The last two weeks have been very busy for the staff and students of Gladstone Park.

**Sports**

There have been many sports teams going out to represent the school and we are hopeful that some will reach the state level. Stay tuned for reports in this and future newsletters.

**Information Evening**

On Wednesday 30th April we held our annual Information Evening for prospective grade 6 students and their parents. The night was well attended, nearly every seat in the PAC was taken.

The program started with a magnificent and energetic performance by the Pop Chorus as they sang a Michael Jackson song ‘Beat It’. This was followed by addresses from our School Captains and two of our year 7 students.

This year’s speakers did a fantastic job of presenting to the audience their perspective on the benefits of being a student at Gladstone Park. Well done to Captains Hannah Brebner, Ben Markesich, Bianca Roberts and our year 7 student leaders Thomas Hubbard and Nina Zepcan. They spoke confidently and proudly.

The general information session was followed by the SEAL and Immersion information session. Again, student leaders addressed the audience with pride and confidence. Thank you to Mike Oversnell and Jacqui Butt of 7K and to our SEAL graduating class of 2014 for your attendance and speeches.

**Open Day and Immersion Celebration Night**

This Wednesday morning we took tour groups through the school for our Open Day. Again, the students at Gladstone Park proudly escorted around 150 parents and children around the school. During this time the students provided a narrative on all the different aspects of the school and were able to confidently answer questions. It was a very successful day and all parents went away fully informed about what Gladstone Park has to offer and what the expectations are of our students.

On Wednesday evening we held our Immersion Celebration Night. The purpose of this night is to celebrate the success of the program, present awards to students, provide information to students who may be thinking of joining the program and to be entertained by our talented students and staff. Our four student hosts did a great job of informing the audience about the benefits of learning a language using the immersion model.

Well done to all involved both the Open Day tours and the Immersion Celebration night.

I wish you all a lovely Mother’s Day on Sunday.
On Monday the 21st of April I flew over to Turkey as part of the Victorian student group commemorating 100 years since the Anzac’s landed at Gallipoli in World War One. Over 650 students applied and I was one of the incredibly privileged 80 students that got to the end of the selection process.

Our journey began in Istanbul where we were taken on historical tours throughout the city. We were led through different mosques that were built centuries ago and ate traditional food in delightfully cultural restaurants.

Up until Thursday, the 23rd, the trip felt mostly like a holiday. This day was an enormous turning point for the majority of the students. This was the day we toured different cemeteries and war memorials along the Gallipoli Peninsula. Although the Dawn Service and Lone Pine Service were day’s later and were genuinely mind blowing, nothing quite compared to the overwhelming emotions felt at Redoubt Cemetery. As we had been touring on the bus we had all been laughing, singing and getting to know each other. Yet as soon as we walked through the entrance to Redoubt, everybody was silent. This moment hit me fairly hard because we had all gone silent by choice rather than because we knew we had to.

It was an amazing moment for all involved.

An obvious stand out moment of the trip was Anzac Day. From leaving our hotel on the 24th to returning on the 26th, we were awake for roughly 42 hours. The Dawn Service and Lone Pine Service were both overwhelmingly emotional and truly unforgettable. At best, I can say the day was indescribable because I’m still battling with how to depict it accurately.

I was absolutely amazed to be a part of this trip and experience what I did. I managed to build some very strong relationships with friends that I shared this time with. We were all told that we are now custodians of the Anzac Spirit, so I will make sure it stays alive and well.

Lest We Forget.
Year 7 Camp

ADANAC Camp

On Monday the 20th of April, 130 of the year 7 students took a bus and headed to the ADANAC camp in Yarra Junction, Melbourne. Given we were only going to the Yarra Junction the bus trip approximately 1.5 hours.

Once we arrived at camp ADANAC we took our bags off the bus and headed to the bench seats. When we arrived at the bench seats a volunteer from ADANAC camp spoke to all the year 7’s about the rules and regulations about camp. After learning about the camp information our teachers spoke to the year 7’s about which cabins we were in, which everyone was excited about.

Then we were split into groups and started 2 of our activities which included the waterslide, hut building, canoeing, mountain boarding, disc golf, raft building, flying fox, archery, low ropes and thunder hockey.

The second day we did 7 of our activities and being the last night we did our red faces performances which were very funny with 3 of our teachers being our judges. Then the third day we did one activity and some minor games. Then we packed up our cabins and headed back to school.

Overall, I would like to thank the teachers who came to camp and the ADANAC staff who made our food and helped show us around the camp.

