





NEWSLETTER

**7TH JUNE 2024** 

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Tuesday 4th June to Friday 14th June Year 10 & 11 Exams
- Monday 10th June Kings Birthday
- ◆ Tuesday 18th June Year 11 & 12 GAT
- ◆ Tuesday 18th June Report Writing Day - Pupil Free
- Wednesday 19th June NMR Cross Country
- ◆ Tuesday 25th June Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews 4 - 6.30pm
- ◆ Friday 28th June Last Day of Term 2

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### **Principal's Update**

#### **Exams**

Over weeks 8 - 9 our year 10 and 11 students will sit for their mid-year exams. Experiencing the formality and rules of the VCE exam conditions is an important learning step for VCE success - it is great practice and preparation for the year 12 final exams. Thank you to families for supporting our students leading up to the exams, to the students for their work in preparing for the exams and to the middle and senior school teams, classroom teachers, admin staff for their work in ensuring a very smoothly run program.



#### **Work Experience**

In week 11, from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, all year 10 students will have work experience placements. This is an exciting time for our students, many of whom will be experiencing their first journey into the workplace. I hope every student takes away some valuable insights. Some will be fortunate enough to get an offer of part-time work with their employer.

Every student will be visited by a member of staff to check on their progress, either in person or by phone. Thanks to all the parents who support their children throughout the week and in assisting the organisation of placements. Thanks also to Mr Yip and Ms Carr in the careers office, for their work in processing the placements and assisting with positions. I am looking forward to hearing the stories first-hand from the students and the visiting teachers.

#### **Musical Rehearsals**



It has been a very busy few weeks with Chicago rehearsals. Last week we had our two-day intensive rehearsal camp at school. This was a great opportunity to learn lines, learn new songs and practice choreography. The show is looking fantastic, and we can't wait to share the show with the community. A special guest attended rehearsal. Stephen Valeri is currently performing in the professional show of Chicago. He provided the students with invaluable advice on their performance and spoke about his experiences working in musical theatre.

Make sure you purchase your tickets <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/">https://www.trybooking.com/</a> - a show you don't want to miss!

### **Principal's Update Continued**

#### **Pasifika Day Celebrations**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 Gladstone Park Secondary College held a Pasifika Celebration in the PAC. This was a wonderful celebration with our Pasifika families. Thank you to our Pasifika Community Liaison Officer, Jah Skelton and the Student Wellbeing Team for organising the events. We had groups from various Pasifika communities – Samoa, Aoteroa (New Zealand), Rarotonga (Cook Islands) and Tonga – sharing culture, dance, song, stories and food.

Our students and families came together, building connections in a spirit of support for our young people.

Fa'afetai lava / Nga mihi nui / Meitaki / Malo 'aupito to all the families who came along.

It was also Samoan Language week, and the theme was very fitting for our day: Tautua i le alofa, manuia le lumana'i—Serve in love for a blessed life.

#### **School Uniform**

Gladstone Park Secondary College is a school where the community supports and encourages the wearing of full school uniform every day. Students who wear our uniform show pride in their school and a commitment to being a safe, respectful learner. It is also very important that students representing the school, attending excursions, extra-curricular activities and formal school events wear full school uniform so they are visible and safe, and project the best possible image of our school and our community.

We have some new items of uniform available this winter – a new Gladstone Park scarf and beanie. Some of our students are already wearing them, and they look great. Both are available at Lowes Broadmeadows, each costing \$33. There are a limited number available at the general office for \$30.



