Welcome back to the 2016 school year.

New and Returning Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome seven staff to the Gladstone Park community:

- Mr Vince Maltese: Maths and Science
- Ms Brittany Hibbert: Science
- Ms Jessica Cooper: Science
- Ms Johanna Bowman: Psychology and Science
- Ms Rachel Edwards: Performing Arts
- Ms Valentina Scorsolini: LOTE Italian/Immersion
- Mr Sam Bates: Instrumental Music

We also welcome back two staff from leave:
- Ms Erin Davies
- Ms Kate Clarke

Student Leaders for 2016

It gives me great pleasure to introduce our four School Captains for 2016 and their areas of responsibility:

- Bradie Cetin: Sports Captain
- Zoe Evans: Academic Captain
- Mikayla Kelly: Arts Captain
- William Woon: Civics and Citizenship Captain and SRC President

All four captains have been presented to the student body and have addressed each year level at the recent assemblies. I look forward to working with these enthusiastic young leaders. Congratulations to you all.

Priorities for the year

Whist we acknowledge that Gladstone Park is a great school and is performing well, we all agree that we need to strive to constantly improve. We will continue the push for a stronger work ethic amongst our students and investigate sources of feedback to inform our teaching practice. We will pay particular attention to the growth of students who are capable but might not be doing as well as they should. Of course we will continue to maintain our great facilities to the high standard expected by the community, and also maintain and further develop our culture of respect.
A Good Start

Our students started the year well, with nearly all senior students completing holiday homework as requested. Our year seven students are settling in well with just the normal issues of finding classrooms and learning how to use their combination locks. We have posted a very useful You-Tube video on our school webpage, which helps with working out the locks. Click the “Our School” tab and proceed to “Combination Lock”.

Year 7 Orientation Camp

The year 7 Orientation Camp was very successful with over 130 students attending. Bringing the date forward to the beginning of the year has been a good move as it has allowed students bond and make some lasting friendships.

New Building Works

This year we will be undertaking a significant building project, which will see the development of a new Senior School Centre incorporating the Careers Centre, Study Centre, Senior School toilets and an outdoor Year 12 locker/sitting area. It will be located between the end of the Science block and the shed. The building has been approved to commence this term, with a completion date mid-December. The existing Study Centre will be converted into classrooms.

School Council

School Council currently has three parent vacancies. Nominations for these positions will close at 4pm on 15th February. Information and nomination forms can be collected from the General Office.

Year 10 Work Experience

Mr Georgostathis in Careers is still waiting on many year 10 students to finalize their work experience and return the signed paperwork. It is extremely important that this process is finalized by 26th February. If you have any questions about your child’s work experience, or if your child is having difficulties securing a place, could you contact Mr Georgostathis.

Car parking during drop off and pick up

I have noticed quite a few parents are parking illegally, in the Child Care centre, no-standing areas and in the staff car-park. Please note that the local council have been patrolling the area, photographing cars and issuing fines. The staff car-park is out of bounds for students and parent cars for safety reasons. Students must cross Taylor Drive at the school crossing to avoid the risk of being hit by cars backing out of car-parking spaces. Sanctions will be given to students breaking this rule. Please put the safety of your children ahead of convenience and take extra care when dropping off and picking up.

Update Your Details

It is very important that the school has current contact details for each student. If you have changed address, phone numbers or anything else that is related to your child, could you please inform the school as soon as possible so our records are up-to-date.

Important Dates

Please take the time to put the important dates, listed in this newsletter, in your diary. It is a very full term one with many whole school events, such as the Swimming and Athletics carnivals and school photo day. We also have the Year 7 Barbecue next Thursday to welcome new students and their families.
2016 is a new year to gain knowledge, make friends, face fears and strive for success. The four school captains would like to welcome new families to the Gladstone Park Secondary College community and welcome back returning families. We hope you had a relaxing break and are ready for a new school year. At Gladstone Park, we want to help students grow; this year we want everyone to aim for a goal and work to achieve it. It doesn’t have to be big, but find something that challenges you and work hard to reach that goal – this is for parents and teachers too! Life is about growing, learning and changing. The four school captains represent this, and this year each captain represents an area in the school to help guide students in the direction that they want to go.

**ZOE EVANS - ACADEMIC CAPTAIN**

Being successful in school is about balancing learning with other activities. That’s how I ended up being involved in leadership roles, and now school captain! I have been a part of the Student Representative Council since Year 8 and I have really enjoyed bringing new ideas to the meetings to make this school even better. My favourite thing in the world is to read. I enjoy reading, mainly books in the romance and dystopian young adult genres. I find reading really relaxing and it is important to have something to do outside of school. To the younger students, I want to say that you don’t need to worry if you’re not the most confident person in Year 7- don’t let that hold you back from getting involved in extra-curriculum activities. Make this the year to challenge yourself; growth takes time but if you take it one step at a time you will achieve something you’re aiming towards. For the older kids, my advice is a bit more boring; take notes, lots and lots of notes throughout the year. They will be absolute gold at the end! Overall I’ll borrow a quote from Dr. Seuss, “The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Have a great year!
Message From The 2016 School Captains

BRADIE CETIN- SPORTS CAPTAIN

I started my education at Greenvale Primary School. My first leadership role came in Grade 3 when I was nominated class representative of Junior School Council. This is where I learnt many key skills related to leadership. I later became school captain in my final year of Primary School. This is what really opened my eyes to becoming a good role model and I embraced the responsibility. After I graduated, I started Year 7 at Gladstone Park Secondary College. I was shocked with the amount of freedom we had and that we weren’t babysat all the time! In Year 7, I was nominated class captain and hence became involved around the school with various events. Some of my other leadership roles include house captain and sporting team captain. In Year 11, school captain applications were released. I wasn’t going to apply until a teacher gave me a not-so-subtle push to submit an application. Truthfully, I didn’t think my application would be successful, but I thought I’d give it a try anyway. When I was told I had been given the position of Sports School Captain I couldn’t believe it!

