UPCOMING EVENTS

♦ No School - Labour Day (Public Holiday)
  Monday 14th March

♦ Whole School House Athletics
  Friday 18th March

♦ Performing Arts Concert
  Monday 21st March

♦ Northern Metropolitan Regional Swimming
  Tuesday 22nd March

♦ GPSC Unplugged
  Tuesday 22nd March

♦ Parent Teacher Interviews
  Wednesday 23rd March

♦ Last Day Term 1 - 2:30pm
  Thursday 24th March

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Principal’s Update

New Senior School and Careers Centre for 2017

The school is about to embark on its next major building works. We have engaged a building company to commence work on a new architect-designed Senior School and Careers Centre, to be located at the north end of the school.

The centre will include a number of features:

♦ A large VCE and VCAL student study space with kitchen facilities
♦ Senior School coordinating office
♦ Careers counselling office
♦ Internal courtyard and locker area for all Year 12 students

Architectural render of the new Senior School and Careers Centre

Work is due to commence on Friday 18th March, with an estimated completion date at the end of 2016. There may be disruptions to traffic flow from time-to-time at the front of the school as the building works continue. Any major disruptions will be communicated through Compass and SMS.

Once completed, work will begin on turning the old VCE study centre into brand new classrooms.

School Council Elections

This year we had five parent nominations for the three parent positions on School Council, therefore a ballot was held. I would like to congratulate Luciano Markesich and Sonia Mitchell for being re-elected and welcome new parent, Nicolle Hines to the Gladstone Park School Council:

Congratulations also to the two elected staff representatives:
Wendy Van Dyk and George Georgostathis

I would like to welcome all members to the School Council and I look forward to working with you over the next two years, in continuing to make Gladstone Park the best it can be.
Year 7 Activities Day - 1st March

Activities day was one of the best days I have ever had. I met loads of new people on that day. I loved the BBQ they had, they put loads of effort into it. You could tell the VCAL students put time and effort into the day.

My favourite activity was the one where you had to grab water and place it into the other bucket. It was a race against the clock. I loved how all the students were smiling throughout the day. I would like to thank all the VCAL students for giving up their time. I had a great day and I know everyone else would have to.

Thanks for the opportunity, wish you all the best.

Rayyaan Bulli 7G

On Tuesday I attended school excited for the great day ahead of me, it was activities day! I was curiously wondering what will I be doing today! As soon as I got to school it was time for the first two periods. They went pretty quickly.

Finally, activities day began! At first we had a few races. My partner and I teamed up for the three legged race. We came up with a formation to make things easier so we wouldn’t much up. We both said 1, 2, 3 as we put our one leg forward. And so like soldiers we marched to the end of the race and back to the beginning, we had won!

Finally, it was time for the water activities. After the hot weather in the sun, I figured it was about time for some refreshment. As I played the water bucket game, I ran incredibly fast to make sure a little bit of water would splash on me. But like usual I overdid it and by the end of the game I was soaked.

As the BBQ was setting up, I set off to find my friends. In the huge crowd of Year 7s, I was completely lost. As I found my friends we sat down to have a good Super Dooper. After a few minutes we started to smell that amazing smell of a BBQ. By the time we had our hot dog it was lunch time.

My friends and I sat down and talked about the day, it was spectacular!

In summary, Activities day was great and I had so much fun.