### Save the Date

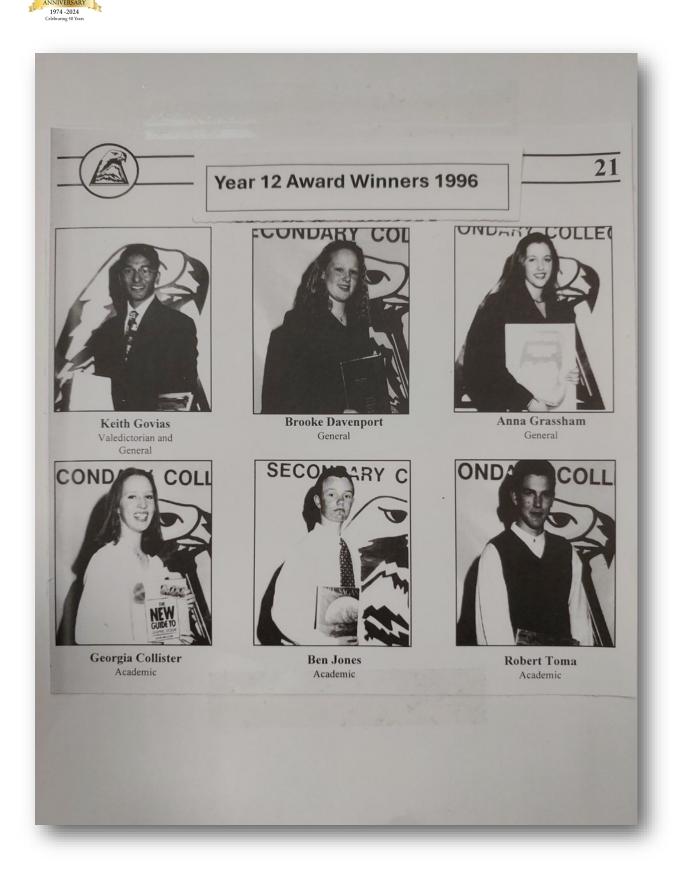
I am pleased to announce that we have a confirmed date for our 50 years GPSC celebrations. This event will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August.2024

More details to follow as we commence planning for this memorable event.

Could I please request if anyone has past memorabilia to please contact our general office on 9933 0500.



# Year 12 Award Winners 1996





### STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS 2024

On Thursday, May 23 our Intermediate Girls Softball team travelled to Waverley to compete in the School Sport Victoria State Softball Championships. The competition involved 2 pools of 4 schools playing 3 x 75 min games (equal innings) with the winners of each pool playing off in the final.

Our team played exceptionally well to make it through to the final where they had a comfortable victory over Copperfield College to become the champions of the state! We should all be very proud of the way this team conducted itself, both with their sportsmanship and behaviour, and their in-game skill and strategy.

#### Results

GPSC vs Alamanda K-9 College 21-4
GPSC vs Vermont SC 10-7
GPSC vs MacRobertson GHS 9-4
GPSC vs Copperfield College 14-3

A special mention should go to Ms Miles for the time she has given up after school and while on leave to train and coach these girls from mostly non-softballers to the best team in the State. Also, a big thank you to Bailey Knight and Raefa Sobhe, our Senior VET students who have helped so much as team coordinators.



## **STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS 2024**









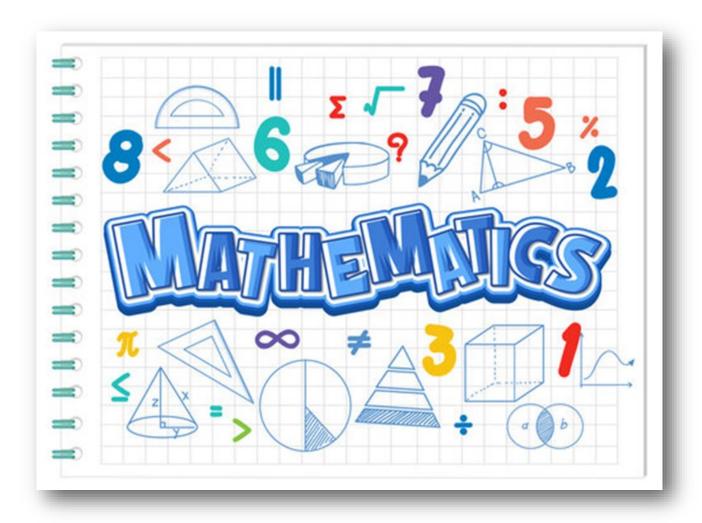
### **Year 7 Mathematics Growth Award**

With the launch of the Year 7 Maths Growth Program, the Maths Faculty are happy to announce the top students that showed most growth this semester. They are:

- 7A Nour Alsatmah
- 7B Oliver Vurmeski
- 7C Tomas Ballah
- 7D Darcy Kemp
- 7E Jayden Nguyen
- 7F- William Griffiths
- 7G Marygrace Gandolf

These students achieved an award and a canteen voucher at the latest Year 7 assembly. Great effort and well done 2

Semester Reports for Year 7 Mathematics will look different to previous years. Learning Tasks will not include a letter grade. Instead a growth level will be shown. If you would like any other information about our new Year 7 Maths Growth Program, please contact the Maths Learning Area Leader Soha Abdelaziz.