Isabella Stanko 7H
Year 7 Camp
Year 7 Camp
While everyone headed back to school after the term one holidays, I was lucky enough to be going to Sydney for the UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy. My psychology teacher Ms. Ieremidis approached me to ask if I would like to apply for this leadership week. At the time I had no idea what it was or just how worthwhile it would be, but I applied and was chosen. Despite my nervousness, I can honestly say that the experiences from that trip were invaluable and something that I wanted to share with everyone the moment I returned.

The UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy is a week long program held in Sydney, sponsored by the UBS which is an investment bank and hosted by The Women’s College within Sydney University. Fifty girls from New South Wales and Victoria had the special opportunity to take part in sessions ranging from leadership skills to career advice all led by passionate and driven women. I had obviously never met any of these fifty girls, but it was so amazing to be surrounded by such inspirational young ladies with whom I developed close friendships.

Throughout the week, we heard speeches about different people’s life journeys as well as sessions on first impressions, reputations, job interviews and job recruitment. The week also included a lot of self-reflection with workshops on personality types, values and confidence. An important lesson for me was about confidence. There is a significant difference between being confident and having self-confidence, one is the way you appear to other people and the other is the way you appear to yourself. One of our mentors said, “What right do you have not to shine?” - It was lessons like that which really make you believe in yourself.

I never realised how many job options there actually are, but after spending a day at the UBS headquarters, I found out just how many positions there were within a single company. I think that to find the job that makes you happy you just have to give everything a go and don’t be afraid to change university courses or roles or jobs at anytime in your life. If you truly can’t find something that makes you happy don’t settle for anything mediocre; instead be a job creator not a job finder - more words of wisdom given to us from one of our mentors.

I can’t thank enough the school, in particular Ms. Ieremidis and Mrs. Gutterson, for this opportunity, UBS and The Women’s College for running this mind-opening program. That week taught me so much about life after school and about myself. There is a whole world out there just waiting-waiting for us to explore it!
UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy
Senior Girls - Northern Metro Champions

OFF TO THE STATE FINALS

Congratulations to the senior girl’s tennis team who booked their place in the state finals after becoming the northern metro region champions recently.

The team defeated Viewbank S.C, Poscoe Vale Girls S.C, Lalor S.C and Montmorency S.C (In the final) to claim the title.

Good luck to Nada Govedarica (Captain), Mirjana Manigoda, Aida Zepcan, Brittany Thompson-Clarke and Yeliz Behich who will compete against the other seven state finalists on 18th May.
Local AFL Stars Come to GPSC

Students from Gladstone Park Secondary College had the opportunity to attend a presentation and skills clinic with players from Essendon Football Club at the school recently. School captains, SRC representatives and senior physical education students attended the presentation on leadership led by the Essendon players. The players discussed qualities that make a good leader and how the leadership structure at their club operates. They also talked about the importance of good diet and nutrition. After the presentation, physical education students participated in a skills clinic where they also enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions of the players about life as an AFL footballer.
Essendon Football Club’s Visit
2015 House Athletics

The house athletics sports were held at Meadowglen athletics track towards the end of last term. Students competed in track and field events and a range of novelty events to gain points for their house. Students were also encouraged to show their support for their house by dressing in house colours on the day. Competition was fierce and a very narrow margin separated the top two houses at the end of the day. Congratulations to Fairbank who were the eventual winners. Thanks to all the teachers who helped out with various events on the day and particularly to Ms. Domange for her work in organising the carnival.
2015 House Athletics
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We are proud to announce that this year we have 24 students who have been accepted into our Exchange Program to Italy – Destinazione Italia. Students will be travelling to Italy for 3 weeks in September. Congratulations to:


Students will be accompanied by teachers: Lina Morales, Marco Lacivita & Jenny Chaperon
Parent Thank You Letter

IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT STUDENTS AT GLADSTONE PARK S.C. ARE SO HONEST...

The following letter was sent to the school by a very grateful parent after her lost iPhone was found and handed in. It makes me very proud that our students can be so honest when faced with the choice of keeping something they found or handing it in. Well done to Pang for her honesty and thoughtfulness.

My two daughters attend Gladstone Park Secondary College and, as I was dropping them off at school last Tuesday 10th March, my mobile phone fell out of my car. I was not aware that I had lost my phone until I parked the car at the shops, 10 minutes later. After having thoroughly searched the car, I returned to the place where I dropped off my children. The phone was nowhere to be seen. When I returned home, my husband informed me that the school had phoned him - they had my mobile phone in safe keepings at the office.