Sudara Bulathge De Silva 7F
Year 7 Activities Day - 1st March

Hi, my name is Janer and today I’m talking about the activity day we had last week. There were many activities that were all fun and entertaining. Some activities include water-balloon throwing, three-legged race, warball and the water bucket race. It all started by the VCAL students telling us about the event in the previous week, but unfortunately not giving us a demonstration because of the temperature, it was really hot that day. The following week we actually started the day by having period 1 and 2 normally then getting into our given groups by recess. The first activity I did was the footy hand-balling, it was fun but I wasn’t good at it. Then we had the water-bucket race, it was one of my favourite activities. What you had to do first was to get into three different groups, and then you had to fill your bucket with water and run to the other side without dropping the water, and keep doing it until all the water reached the other big bucket on the other side. Then you had to do it again, but you started from the other side. The person who won had to sit down first. For lunch we had a sausage sizzle and super doopers which I enjoyed. In the afternoon we went back to the activities where I did Warball, which was really fun and entertaining, and then Swedish Longball, that was also fun. Altogether, I think it was really enjoyable, some activities were really worthwhile, and some not so, but I still enjoyed the planned events. We have to thank all the VCAL students and the teachers that organised and participated in the day. Hopefully there are more days like this, everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Have a nice day J

By Janer Sirim- 7C
**Divisional Swimming Carnival**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all swimmers who competed in the Divisional swimming carnival at Broadmeadows swimming centre. We came 2nd overall

**AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS**

13-year Female Champion – Alannah Sweerts
13-year Male Champion – Lukah Falani
14-year Female Champion – Breanna-Richards Terkie
15-year Female Champion – Shin Lim
16-year Female Champion – Mikayla Hearne
16-year Male Champion – Joel Tullberg
17-year Female Champion – Amanda Smith

The following students will go on to **NMR Swimming on the 22nd March**

**2016 NMR TEAM**

Shin Lim, Alannah Sweerts, Lukah Falani, Breanna Richards-Terkie, Suticha Laidlaw, Mikayla Hearne, Amanda Smith, Joel Tullberg, Caityn Miles, Nathan Hosking, Daniel Pye, Jarrad Rowe, Jordan Back,

Kathy Georiadis (relay), Milana Kuropatkina (relay), Ruby Smith (relay), Olivia Koch (relay), Nina Zepcan (relay), Tehya Falani (relay), Caitlyn Ferguson (relay), Kalli Binos (relay), Sheedy Cox (medley relay), Tanisha Singh (medley relay),

Thanks

Lee-Anne Talbot/Peter Freeman
Theatre Studies Update

With Term One almost over, our ensemble production for Year 12 Theatre Studies is well under way. This year we are presenting the play “Face to Face” by the famous Australian playwright David Williamson, which deals with modern day conflicts within an Australian workplace.

Students are responsible for planning, developing and presenting the Acting, Set Design, Costume, Make-up, Lighting, Sound, Stage Management, Publicity and Marketing as well as Directing and Production Management, so you can see that we are all very busy! The performances will be held on the evenings of May 24th and 25th and we’d love you to attend – tickets will be available soon (more information to follow!) We will be showcasing a teaser segment at this term’s Performing Arts Night on Monday 21st March (Week 9, Term 1). Tickets for this concert are currently available from the Performing Arts Office.

Please keep track of our progress by checking out our Instagram profile – GPSCFACETOFACE – where we are posting regular updates about the entire process of putting a show together!

Miss Jones and the Year 12 Theatre Studies Team.
Year 9 Science

9F Brain Time

On Thursday 3rd of March Form 9F got to exercise their outstanding dissection skills on sheep brains. This is part of the co-ordination topic, which looks at how our various body systems work together to keep us fit, healthy and active.

It was amazing to see the various structures that control all our functions. It was also a bit scary to think about how easily damaged our brains are, and how injuries like concussion occur.
Robin Hood Program

On the 4th of March, Robin Hood contributed in a community organisation called 'Clean Up Australia.' Students in years 8 and 9 went for a walk down to the Moone Ponds Creek with Mr Corso and Ms Cardenia. We were in groups and received big plastic bags; one recyclable and the other being normal wastes. We used the bags to fill up whatever rubbish we found. Robin Hood was down at the Creek cleaning for about 1 hour and a half. I didn't realise how dirty a simple Creek could be, my group found at least 30 bottles of glass, 90 papers and at least 60 wrappers, It was disgusting. I never realised how much we can pollute the world each day. We can help fix this. In our class we had the other day we learnt about how little things can make a big difference like: instead of throwing the rubbish on the floor, get some exercise and walk that big 5 metres, just by doing that you can be saving an animal’s life. As we were cleaning the creek we had a competition, each thing we picked up was worth a specific amount of points, a cigarette butt was worth 3 points, a glass bottle was worth 5 points. In total the points for each groups were combined leaving us with 5769 points. Every minute we picked up 45 points. After we cleaned the Creek we went to the shops to get some refreshments due to the weather. I had an amazing time and I'm sure everyone else did too. On behalf of Robin Hood I would like to thank Mr Corso and Ms Cardenia for taking us and teaching us about our environment and the world we live in today.