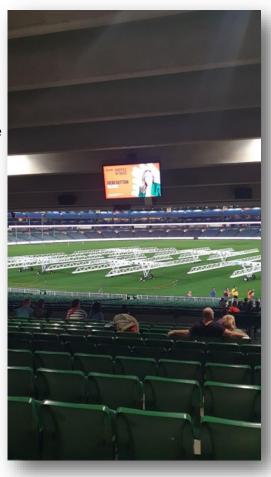
## Sleep At The "G"

On the 16th of May a small group of us slept at the MCG, as a part of 'Sleep at the G', in order to help to raise money for homeless youth. We managed to exceed our goal of \$1,000 fundraising goal and raised \$1,119, as a group.

The event hosted 1,001 sleepers and raised \$707,530. Throughout the event we got to experience a range of different fun activities that were set up including a lego room, 360 degree camera, a night time sing-a-long and a pj fashion parade, while also going to panels and hearing real life, inspirational stories from people who have experienced homelessness. We were provided with soup and bread for dinner and a bacon and egg roll the following morning for breakfast as we left.

We slept along the hallways of the MCG. Overall, it was a very worthwhile experience and one we look forward to next year. We encourage people to get involved in future years.

Kyeisha Candasamy





# Sleep At The "G" Continued

Over the weekend on the 16th-17th of May I got the chance to raise money to stop youth homelessness. My friends from Scout's and 2 of my amazing friends from school Kyeisha and Cienna came along and helped support us in doing this fundraiser. As we arrived at the MCG we checked in and went to collect our little gift bags with jellybeans and an eye mask. I organised to get fluffy pants for everyone to enhance the fun time we had, they had lots of activities going on such as a 10 min yoga session on the turf of the MCG, dance off party to see who the best team was to win prizes and many more fun activities.

The small group of mine raised over \$1000 in doing this overnight stay at the MCG. We had minestrone soup and chicken and sweet corn soup for dinner at the Trumble Café. As soon as we all woke up our



quote was "I really look forward to doing this again next year." Once we packed up our sleeping bags and roll mats, we headed up to have breakfast, we had bacon and egg rolls and they offered us coffee, tea, and Milo.

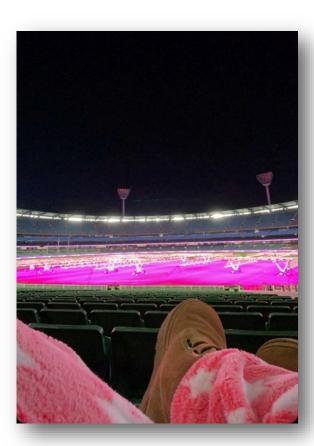
Once we finished breakfast, we headed home at around 6:30AM.

If you could it would be really grateful to donate some money to our page anything would help to stop youth

Kiarra Dafovski

homelessness!







The following students have progressed through to NMR cross country on the 19<sup>th</sup> June held at Kilmore racing club.

A great day was held at Woodlands Park for our divisional level. Thanks to all vet helpers and staff and parents that came along to support the students.

Congratulations and keep training.