One of the year 11 students, Pang Wang, had found my phone and had taken it to school and handed it in, so the owner (me!) could be contacted. In addition to the phone itself, there was a large sum of money in the phone cover. Pang made a mature, responsible decision which allowed me to retrieve both my phone and all the money. I wish to thank Pang for being so thoughtful and I commend her on her honesty! Your actions are greatly appreciated!

Susan M.

NAPLAN 2015

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. Next week on Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May, students will undertake the 2015 NAPLAN tests at Gladstone Park.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. All students are encouraged to participate in the tests.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au
Foster Care - You Could Make a Difference

BECOME A FOSTER CARER!
All sorts of people make great Foster Carers….tradesmen, nurses, sales reps, shop assistants, teachers etc.
They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children.
They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to stay.

Our next information session is on Monday 29th June 2015, 7pm-8.45pm in the Glenroy area

Come along to find out more & have your questions answered.

To book or to receive an information package please contact
Kay Gyngell on 9301 5200 or kay.gyngell@anglicarevic.org.au

It’s easy to become an Anglicare Victoria Foster Carer: call us NOW to talk about how

You will make all the difference!

Thank you for your help or consideration: your support is much appreciated.

Warm regards,
Kay

Kay Gyngell
Volunteer Recruitment & Support Worker
Anglicare Victoria Northern Region Foster Care
32 Railway Crescent
Broadmeadows 3047
Ph. (03) 9301 5200
Work days: Mon - Thurs

| anglicarevic.org.au
Hume City Council
Road Safety Forum for Young Drivers

Hume City Council is holding a Road Safety Forum about the role the community can play in increasing safe driver behaviour in young people.

The aim of the forum is to:
- Present education on the effects of road trauma.
- Provide information, tips and resources to parents on how they can influence young drivers to take ownership and responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others.
- Identify attitudes which may cause unsafe driver behaviour.

There will be guest speakers from:
- Road Trauma Support Services
- Victoria Police
- Fit2Drive
- State Emergency Services and others

When: Wednesday 27 May 2015 - 6.00pm to 8.30pm.
Location: Hume Global Learning Centre
75-95 Central Park Avenue, Cragieburn.
Cost: FREE – finger food will be provided from 6.00pm.

To book a seat RSVP to Carmen Largaisolli by Friday 22 May 2015
Email: carmenla@hume.vic.gov.au Telephone: 9205 2437
Career Centre

University of Melbourne

"Focus on Melbourne" events

Biomedicine - Thursday 14 May
Arts - Wednesday 20 May
Agriculture - Thursday 21 May
Commerce - Tuesday 26 May
Environments - Wednesday 27 May
Science - Tuesday 2 June
Law - Thursday 11 June
IT - Thursday 11 June
Music - Wednesday 24 June
Fine Arts - Thursday 25 June

http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/focus-on-melbourne-2015?
utm_source=flyer_focus2015&utm_medium=eprint&utm_campaign=oa_nm_2015_fom&utm_term=prop,ug&utm_content=register%20now

If you are considering;
* Monash - Medicine
* Latrobe - Dentistry
* Latrobe - Oral Health Science
You need to register for the UMAT Test before 5 June 2015
http://umat.acer.edu.au/

ACU Early Achievers Program

Ready, Set, Design Workshops - FREE
* Essential for all students interested in Design *
Saturday 27 June - Folio development
Saturday 19 September - Interview and folio presentation

RMIT Experience Engineering Day
Monday 29 June
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/june/experience-engineering-day-city/
Career Centre

RMIT Experience Business day
Monday 29 June 2015
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/june/experience-business-day/

ACU - University Experience
29 & 30 June
www.acu.edu.au/uni-experience

RMIT Experience Health and Medical Sciences day
Tuesday 30 June

RMIT Experience Science day
Wednesday 1 July
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/july/experience-science-day/

RMIT Experience Music, Sound and Live Production day
Wednesday 1 July

RMIT Experience Justice and Legal day
Wednesday 1 July 2015

RMIT Experience Sustainability day
Thursday 2 July
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/july/experience-sustainability-day/

RMIT Experience Engineering day
Thursday 2 July
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/july/experience-engineering-day-bundoora/
Career Centre cont....

RMIT Experience Advertising, Marketing and PR day
Thursday 2 July
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/july/experience-advertising-marketing-and-pr-day/

RMIT Experience Project Management day
Friday 3 July
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/july/experience-project-management-day/

RMIT Experience Art and Design day
Friday 3 July
http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/workshops/2015/july/experience-art-and-design-day/

Experience LaTrobe Bundoora – 09 July
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events
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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](http://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.