Congratulations Michael Keenan

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mr Michael Keenan has been successful in gaining the position of Principal at Thornbury High, commencing 2017.

Although Mr Keenan will be sorely missed by everyone in the Gladstone Park community, we understand that this is something he has aspired to for many years. It is very much a well-deserved appointment and Thornbury are fortunate to have such a fine individual leading their school.

Well done and congratulations to Mr Keenan, we appreciate all the work you have done for the students and staff at Gladstone Park.

Now begins the process of advertising to fill Michael’s position. As you would appreciate, they are very big shoes to fill.

Women’s Football - A Rising Star:

Congratulations to Elisabeth Georgostathis firstly for being chosen to represent Victoria in the National Girls Football competition, which is a huge effort in itself, and then on her success in being recognised as the most improved player over the competition. With the help of Elisabeth the Victorian team won the event. Elisabeth has written a report for this newsletter.

We are very proud of all the hard work and effort Elisabeth has put in to enable her to reach this elite level of sport. I congratulate you Elisabeth and I’m sure we will be hearing a lot more from you in the future.

Gladdy’s Got Talent

Auditions and Semi Finals have taken place with the Final being held on Tuesday the 13th of September in the PAC at lunchtime. This is another opportunity to showcase the amazing Gladstone Park performing arts talent.

Thanks to Ms Emma Jones and Mr Pete Freeman for their work in running this year’s event.
Limitless Camp

LIMITLESS CAMP

Ms Elana Ieremidis- Senior School Student Leadership Coordinator

On the 4th of July 2016, five Year 11 students were lucky enough to take part in the Impact Project’s Limitless Summit camp in Gippsland. Two of the students share their experiences:

Over four life changing days we were all taught many amazing and inspirational concepts. On arrival at the camp we were all put into groups called tribes, these groups consisted of about 7-9 people from all different schools and states. One of the first activities we did as a tribe was the obstacle course. This course consisted of many physical challenges including crawling under barbed wire, running through muddy water filled pits and crawling through a pitch black wombat hole. Along with the amazing activities we took part in, we got to meet Nathan Hulls, a youth speaker. One of the main concepts that Nathan helped teach us was finding the strength to conquer your fears. Over the four day we were all pushed to and beyond our limits conquering fears and doing things we never thought possible, one of the fears I faced was my extreme fear of heights. One of the highlights on camp for me was the amazing mud fight me and my tribe had and walking on a bed of nails!

– Samantha Kennedy
Limitless Camp

Over the four days we spent a lot of time participating in activities involving being waist deep in mud, climbing, jumping, throwing and running. We also walked on nails, broke an arrow with the soft part of our neck and broke through a piece of wood. This all just sounds like a bunch of random stuff just thrown at us to keep us occupied but what really made this camp truly life changing and special was the self-development aspect of camp. Every single activity had a meaning, whether it had breaking through fears that we’d otherwise would never think about facing, such as well walking on nails, swinging a good 23 meters in the air or jumping off a platform onto a handle or even breaking through a piece of wood, almost every single activity had its own underlying importance. Some of the kids there have been through a lot in their lives- more than most of us could ever imagine. This camp allowed us to come together- teens that are often judged, put down or called weak for showing emotions or pain. Many teens bottle up their feelings because they are too afraid to open up to someone, as they feel that in our society showing any emotions is “weak”. This camp taught us many things, but one lesson I felt like is vital in this day in age, is the power of support, the power of warmth and the power of releasing emotions, letting those tears out, draining your body of all the sadness that has been bottled up over the years, to allow happiness to thrive, flower and grow.

– Jamie Montalto
VCAL - RACV Safe Mates Program

RACV SAFE MATES PROGRAM

As a part of a VCAL Personal Development Skills project, a group of Year 11 VCAL students participated in the RACV ‘Safe Mates’ program. This program is open to Year 9 – 12 secondary school students to be creative contributors in a road safety campaign. It is an opportunity for young people to have their say about road safety and to help their mates stay safe on the roads.

The VCAL students investigated a road safety issue related to young road users, and designed a road safety social media campaign. We were asked to choose a theme around safe driving and we decided that our focus would be on drink driving. Since 1997, Victoria Police have breath tested more than 20 million drivers and riders from Booze Bus operations, catching close to 70,000 drivers and riders with an illegal blood alcohol concentration. Most people don’t know that you don’t have to be drunk to be affected by alcohol. You might feel ‘normal’ but no one drives well after drinking alcohol.

We devised 6 proposals and chose the best ones that we thought would gain people’s attention to try and prevent drink driving. Our campaign slogan was: ‘What are you really ordering?’ Our aim was to encourage people—especially young drivers—to make the right decision and not drink and drive.

