Principal’s Update

Year 12 Graduation

Our Year 12 Graduation took place on Wednesday night at The Celebrity Room at Mooney Valley Racecourse. It was a fantastic night as we celebrated the completion of secondary schooling for our graduating class of 2015. Can I say the dresses and suits the students wore were just stunning. Many of our students were unrecognizable, they looked so sophisticated. Thanks to Ms Elana Ieremidis, the Senior School team, the organising committee and the School Captains for their involvement in organising the event. Congratulations to all of our year 12’s for completing their VCAL and VCE and making it through the gruelling exam period in one piece. We were all very proud of you all. I look forward to finding out the VCE results and your tertiary placements in the coming months. Enjoy a well-earned break. Photos will be in the next newsletter.

Year 8 Camp

Last week a small group of year 8 students went to Ace Hi Ranch for the annual horse riding camp. They had perfect weather and all had a fantastic time. Thank you to the teachers involved and to the student for their exemplary behaviour on the camp. There are pictures of the fun and games further on in this newsletter. Thanks to Ms Renata Ditchburn and Mr Tom Lamb for organising the camp.

Junior Boys Rugby

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Rugby team for making it to the State Finals. They achieved 5th in the state, which is a fantastic effort. Well done boys and well done to their coach, Mr Matthew Burke.
Food Technology News

One of our Year 9 Food Technology students Kaitlyn Adam is an excellent cake decorator and has recently exhibited at the Whittlesea Agricultural Show in the decorated cake section. Kaitlyn was awarded the most successful exhibiter in the secondary school section. She gained three 1st place awards - for her decorated cake, her Miniature cake and her gingerbread house and a 3rd place for her Cup Cakes. This is a wonderful achievement. We hope she continues to develop her skills and we wish her continued success. Well done Kaitlyn! Below are the photos of the winning items along with her Chocolate Gateaux that she produced in Year 9 Food Technology.
Junior Boys Rugby League Top 5 in State

The Junior GPSC Rugby League team has done the school proud by finishing fifth in the State Finals held last week in Elwood. The boys qualified for the finals in October by making it through the north metro division.

Whilst half of the team was made up of seasoned and experienced rugby league players, a lot of the boys were reasonably unfamiliar with the game, relying on their strength and athleticism to ensure they made a positive contribution.

Hard hit-ups, dazzling runs and bone-crunching tackles were all on display on finals day. The games were played in torrid conditions with the mercury hitting 35°C. Fit squads were rewarded in the latter stages of the competition as many teams began to show signs of fatigue.

All our boys performed really well, playing with passion and in the right spirit of the game. The discipline of our opponents began to wilt in the midday sun but our temperament and composure remained intact and we were able to profit from the cheap penalties conceded by opposing teams.

Special mention must go to Ostin Bellingham, Billy Katsakis, Tommi Crampton, Monson Vaovasa, Paul Resture, Jo-Ryan Wood, Steve Felise and Cole Brown who were outstanding. Hopefully this is the beginning of a successful rugby league dynasty at GPSC.

-Matthew Burke (Coach)
Year 8 Italian Students Visit Lygon St

Year 8 students of Italian attend an excursion to Lygon street on the following days:
- 9th of November 8D, 8E and 8I
- 11th of November 8A, 8B and 8H
- 13th of November 8F, 8F and 8K

Each day classes split up and visited different places that reflect Italian history and culture.
All 9 nine classes visited the
- Museo Italiano
- DOC Delicatessan
- Brunetti
- Lygon Food Store
- University Cafe
- Bosari Ristorante
- Notturno Tavern Bar
- Piazza Italia
- Da Salvatore "Pizza al Metro"

After the walking tour, students enjoyed a pizza lunch at Da Salvatore where they sampled traditional pizza by the meter. After lunch students were able to buy un gelato or dolce at one of the local stores.

It was a great day, enjoyed by all. A big thanks goes to all the teachers who accompanied us.

Article written by Savani Dandeniya (8D)
  Eren Dulger (8D)

Photos taken by Ostinn Bellingham (8E)
Year 8 Italian Students Visit Lygon St

Photos taken by Ostinn Bellingham (8E)
Year 8 Horse Riding Camp at Ace-Hi Ranch

On Wednesday the 18th of November, 27 year 8 students Miss Langton, Mr Richardson and Mr Lamb attended camp at the Ace-hi ranch. For three days and two nights we enjoyed our stay at the ranch and enjoyed each other’s company. The horses there were very friendly, but it took a while to get used to the trotting.

The first day we learned about what you need to ride a horse and how to steer it and we had an hour test ride around the site. Horse riding wasn’t the only activity; we also enjoyed the Flying Fox and the Giant Swing. Once you were at the top of the swing which was 18 metres high and you pulled the rope the adrenalin kicked in.

After a tiring and action packed day, dinner was served about 6 o’clock. It was really nice and for dessert we enjoyed some chocolate mousse. After dinner, we all set off on a night walk under a beautiful pink sky with a warm breeze. I really enjoyed it.

The next day we all prepared ourselves for a three hour ride along Rye beach which was exciting due to the local wildlife. During the ride we had lots of time to trot with the horses while some others enjoyed some cantering, which is faster than a trot. Later that night we all joined together around a nice camp fire, swapped stories, and ate some roasted marshmallows and smores.

The final day was a little upsetting because some of us made a good connection with the horses they rode, but we had our final activity, Gymkhana. Gymkhana is a series of events while riding a horse. The events were: Three-legged race, egg and spoon race, sack race and a zig-zag race. Gymkhana was very competitive and exciting and everybody really enjoyed it.

We all enjoyed the fun and games at Ace-Hi Ranch and I think most of us would love to go again sometime.

Stefania Mengato 8J ♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪
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**RMIT - Course pathways**


**RMIT Business (Entrepreneurship)**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35o3p UAOVyg

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Interested in engineering but not sure which type is the best fit for you? You can now find out with our new online quiz “What kind of Engineer are you?”

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**Science at Melbourne**

Do you have students interested in science?

Check out this great video developed by the Faculty of Science.

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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

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.