Ahmad Al-Dawood	Sara Ali	Meah Allwell
Hayley Allwell	Michael Borreli	Archer Bramble
Kerem Bulut	Hannah Burgers	Ebonie Carr
Marcus Cieri	Matthew Curtolo	Xavier Curtolo
Benjamin Daws	Archie Degiorgio	Layla Gomez Sankari
Beyorn Dias	Adam Elbouch	Zac Gabbour
Sandra Grancharova	Ammika Hammond	Chacha Jin
Zayan Kawashuma	Shriyadita Khan	Charlie Lysaught
Willow Lysaught	Evan Manefield	Stephanie Mikhael
Taylah Miller	Hayley Miller	Isabelle Miller
Toby Myers	Max Nicholson	Kevin Perera
Nethuki Prematilaka	Yashvin Senthil -Kumaran	Jake Sweerts
Mia Taylor	Sricharan Tumati	Joshua Vandervalk
Sebastian Vlahek	Ayse Yilmaz	Ruby Zuker



### **Year 8 Art Excursion**

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, the Art Department took 80 incredibly keen year 8 students to experience Australian Art in person, on a tour of the Ian Potter Centre, at the National Gallery of Victoria in Federation Square.

Education Officers from the NGV gave the students fascinating insights and some secret histories of the artworks on display, and how they related to the wider City of Melbourne's history and people. Our year 8 students got the chance to see in real-life, the Australian masterpieces that they have been studying in class. A group favourite was Tom Roberts,' *Shearing the Rams* and Fredrick McCubbin's *The Pioneer*.







Students then spent time studying and drawing from life the sculptural form of Inge King's Forward Surge located out front of the NGV International and the Arts Centre Spire opposite Hamer Hall.



### **Year 8 Art Excursion Continued**

The day concluded by visiting the enormous series of stainless-steel sculptures titled, *The Travellers*, as students embarked on a walking tour of Sandridge Bridge in Southbank. These sculptures represent a period of migration to Australia (as defined by historian Dr. James Jupp AM). More than 3.7 km of stainless steel (in 4455 pieces) was used to create the sculptures. The average weight of each figure is 2307 kg while the heaviest figure is 7701 kg!



The art which students experienced throughout the day provided them with perspective and understanding as to how art is interwoven through the fabric of our Australian culture and helps form the identity of our Nation. This knowledge will be carried forward into the art classroom and will aid students with their future creative projects.

In all, a very informative and enjoyable day was had by everybody who attended.

Emilio Longo

Visual Arts Learning Area Leader

# **CHICAGO - The Musical**

On Thursday and Friday our talented musical students had their Intensive Rehearsal Camp at school. We had two busy days of rehearsal, learning lines, music and new choreography.

On Thursday we had a special visit from Musical Theatre performer, Stephen Valeri. Stephen is currently performing in the professional musical of Chicago. He provided invaluable advice and feedback for the students.

The show is looking amazing and we can't wait to share this wonderful show with our GPSC school community.













# **Sports Teams Make It To NMR**

Year 8 Sports & Intermediate Girls football

Congratulations to the following teams making it through to NMR

Year 8 Girls Badminton

Year 8 Boys Soccer

Junior Girls Football

Intermediate Girls Football

We now have NMR cross country on the 19<sup>th</sup> June then all term 2 sports are completed.





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# **Sports Teams Make It To NMR**











## **Lego Therapy**

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of May Gladstone Park Secondary College held the last Lego Therapy session of the term. The students were offered the opportunity to flex their creative muscles by using their imaginations to bring to life fantastic structures. Once their structures were in place the students were tasked with working collaboratively to merge all their structures into one mega building. It was beautiful to see all the students laughing, concentrating, and stressing about the stability of their buildings.

I would like to thank all the students who participated in the Lego Therapy program and recognise all the hard work of all the participants and facilitators.









### **Reconciliation Week**

On Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of May the year 7 and 9 buddies met to help celebrate "Reconciliation week". During period 5 and 6 the year 9 buddies were tasked with printing off resources identifying what reconciliation means to them.

The year 7 and 9 buddies then worked collaboratively to create beautiful collages which were hung up around the school. Walking around the school, its fantastic to see these wonderfully designed posters and delightful notice boards.

I just want to say a big thank you to all the year 7 and 9 students who participated in the buddy program, it was fantastic to watch you all work together so nicely.