True fact: do you know it takes over 1 million years for a glass bottle to decompose?

Tayla D’Asta 9J
London and Paris 2017

London & Paris 2017

Visual Arts Tour for students currently in years 9, 10 and 11

Over the past three years students from Gladstone Park Secondary College have been fortunate to have an opportunity to participate in two Visual Arts tours of London and Paris. The Tours in 2013 and 2015 were a huge success and we hope to repeat this experience for another group of students.

For further information and expression of interest please contact Mrs Sophie Downer on 9933 0500 downersophie.s@edumail.vic.gov.au
Performing Arts And Music News

There are some wonderful events coming up brought to you by the Performing arts and Music faculties. Both these shows sell out very quickly so make sure to get tickets fast.

**Monday 21st March – Performing Arts Night**

6:30pm @ PAC

Lost of singing, dancing and acting

Tickets are $5 from Music Office

**Tuesday 22nd March – GLADDY UNPLUGGED**

7:00pm @ PAC

Great line up of bands and some amazing acoustic performances

Tickets are $10 from Music Office

This show is in replacement of Hot Rockin, which was in term 2
With the start of a brand new year, we see the beginning of a brand new club at Gladstone Park Secondary College!

In 2016, Code Club has opened its doors in Gladstone Park. It offers students a place where they can come to learn and collaborate on digital projects with their friends and even students that they have never met before.

Students are able to work on their own individual projects in areas of: games programming, games design, 3D modelling, Photoshop, animation, HTML and video production.

Code Club’s goals are simple: encourage students to let their creative side run wild, build upon their skills, learn new skills and most of all have fun! Students need only have a keen interest, no previous experience is required. Come along, learn new and exciting skills, and take part in developing digital projects. With an average of 30+ students attending in the last few weeks we expect that number to grow. Code Club runs every Thursday at lunchtime in C1 and C2 and we encourage students of all skill levels to come and join in on a regular basis or just to see what it’s all about. Teachers are on hand to facilitate, encourage and advise students; to create, trial and have a go.

Also, throughout term 2 Code Club will be running competitions: Best Programmed Game, Best Game Design, Best 3D Model, Best Website, Best Animation and many more! Students can sign up, take part, and possibly win.

ICT Faculty Teachers involved:

Steve McGlade, Angela Diamantopoulos, Chris Evangelou, Ren Guo
Career Centre Information

Interested in the "Australian Defence Force" or "Aviation"??
Register your name at the Career Centre for an upcoming event.

How do I get a Tax File Number?
Experience LaTrobe University
31/03/16 and 07/07/16
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events/melbourne-program

"Inside Monash Seminar Series" for students and parents
Hear from a current student, past student and academic in 90 minutes
March until September 2016
http://www.monash.edu/inside-monash/

"UMAT" is required for the following Victorian courses;
- LaTrobe Dentistry
- LaTrobe Oral Health Science
- Monash Medicine

UMAT Registrations close @ 5pm 03/06/16
https://umat.acer.edu.au/

LaTrobe Aspire program
Guarantee a 2017 place with LaTrobe!
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire

RMIT - Course pathways

University of Melbourne
"Focus on Melbourne" seminars
May - June 2016
https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/focus_on_melbourne

What kind of engineer are you?
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?”
To take the quiz visit: https://trueengineer.com.au/

"Part time work"
Lazy Moes - Tullamarine
Email your resume to deanna@lazymoes.com.au
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.