
or contact Rachel Ung at Rachel.ung@monash.edu

Ready, Set, Design Workshops - FREE
* Essential for all students interested in Design *
Saturday 28/3 - Study options in design
Saturday 27/6 - Folio development
Saturday 19/9 - Interview and folio presentation

RMIT Study Skills FREE Seminar
Thursday 02/04 and Thursday 09/04
http://emedia.rmit.edu.au/learninglab/

Experience LaTrobe University - Melbourne campus
Thursday 09/04
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events/melbourne-program

Experience LaTrobe Bundoora - 09/04 and 09/07
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events

Law Profession Workshop
09 & 10/04/2015

Health Profession Workshop
10/04/2015
Career Centre cont....

Advanced Engineering Workshop
08 & 09/04/2015

If you are considering;
* Monash - Medicine
* Latrobe - Dentistry
* Latrobe - Oral Health Science
You need to register for the UMAT Test
http://umat.acad.edu.au/

ACU Early Achievers Program
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ACU - University Experience
29 & 30 June, 2015
www.acad.edu.au/uni-experience
2015 Important Dates

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Office Hours

- **Monday—Thursday**
  8:15am to 4:15pm

- **Friday**
  8:15am to 4:00pm

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.

-Thank You-

**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.