Principals’s Update

School Review and Parent Survey

All schools undergo a review every 4 years, and 2016 is a review year for GPSC. The Education Policy subcommittee of the School Council has collaborated to develop a parent survey. It is a self-evaluation component of our review and will provide valuable information for the development of our next strategic plan. Parents are encouraged to do the survey though this link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TPJC932](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TPJC932).

NAPLAN Testing

All students in Year 7 and Year 9 underwent testing over three days last week. Most Year 9 students have their tests in the GYM to simulate exam conditions. The testing gives the school data to track our progress in improving student outcomes.

Athletics Carnival

Unfortunately, due to the poor weather conditions, the re-scheduled Athletics Carnival has been cancelled. We won’t be re-scheduling as we have run out of date options. Students will be trying out for zone athletics over lunchtimes. The $10 fee will be credited to each student’s school account for those who have paid.

House Cross Country

On the first Friday of term we held our House Cross Country along the Moonee Ponds Creek. All Year 7 and 8 students participated as well as selected students from Years 9-12. The day ran very smoothly, thanks to Ms Domange and the VCAL students.

Thanks to all teachers and students involved.

Sports

It’s been a big few weeks with inter-school sports, with many teams going out to compete against our neighbouring schools. See reports in this newsletter.

Stride Program

I was very pleased to see our specially trained year 10 students successfully deliver the Stride program, aimed at building respectful relationships, to our Year 7 classes. This is the second year the program has run and the students all gained valuable experience from being involved. Well done to the Year 10 peer leaders and to the Year 7 students who participated. It was highly successful. Thanks also to the teachers and the Student Services team who were involved in the training.

Important Dates

- Tuesday 7th June – GAT (All year 12, half of Year 11)
- Friday 10th June – Report Writing - Pupil Free
- Monday 13th June – Queen’s Birthday
- June 1st to 9th – Years 9, 10 and 11 exams
**Stride 2016**

This is the second year we have run the STRIDE program at Gladstone Park. It is a peer support and education program delivered to all our Year 7 students by 40 Year 10 students leaders. The Year 10s were trained for two days in Peer Support and in specific programs they delivered to all 286 Year 7 students. The program’s aim is to support and build resilience skills for our Year 7s, to build the leadership skills of our Year 10s, and to build positive and supportive connections within the student body. The program was delivered to the Year 7s on Friday of last week and Tuesday this week. In the program, the Year 7 students were in girls and boys groups and learned about: responsibilities towards others, respectful relationships, and developing personal resilience. The Year 10 Peers Support Leaders worked hard to prepare lessons and donated their free time to deliver this program. In addition, they have learned some valuable skills about leadership and supporting younger students. We couldn’t have run this program without their efforts and hard work and all of the Year 7s thoroughly enjoyed the experience! Thanks to all Year 10 Peer Leaders!

Miss Ryan – Junior School

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**Stride Boys Program!**

On Friday the 13th and Tuesday the 17th of May all the year 7’s attended a Stride program. This includes being separated into lots of little groups that contained only boys or only girls. In these little groups we learnt how to deal with our feelings. I had a great experience and learnt what makes us ANGRY and how to take that anger out peacefully (not that we have anger issues). In these classes I learnt a lot about others and myself. The fact that Year 10s were teaching us was great as they were easier to understand and had similar thinking to us Year 7s, the Stride program helped a lot with the school problems some people have in the yard and I think that the stride program was a huge success which I enjoyed a lot!

By Jonny Khoshaba 7I

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Year 10 Peer Support Leaders preparing lessons for the Year 7s.
Stride Girls Program!

On Friday the 13th and Tuesday the 17th of May 2016, the Year 7’s took part in the STRIDE Program where instead of teachers teaching us, we had Year 10 students teaching basic life skills. The Year 7 forms were broken up into girls and boys, then into random groups of girls and random groups of boys. The girls were taught different lessons than the boys, the girls were taught about friendship and what are the values of having a good friend and a bad friend. The Year 10 students taught us how to work together by playing games where the YR 7 girls interacted with each other. This taught us that there are many important points that matter when being a friend. In the end we had a lot of fun and learnt a lot.

