Principal’s Update

Anzac Day Service

This year’s ANZAC Day service will take place on Tuesday 26th April

ANZAC Day – 25 April – is probably Australia’s most important national occasion. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

Our ANZAC ceremony is being held, not only to remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations, but also to commemorate a fallen soldier who was a much admired and respected student of Gladstone Park, Corporal Cameron Stewart Baird, recipient of the Medal for Gallantry and posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. These qualities were displayed by Cameron throughout his life; as a student of Gladstone Park; in his sporting endeavours and most recently as a soldier in the armed forces.

A wreath made from poppies, fashioned by the staff at Gladstone Park, will be laid at the flagpole during the service.

Lest We Forget

Senior School Building Update

Foundations have been dug and concrete is due to be poured this week. Can I ask parents dropping-off and picking-up students from the front of school, please be aware that there will be a large number of cement trucks driving in and out of the school along Taylor Drive. It may be an idea to arrange pick-up of your child at the shopping centre car park to avoid congestion.

Compass

Reminder that parents can check to see if their child has received Principal’s Detentions (PDs), catch-up classes, as well as check attendance and view reports, through the Compass App on your smart phones. Please keep your login details secure.

Lost Student ID cards can be replaced by you through Compass using your credit card. The replacement cost is $10 per ID card.
Immersion Excursion

Calabria club

On the 13th April both Italian immersion classes, 8C and 8J visited the Calabria Club, an Italian club in Bulla. We got split into four groups for activities. The game of soccer was the first one, it was very funny and everyone encouraged each other. Learning the “tarantella” was another new experience and we were also told an Italian story about the traditional clothes and methods of people in the 1800’s. Then we played the Italian game bocce. In bocce there is a jack that you roll through the court, and the aim of the game is getting your ball as close to the jack as possible. In the end we had the opportunity to learn how to make homemade pasta with a manual pasta maker. The lunch was traditional Italian cooking and it was beautiful! After all the activities we all bought some Gelato while talking with our newly made friends. Everyone had a fantastic time this day and we all recommend it as it brought us all together.

Philip Myers, Jessica Welsh, Rauda Omar, Isabella, Elisa and Madelyn; 8C and 8J
Year 9 Girls P.E

The year 9 girls have started the term with a focus on fun for fitness. This week they participated in an obstacle course around the main gym involving strength, speed, agility and balance, and skills of throwing, shooting and kicking.

A lot of fun was had by all. Thank you girls for being so enthusiastic and accepting of challenges.
Interschool Equestrian Report

In March I competed at two interschool dressage competitions with ‘Cassie’. This was part of my preparation for the State Championships which were held during the holidays. I competed in the Senior Secondary Division Dressage and placed 10th out of 26 riders. I was very happy and had a fantastic day.

Taylor McNeill 9C
Year 12 Theatre Studies

FACE TO FACE – YEAR 12 THEATRE STUDIES
Throughout our education within Year 12 Theatre Studies, we learn to produce an entire play starting from scratch. The Theatre Studies class of 2016 have all been involved with the production of the play, organising every element of the production including acting, costume, sound, lighting, makeup and publicity and marketing.

The Year 12 Theatre Studies group will be performing the play ‘Face to Face’ for their annual production. The play, written by Australian playwright David Williamson, is based around the idea of workplace conflict between employees at Baldoni’s Construction. The workers take part in a workplace mediation to resolve all of their feuds and each character comes to life, bringing forward their own personal issue.

If you’re interested in seeing our progress of the play, follow our Instagram page “gpscfacetoface”, run entirely by the students involved with the play. Because some of the content in the play, it is rated PG and does contain some minor explicit language.

If you’re interested in purchasing tickets to see Face to Face, they will be sold at the GPSC library and at a few lunchtimes up until the show.

The tickets are $7 per ticket for children, adults and concession.

WHEN: **Tuesday the 24th** and **Wednesday the 25th of May**, 2016, starting at 7pm sharp.
WHERE: GPSC Performing Arts Centre

We hope you can make it to see all of the work we have put in to present a good show!
Year 12 Theatre Studies
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YEAR 12 THEATRE STUDIES EXCURSION – ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE

On March 16th, the Year 12 Theatre Studies class embarked on an excursion to the Arts Centre to watch the highly acclaimed play *The Secret River*. The class found the experience highly entertaining and valuable in taking inspiration for their own play *Face to Face*, to be staged in late May.

*The Secret River* was staged by The Sydney Theatre Company and is a touching play that deals with the beginnings of colonial Australia and two families divided by their culture and desire for land ownership. The class got to see a visual representation of indigenous segregation and persecution in the 19th Century and what made our country what it is now.

During the first act of the play, the class felt that the storyline had a slow gradual build up of tension, followed by an intense and dramatic climax in the second act. This play was used as a topic for the class’ SAC and is also going to be used for the end of year external Theatre Studies exam in which we have had to analyse how various stagecraft such as Set Design, Lighting, Sound, Acting and Costume come to life on stage, compared to how they are shown in the written playscript.

The excursion itself was a lot of fun for the students and teacher Ms. Jones, who all love a great night out at the theatre. Thanks to all the parents who supported their students in attending.

Cara Lofts, Denzel Kingi and Jonas Wickham.
Year 12 Psychology

EPWORTH SLEEP LAB EXCURSION

As part of the Year 12 Psychology curriculum, we learn about states of consciousness, including sleep and sleep disorders. On the 7th and 11th of March, the Year 12 Psychology classes attended an excursion to the Epworth Sleep Laboratory. The excursion gave us an insight into how devices are used to investigate sleeping patterns and different sleep disorders.

Most students found this excursion to be very helpful and engaging as we were given the chance to learn more about sleep and how sleep laboratories operate. It was fun trying some of the devices and machines that are used in the lab; a student from each class volunteered to have electrodes attached to them while other students examined their brain activity!

Rana Ragab- Year 12 Psychology student

Elana Ieremidis, Jane Walters, Sandra Woodlock- Year 12 Psychology Teachers
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Gladstone Park is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign this form and return it to your school.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: **Department** refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, **Person** refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual’s name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child’s first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

Publish your child’s name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department’s Information Privacy Policy located at:


Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department’s Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

Yes I consent to my child’s name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child..........................................................................................................

Parent Signature......................................................................................................
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
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
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Last day of each Term the office will close at 2:30pm

*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.