Miss Elana Ieremidis, Ashlee Braden, Dylan Cuffe, Harley Gleeson, Kayla MacNeil, Billy Kosteas
Year 10 Museo Italiano Excursion

On Thursday 4th of August, 32 Year 10 Italian students visited the Museo Italiano and CO.AS.IT in Carlton. Students started the day by visiting the Museo Italiano which has a wide range of resources focusing on Italian Immigration to Australia, and in particular Melbourne. Students then spoke to and interviewed elderly Italian migrants about their life experiences. Students found this very interesting and the elderly Italians were so pleased to be speaking to our young people. After lunch in Lygon Street, students interviewed a range of recent Italian migrants from DOC pizzeria, Brunetti, Gelateria Pidapippo’ as well as Ms Scorsolini and Serena our language assistant at Museo Italiano. Students will now compare and contrast the similarities between the two migrant perspectives. A big thank you to Maria Brancolino from CO.AS.It, Mrs Kowalyk and Ms Scorsolini for organising this excursion.
Year 11 Business Management

On Thursday the 14th of July, students from Ms. Diamantopoulos’ and Mr. Monteiro’s Year 11 Business Management class, travelled to La Trobe University to present their business plans as part of the “Dream It, Plan It, Pitch It” showcase.

Students have been developing their business ideas, that began early on in Semester 1 as part of their VCE Business Management course. Students devised some very imaginative and creative inventions, innovations and business ideas.

At the showcase, we were given a display space to exhibit our work. We were each judged and questioned twice by a panel of business experts/entrepreneurs and La Trobe University academics. Needless to say we were all very nervous and excited, as we didn’t know what to expect on the day and we were impressed by the efforts of the other students from the other schools involved in the program.

After lunch all the scores were tallied up and Paul Mather, who is the head of La Trobe Business School, announced the winners. There were two prizes on offer, first prize $1000 and second prize $500. I was lucky enough to be judged as having the best business idea and pitch on the day, with my idea “Bean Here Before” cafe, winning the $1000 prize money. Steph Lauria and Mihrimah Oztas, also students at GPSC won second prize with their business idea “XOXO Makeup”.

I would like to thank La Trobe University for hosting the event, Mr. Monteiro and Ms. Diamantopoulos for their advice and assistance and Ms. Brown for organising the day.

Taylah Murphy
Year 11 Business Management
Elisabeth Georgostathis

Having taking up AFL last year, I have had a fantastic journey throughout 2016 which has made me proud of some of my achievements.

Late last year I was selected for the Geelong Falcons/Western Jets Under 18’s academy, and played in the Youth Girls Academy Challenge in February and March against teams throughout Victoria. This was a tournament held over 6 weeks with 5 matches.

I also was selected for the EDFL/WRFL Interleague Under 15’s representative team and played in the 2016 Metropolitan Junior Championships.

From these two championships and a further 3 try-outs, I was selected to represent Victoria in the School Sport Australian Under 15’s Girls Football Championships in Maroochydore, Queensland. The tournament was held over one week in late July, where we played against every state. Victoria went unbeaten all week and we defeated WA in the grand final to win the Championship. It was a real honour and privilege to represent and play for Victoria. I also had the honour to be named the ‘most improved’ player throughout the tournament.
Sporting Teams Still Alive

Many students and parents have been asking about sports that are still going. Below is a list of teams still competing at various stages.

8th September- NMR Track and Field
12th September – Girls 7 and 8 Divisional cricket
12th October NMR year 8 Boys Cricket
13th October NMR Intermediate Boys Basketball
18th October NMR Year 7 Boys Cricket
19th October NMR Year 8 Basketball
19th October- Junior boys and Girls Rugby
20th October –NMR Year 7 Girls Basketball
20th October – NMR Year 7 Boys Table Tennis
25th October – NMR Year 8 Girls Volleyball
26th October – NMR Year 7 Girls Volleyball
**Year 12 Career Agenda - 2016/17**

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| Monday 03/10/16       | Start of Term 4               |
| Tuesday 04/10/16      | SEAS applications close        |
| Friday 14/10/16       | Scholarships close            |
| 26/10/16 – 18/11/16   | VCE exams                     |
| Monday 21/11/16       | Year 12 Graduation            |
| Monday 12/12/16       | VCE results and ATAR online   |
| Wednesday 14/12/16    | VCE results and ATAR by mail  |

| Wednesday 18/01/17    | Round 1 VTAC offers online    |

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**RMIT - Guide for Parents**

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

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How to obtain a Tax File Number.

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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.

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

RMIT Mechanical Engineering
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGRYtNfFutI&list=PLEE4472C6B2B432B8&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/

Vacant position - Engineering Apprenticeship
Contact Robyn on 9077 5279
Quarrie Stone Pty Ltd, 35 Allied Drive, Tullamarine

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

Epicure / Spotless hospitality vacant positions

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
### 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](http://www.gladstoneparksc.vic.edu.au)