By Minadi GAJAMAN KANKANAMGE 7I

Year 7 students during their Stride Program
Year 8 Hume Libraries Literary Festival

On Thursday April 21, a group of thirty-five Year 8 students were given the opportunity of participating in a series of workshops at the Hume Library in Broadmeadows. It was a great day, filled with mind blowing activities that were facilitated by four amazing Australian authors. Each of these writers led the students through ways of writing creatively so as to maximise the effect of all the different types of writing they would produce in the future. The sessions were filled with insightful and practical thinking and discussing and writing – we all were mentally drained by the end of the day! Here are some of the students’ comments:

“The Hume Library Excursion was an interesting experience and we felt privileged to be part of it. We were able to meet these amazing authors who write in different genres of novels and books. We received much advice from these inspiring creative writers as well as having a great, insightful time doing it. Overall, the experience was one to remember and one that will help us vastly in extending our creative knowledge.” - Destiny and Ananya 8K

“The excursion to the Hume Library was such a great experience. From the inspirational stories, to the vast and intelligent writing techniques to the great food, I really recommend this great excursion to the years ahead!” – Catherine 8K J

“The Hume Library excursion was a great experience and I was very privileged to have had the opportunity to attend. I enjoyed listening to all the inspirational authors and the stories about how they became to be what they are today. They taught us useful techniques that I’m sure will help us all in future years to come. I’m so glad I attended this excursion; it was definitely one not to forget.” - Letisha 8K

“The Hume Library excursion was a great chance for us to get some insight into how professional authors write their novels. I would definitely recommend going on this excursion for younger years, because there is always so much to learn and the authors are so inspirational.” – Tinsue 8K
Year 8 Hume Libraries Literary Festival - cont..

“The Hume Library Excursion was an amazing and rewarding experience. We had the privilege of meeting four authentic writers from all different genres of writing. They gave us inspiring advice that will be guaranteed to help us through our high school years. We really recommend this festival for students who have a desire or love for writing. Overall we really loved this program, as it helped us extend our knowledge of writing.” - Tanisha and Jacqueline 8K

“Definitely an excursion worth going to, as it really helped us look further into different writing styles and genres. The authors were really informative and the food...that was just great. A day well spent, learning about writing with my friends.” - Aisyah 8K

“’Twas good and we liked the food. The authors were good too.” Sarah Wehbe and Tammy 8K

“We found the authors to be dramatically inspirational in so many ways. Some told us how they wrote their books and some told us their stories of how they became an author. The day was a fantastic experience and we hope to go again next year.” - Caitlin and Sabrina 8A

“The day we went to the Hume Library was a really good day because we got to meet Leanne Hall, Sammy J, Abdi Aiden and Archie Fusillo. They were really inspirational. Archie and Sammy were incredibly funny and Leanne was great but Abdi was the most inspirational because of his incredible life story. I am so glad I got the chance to meet them!” - Chloe 8A

“We visited the Broadmeadows Hume Library to participate in the Literature Youth Festival and got to meet four inspirational authors. Sammy J the comedian, Abdi Aiden who is a refugee from Somalia, Leanne Hall who is an author specialising in children’s novels and Archie Fusillo. Archie inspired us to write novels about every story we have to tell. This event was very inspiring and enjoyable. We would like to thank the teachers and staff who assisted us on the day. And a special thank you to all the authors for coming and talking to us and the Hume Library for organising the event.” - Lily, Sumayyan, Ravda, Elisa and Isabella 8J

Students who attended:

Chloe Farrugia, Caitlin Tullberg, Sabrina Nicholls. Menuka Fonseka, Sarah Kankanamange (8A); Kinan Kurucu, Dineth Kankani Thantri, Olivia Veneziano, Malek Ben Romdhane (8C); Kayla Topuzlular, Sophia Falefata (8F); Ellatrea Fleming, Zendra Deighton-Agg (8G); Emily Awad, Aslee Sinikovski, Rebecca Stingel (8H); Elinfur Arici, Mert Telci (8I); Elisa Petrelli, Sumayyah Cocaj, Lily Marchino, Isabella Molina, Rauda Omar, Macey Fogarty, Ethan Squatrito (8J); Sheedy Cox, Letisha Osagiede, Catherine Cletus, Destiny Wijesinghe, Jacqueline Butt, Ananya Gera, Tanisha Singh, Sarah Wehbe, Tammy Le, Tinsue Lee, Aisyah Sulhanudelen, Deon Vakrey (8K)

Attending Teachers – Chrysa Papastavrou and Nola Evangelou
Organising Teachers – Sandra Woodlock and Trevor Harrison
**Intervista a Martina**

Martina Albertani is our new Italian Teacher Assistant. She is helping all of our Italian teachers with their classes. Martina is also focussing on enhancing the speaking skills of our Year 12 Italian students. Most importantly her sparkling personality is radiating happiness and laughter to colleagues and students alike!