### **Year 9 Dance**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May our Year 9 dance class attended Wicked the Musical at the Regent Theatre. The show is about two young witches: Elphaba, whose skin is green, and Glinda, who is blonde and beautiful. They dislike each other at first but soon form an unlikely bond. The musical follows them from their girlhood



friendship and explains how Elphaba became the Wicked Witch and Glinda became the Good Witch. The popular Broadway musical was nominated for 10 Tony Awards and has been successful throughout the world. The musical was amazing with wonderful performances, colourful costumes and an outstanding set design. We had a wonderful day and thoroughly enjoyed the fabulous musical experience.

#### Nisa Kirci

We took the train to Melbourne central and walked around for a bit. We stopped at a music gallery just before we went to the food court and relaxed for a little bit. We then made our way to the Regent Theatre, Wicked was a great experience and I've never seen anything like it.

Thanks Mrs Carfi for an amazing day!!

#### **Dilara Demir**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May our Year 9 dance class went to an amazing excursion to see Wicked the Musical at Regent Theatre, and it was an incredible experience. The performances were jaw-dropping and we had goosebumps multiple times. Eating food at Melbourne Central was fun (and yum) and visiting the Australian Music Vault was very interesting. Overall, it was a great day and I would definitely do it again.

#### James Portlock

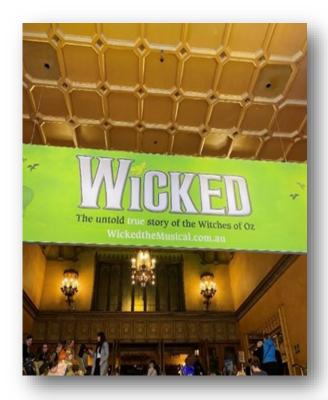
This year the dance class had the pleasure of going to see Wicked the musical at the wonderful Regent Theatre. We met at the train station then hopped on the train to Flinders Street Station. We went on a nice stroll through the city, taking a stop at the Australian music vault and learned about some Aussie artists like the Seekers. We then had lunch at the Melbourne Central food court, there was a piano there so we all showed off our skills on the piano. We eventually reached the Regent and piled into our seats where a dragon met us and started to spill smoke into the theatre. Overall the day was a blast and would recommend. Five stars.

#### Sheena Babbar

On May 29th, our year 9 dance class set out to watch the incredible musical Wicked! The unknown backstory of Glinda the Good Witch and the Wicked Witch of the West, from the Wizard Of Oz. We rode down to Flinders Station and journeyed through the city to admire a music exhibition. Before we travelled to Melbourne Central to grab lunch together and show off our piano skills! We then headed over to the breathtakingly beautiful Regent Theatre, and it was showtime! The vocals and costumes of the incredibly talented cast were seriously spectacular, but what blew me away was the sets and props they used throughout the show. They had flying monkeys, a "fire breathing "dragon, and Glinda the good witch arrived in a bubble! Not to mention at one point the beat dropped and the entire stage lit up! We all had an amazing time. We would like to thank Ms Carfi for organising and Ms Avery taking us to this marvellous musical.

# **Year 9 Dance**









### Pacifika Day

On the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 Gladstone Park Secondary College held a Pasifika Celebration Day in the PAC to acknowledge, celebrate and share in Pasifika culture, celebrations and show case talents from across the Pasifika Nations.

This event was held in order to express and showcase the nations from Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia through cultural speakers, dances, as well as the sharing of food.

This event was organised and hosted by our Pasifika Community & School Liaison Officer Jah, who collaborates and supports Gladstone Park's large cohort of students from Pasifika decent.

It was a beautiful day filled with music, dancing, teaching and learning and we thank all who attended, supported and celebrated with us on this momentous day, during Samoan Language Week.





# **Pasifika Day Continued**













#### **TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION**

**Dear Parents and Cast Members,** 

Tickets for Chicago Teen are now on sale through the trybooking.com website. Bookings will close 2 hours before each performance commences.

Please be aware that some shows sell out completely so be sure to book early.

All bookings are through the trybooking website (details below) no payments taken at the school.