I have always been involved in sport, even when I was a little chubby kid just shooting hoops! My sporting participation has always given me enjoyment in the sometimes very stressful environment that school can be. I have been in numerous team and individual sporting events and have been lucky enough to be able to go to state-level competitions a few times. I am very humbled to be your first Sports School Captain and I hope to make you all proud!

MIKAYLA KELLY- ARTS CAPTAIN

This year, I have the privilege of being the 2016 Gladstone Park Secondary College Arts Captain. Throughout my years at Gladstone Park, I have participated in countless activities to do with the performing arts. These include the School Musical, Pop Chorus (our school choir), Performing Arts Nights, Singing Lessons, and Gloscars. This year, I will be heavily involved in these areas once again. Pop Chorus has already started with rehearsals on Wednesdays at lunchtime and singing lessons too. Many students will also be part of our school musical- West Side Story. The dates for Gloscars, Performing Arts Nights and the Theatre Studies play (Face to Face) have already been organised too. All these dates are posted on the Music Area pin board, so I hope to see a lot of you getting involved too!

I urge you all to get involved in the extracurricular activities available at the school. These activities allow you to interact with people across all year levels. You make genuine friendships with people who share the same interests with you, and the moments you share with them become memories you will hold onto for the rest of your life. To the parents/guardians, please encourage your child to participate in activities that make them happy. I hope to see your smiling faces around the school!
Message From The 2016 School Captains

WILLIAM WOON- CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP CAPTAIN

I am honoured to be the 2016 Civics and Citizenship School Captain and SRC President. Since Year 7, I’ve undertaken various leadership roles throughout the school, including form captain in Year 7, Year 9 buddies, and the SRC. Over the years, we’ve seen the development of the SRC, into a place where students can voice their opinions, help the greater community, raise awareness of social issues, whilst promoting and developing the leadership skills of those who will become our young future leaders. In the SRC we always encourage students to ‘be the change they want to see.’

One of the key attributes in becoming a great leader is to participate. Participation is key, as it allows you to experience new things and build your knowledge. At Gladstone Park Secondary College, we are very lucky to have an abundance of opportunities presented to us, both within and outside of the classroom. I encourage all students to get involved in the various areas of the school. You will always stand to gain skills and knowledge by becoming

On behalf of the school captains, we would like to wish you all the very best for 2016. Have a safe and fun-filled year everyone!
Year 7 Adanac Camp

123 students in Year 7 spent 3 days at Camp Adanac. We participated in many activities and had lots of fun!

We began by taking a 1 and a half hour bus trip to Yarra Junction. We arrived at Adanac at 12:30 and started unpacking our luggage. We all met in the gym and ate lunch. After having lunch we found out our cabins and groups then we got settled into our cabins. Some of the students had to wait because their cabins were still getting cleaned, there were 4 different types of cabins Guest House, Guest Flat, Heritage and Lakeside view. Once settled we started our activities, there were 13 activities, Mountain Boarding, Water Slide, Flying Fox, Disc Golf, Water Trampoline/ Canoeing, Volleyball, Raft Building, Hut Building, Camp Cooking, Night walk, Red Faces, Movie Night and Archery.

After activities and free time we had dinner, it was delicious pasta and garlic bread. After that we went for a night walk around the block. Just as we left we found a wombat walking on the road. On the way back to the camp the Year 7 students saw 2 Llamas and a pony. Once back we had supper and headed to bed. At 10:30 it was lights out and time for sleep after a big day.

Day 2 started with hot porridge with brown sugar, cereal and toast. We began our activities with enthusiasm. The students in the water activities came back drenched and freezing. Hut building was a great team activity, it was a great experience and we had lots of fun, we also learnt a lot of team and hut building skills. Archery was a fantastic way to increase your aiming.

Breakfast was the same for day 3. Once finished eating, we had roughly 45 minutes to pack our bags. When we were ready we put our bags along the outside wall ready for when the bus came. Then we began our last rotation of activities.

We absolutely enjoyed this camp. It was a great experience for all the students that went. A big thank you to the Adanac staff and all the teachers for their help!

By Jesse Pinnell and Rebekah Adams 7F
Year 7 Adanac Camp
Year 7 Adanac Camp
Foster Care - Making a Difference

Every Night Makes A Difference

A home cooked meal, a warm bed and your care could be the greatest gift you could offer. There are many care options available to support children and young people, including emergency care, respite care, short term and long term care.

What sort of care would suit your family?

Foster Care Information Session - Glenroy
Tuesday 16th February 2016, 7pm – 8.45pm

To register and receive an information pack phone Kay Gyngell 9301 5200 or email kay.gyngell@anglicarevic.org.au

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FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Ever thought about fostering children or young people?

Make a difference in a child’s life……and your own!

Our next information session is on Tuesday 16th February, 7pm in the Glenroy area

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

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School Crossing Supervisor’s Needed

Hume Library Celebrations
2016 Important Dates

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:15am to 4:15pm

Friday
8:15am 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.