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**Tell us about yourself**

*M:* Hello, my name is Martina, I am 20 years old. I have been in Australia for four months and now I am an Italian Teacher Assistant. I hope to become a teacher in the future.

**Could you please compare the Italian and the Australian schooling systems?**

*M:* According to me, the school in Italy is very different. Instead of 5 subjects, the Italian’s study 13 subjects! We have different subjects such as: Philosophy and Latin. Also, we don’t have SACs and tests but instead we have lots of unscheduled oral assessments. Therefore, I think that school in Italy is more stressful.

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**Parlaci di te**


**Puoi fare un confronto tra la scuola italiana e quella australiana?**

*M*: Secondo me, la scuola in Italia è molto diversa della scuola in Australia. Invece di 5 materie, gli Italiani studiano 13 materie! Abbiamo materie differenti come Filosofia e Latino. Inoltre non abbiamo i SACs e test ma invece abbiamo le interrogazioni. Quindi, penso che la vita dello studente sia più stressante in Italia.

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This is an excerpt of an interview made by our Year 12 Italian students:
Intervista a Martina - Cont...

Cosa ti aspettavi dall’Australia?

M: Prima di arrivare in Australia pensavo che tutte le persone fossero come gli abitanti del Queensland, tutti a fare surf! Pensavo che facesse caldissimo! Avevo anche paura dei raggi, infatti prima di venire in Australia ho fatto una ricerca sui raggi australiani.

Qual’era la tua prima impressione?

M: Quando sono arrivata in Australia ho notato che c’erano tanti similarità tra Melbourne e la mia città. Io penso che la gente sia gentile. Mi piace molto l’ambiente scolastico di Gladstone Park, le famiglie che mi ospitano e lo stile di vita in generale.

Se ne avessi l’opportunità, vivresti qui?

M: Vivrò in Australia per un periodo breve, ma non credo che l’Australia sarà mai casa mia per davvero.

Un ultimo commento per i nostri lettori?

M: Grazie alla scuola mi sto divertendo molto e sto imparando anche lo slang australiano. Ringrazio le famiglie che mi hanno ospitato: Evans, Arlow e Hines e tutte le persone che mi hanno fatto sentire a casa.

2016 Musical Production

WEST SIDE STORY®

Gladstone Park students will be presenting their production of West Side Story early in Term 3.

Performance dates are:

⇒ Thursday 21st July at 7.00pm
⇒ Friday 22nd July at 7.00pm
⇒ Saturday 23rd July at 1.00pm
⇒ Saturday 23rd July at 7.00pm

Tickets are only available for purchase through trybooking.com and the event name is GPSC West Side Story

Prices are $16.00 for Adults, $12.00 for Children and $12 per person in groups of 10 or more.
Tickets are selling fast please order them as soon as you can.
Intermediate Girls Sport 2016

I have been fortunate to coach a number of the intermediate girls sports teams in 2016, including the girls cricket, softball and netball teams. All three of these teams have qualified to compete at the region level of competition, which is a fantastic achievement. The level of interest and number of girls trying out for interschool sports schools teams has been continually improving over recent years. This is making team selections very challenging! Leading to many hard working and skilled players are missing out on a spots in teams. I wish to say well done, keep up the great work and maintain that enthusiasm to all the girls who gave up their lunch times and afterschool to try out for teams, regardless of whether they made selection or not.

The girls cricket team was a direct entry to the region level of competition and played on Tuesday 8th March at JC Donath Rsv in Keon Park. This was a step up for a number of the girls who have played super 8’s in year 7 and 8 with modified rules and equipment. At the intermediate level the girls play full hard-ball rules with 11 a-side. The girls did a fantastic job on the day finishing 3rd place overall.

The intermediate softball team played their division match against Aitken College on Monday 22nd February winning 9 runs to 5 over 7 innings. The next stage of competition was played at Mill Park Softball Park on Thursday 21st April. Due to a number of injuries and event clashes, there were some major changes to the team list and for some of the girls it was their first time playing secondary interschool softball. It was a long day of competition playing 5 games straight. Viewbank were the clear winners on the day, defeating all the other schools by a considerable margin. GPSC had wins against Lalor and Illim and drew with Brunswick. In the final game against Montmorency, GPSC held the lead for the first 3 innings, but could not hold onto the lead in the 4th innings losing by 3 runs.

On Wednesday 18th May the intermediate girls netball team competed at the woodlands division netball competition at Broadmeadows netball stadium. GPSC won their first three games convincingly. Defeating Hume Central 29 to 1, Sirius 26 to 3 and Roxburgh 23 to 2. The final match against Aitken was a much closer with scores level for majority of the first half, but the girls were able to eventually win 13 goals to 7. I would like to congratulate the girls on their hard work. The shooting and movement around the goals improved dramatically throughout the day, the pace and intercepts through the mid court was fantastic and the defence was incredibly strong and consistent. The Region final will be played on Macleod Netball Stadium on Wednesday 20th July.

Miss McLennan
Intermediate Girls Sport 2016 - Cont...

Intermediate Girls Softball Team (Division): Ashleigh, Suticha, Cocoro, Savani, Ngari,

Intermediate Girls Netball Team (Division): Caitlyn, Tayla B, Mikayla, Allison, Ellysha, Ashleigh, Haylee, Tehya, Elisabeth and Taylor M

Intermediate Girls Softball Team (Region): Ashleigh, Kaisha, Savani, Elisabeth, Ngari, Ellysha, Suticha, Saueni and Haylee
Interschool Sport

Congratulations to all students who tried out/competed/won at divisional level. Many thanks to senior students who assisted teachers along the way and on the day.

Teams that have made it through to NMR

Senior Boys AFL – 21st June
Senior Boys Netball – 22 July
Senior Boys and Girls Badminton – 26th July
Senior Table Tennis – 4th August
Senior Basketball – 4th August
Year 7 Boys AFL – 28th July
Year 7 Girls Soccer – 4th August
Year 7 Girls Netball – 10th August
Year 8 Boys AFL – 26th July
Year 8 Girls Soccer – 1st August
Year 8 Boys and Girls Badminton – 18th August
Year 8 Girls Netball – 10th August
Intermediate Girls Badminton – 26th July
Intermediate AFL – 27th July
Intermediate Girls Netball – 20th July
Intermediate Boys Netball – 22nd July

We still have senior and junior girls AFL to be played on the 30th May. Good luck girls. Also our Divisional Athletic team will compete on 27th May. Permission slips will be on Compass on Monday.

Northern Metropolitan Regional Cross Country

NMR 2016 Cross Country Team

The following students have made it through to the next round in Cross Country on the 15th June.

Permission slips are on Compass and will be available as a hard copy later in May.

Year 7
Mac Gibson
Braeden Di Chiara
Selim Rakipi
Scott Liversidge
Joshua Gough
Ermine Julardzija
Jayda Guzel
Kiana Kyriaziz
Jessica Welsh
Natasha Imbesi
Karla De Keizer
Sinali Habaramamuwa
Shaida Rich
Theresa Eid
Rebekah Adams

Year 8
Jason Kenneth
Riley Hearne
Phillip Myers
Joshua Mc Dermott
Ron Baron
Ranindu Sama-raweera
Cross Country
Year 12 Chemistry

Making Aspirin at Latrobe University, student comments

It was fun making aspirin. It was cool looking at the machines (IR, HNMR, MS). It was useful to see how the machines work.

The Chemistry excursion was interesting, as we got to see different machines we would never see at school. My favourite part was when we finished and went to lunch :)

It gave us an idea about what Chemistry at Uni is like.

It was very educational and very well organised. It helped us visualise what we’ve been learning in class.

The excursion gave us an opportunity to have hands-on experience with the theory we had learned in class. It helped to see the

This excursion was pretty fun 😊

It gave us an idea about what Chemistry at Uni is like.
7K Slime

No, really, there WAS a sound scientific reason for making slime, not just for fun (although it was!). Slime is a unique material made of a cross-linked polymer. It is classified as a liquid and can be made by combining polyvinyl alcohol solutions with borate. It can also be made from corn flour and water. It is cold and slimy to the touch.

Slime is a non-Newtonian fluid. These are thick liquids that have a variable viscosity. Viscosity is a measurement of the resistance to flow when a force (shear) is applied.

Newtonian fluids have a constant viscosity depending on their composition. For example, water is always a thin liquid with a low viscosity, while honey is thick and has a high viscosity.

Non-Newtonian fluids, like slime, have a different viscosity depending on the amount of force put on them. If a small amount of force is applied, such as stirring them slowly with your fingers, they feel thin and water-like. If a high force is applied, like rolling it in your hands or on a bench mat, the resistance is very strong and the slime is more solid. They are called non-Newtonian fluids because they do not behave as predicted by Newton’s laws.

Some other materials that behave like this are tomato sauce, gelatin, glue, custard and quicksand.
Surviving Year 12

24 STEPS TO SURVIVE YEAR 12

1. Get enough sleep – 9 hours, no dazzling lights 30 minutes prior, no technology in room, Stick to a sleep routine Monday to Thursday

2. Eat well, especially breakfast. Eggs, yoghurt, fish oil, blueberries, avocado and walnuts

3. STUDY time – 50 minutes straight maximum, with 15 minutes break before you continue

4. Hydrate brain – sip water every 20 minutes

5. No coffee, caffeine after midday

6. Partake in regular exercise & relaxation to improve brain function

7. Don’t study late at night

8. Positive psychology – always see the positive in situations

9. Parents – try to avoid nagging about study, don’t compare your child to siblings, Don’t be busy around exam time as they will need you more, make short visits to study area with food and water

10. Year 12’s include parents in the process eg. Let them know when sacs are, and get them to help you revise

11. Manage social media – have lock out times so no distractions

12. Manage being disorganised

13. Improve your memory – use mind maps, write lyrics, headings and colours, don’t use computers – pen and paper proven best

14. Help your brain concentrate – chew gum when studying

15. Smell learners – vaporub, dencorub

16. Try group study sessions

17. Look out for signs of depression

18. The mindful revolution – meditate because it increases cognitive ability and decreases stress

19. Say ‘no’ to parties near exam time

20. Reduce alcohol intake and avoid marijuana

21. Job – up to 15 hours a week is okay. Above 15 hours is not

22. Mentors – Students learn from teachers, not subjects. Respect your teachers

23. Learn to juggle

24. Surviving Year 12 – on Beyondblue website

YOU ARE NOT YOUR ATAR!!!
Career Centre News

"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/

University of Melbourne - Focus on Melbourne seminars - 17 May - 15 June
https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/2016-focus-on-melbourne?
utm_source=careersupdate_201603&utm_medium=enewsletter&utm_campaign=oa_nm_2016_focus&utm_content=prosp_ug_parents_register_n
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AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS - NOW RECRUITING
Information Night: Friday 17 June, 7pm – 9pm
Menin Barracks, 127 Pascoe Vale Rd, Moonee Ponds
To register please email: admino.407sqn@aafc.org.au

RSPCA Animal Career Discovery Day
Thursday 23 June & Thursday 1 December
http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/secondary-education/animal-career-discovery-day

How to obtain a Tax File Number.

VCA Winter (June/July) School short courses
http://vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/shortcourses

Essential for all students interested in a "creative" career!
RMIT - Ready, Set, Design series
2 - Folio Bytes - Saturday 25 June
3 - Interview Bytes - Saturday 17 September
# Limited places available so please book now for all sessions.

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

RMIT Experience it days - 27 June - 1 July

Further information about University and Tafe for parents.
28, 29 and 30 June, 2016

Holiday workshop
Drawing - 29 June, 10am - 3pm
https://www.leap.vic.edu.au/activities/design/events/848-interdisciplinary-drawing-workshop-holiday-program

Holiday workshop
Law - 1 July, 10am - 4.30pm
Career Centre News

"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/

RMIT Medical Laboratory visits - 4 - 8 July

Swinburne Discover Design
Holiday program 5th to 8th July

Holiday workshop
Health - 8 July, 9.30am - 1pm

Experience LaTrobe University – 7 July
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events/melbourne-program

RMIT Guide for Parents

RMIT Mechanical Engineering
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGRYtNfFutI&list=PLEE4472C6B2B43288&index=2

RMIT - Course pathways

Computer Science and IT
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOlBH4B8Vv4

RMIT Business (Entrepreneurship)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35o3pUAOVyg

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/

Alpha Flight Services - vacant positions
https://alphaflight.expr3ss.com/home

Part-time customer service position available at
TB's Party to Go Shop, Shop 14 / 1 Greenvale Drive, Greenvale
Leave Resume in store or telephone Tanya 9333 3164

"Part time work"
Lazy Moes - Tullamarine
Email your resume to deanna@lazymoes.com.au
20% OFF all Gladstone Park Secondary College uniform items only at the Lowes Broadmeadows Store

Dont Miss Out

Thursday 26th May – Sunday 29th May

Eftpos facilities, Change rooms and lay-by available in store.

LOWES
SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Broadmeadows Shopping Centre
Pascoe vale Road, Broadmeadows, Vic
Ph – 9309 6401

Opening Hours
Mon – Wed 9am-5.30pm | Thurs 9am-9pm | Fri 9am-9pm
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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

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.

All upcoming dates can also be found on our Website:

www.gladstoneparksc.vic.edu.au