Website: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com">https://www.trybooking.com</a> Search word for booking is – GPSC Chicago Teen (or see links below)

Bookings Open – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am

Bookings Close - 2 hours before each performance

Ticket Prices: Adults \$20.00, Concession/Child \$15.00

Groups of 10 - \$150.00

Dates and links:

Opening Performance - Thursday 25th July 7.30pm

Website link - https://www.trybooking.com/CRVBH

VIP Night - Friday 26th July 7.30pm

Website link - https://www.trybooking.com/CRVBQ

Saturday Matinee - Saturday 27th July 2.00pm

Website link - https://www.trybooking.com/CRVCK

Saturday Evening – Saturday 27th July 7.30pm

Website link - https://www.trybooking.com/CRVCP



### The Parliament Prize - 2024

#### What would you say to Parliament if you were an MP?

During sitting weeks, Members of Parliament (MPs) get the opportunity to make statements on matters of interest and concern to them. Often that includes matters arising in their electorates that they wish to bring to the attention of Parliament, for example, achievements of people or organisations in their electorate, challenges being faced in their local community, or perhaps broader state or national issues. The maximum time allowed for such statements is 90 seconds per member. You can see what members speak about during Members' Statements by looking at Hansard, which is the record of what is said in Parliament.

Each year, the Parliament of Victoria asks students across the state, from Grade 5 to Year 12, to share what they would say to parliament if they were an MP. This is a chance to talk about the issues that are important to you and your community. Record your own 90-second Member's Statement video and you could win prizes, for you and the school!

The competition is open to three categories: Grades 5 and 6; Years 7 to 9; and Years 10 to 12.

A prize of \$500 and a commemorative trophy will be awarded to the first-placed entry in each category. There will also be prizes of \$250 to the second-placed entries and \$125 to the third-placed entries in each age group.

#### Submissions close on Friday, 14 June 2024 by 5PM.

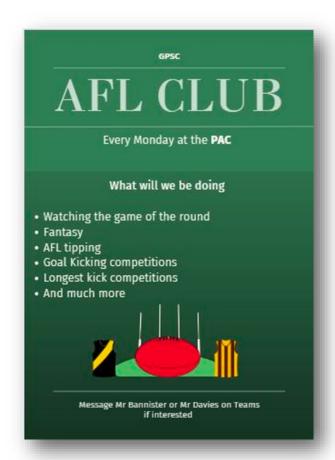
For more information, please send Ms Li a message via Teams or visit:

<a href="https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/teach-and-learn/parliament-prize/">https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/teach-and-learn/parliament-prize/</a>



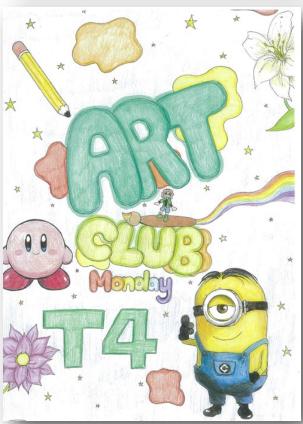
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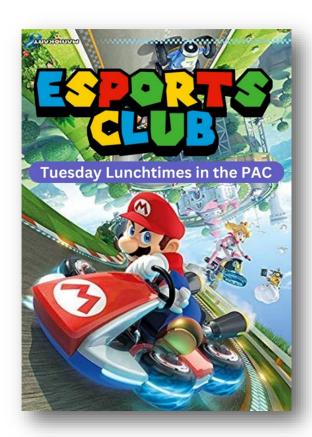
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Friday	BADMINTON CLUB [GYM] Ms Talbet	SPORTS TOURNAMENT [GVM] Mr Zanetidis	MUSIC CLUB [M2] Mr Whitmore	DEBATING CLUB [E1] Ms Light	netidis at the Lunchtime the oval.
ties Thursday	FITNESS CLUB [GYM] Mr Karahan	RUNNING CLUB [Behind PAC] Mr Georgostathis Mr Zenetidis	CAR CLUB [E15] Mr Janineh	MATHS CLUB [E1] Ms Abdelaziz	Sports equipment can also be borrowed from Mr Zanetidis at the Lunchtime Activity Store. Located behind the PAC and opposite the oval.
Lunchtime Clubs&Activities	STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL [E21] Ms Stewart	SPORTS TOURNAMENT [GYM] Mr Zanetidis	MINCRAFT CLUB [E13] Mr Patane	SCIENCE CLUB [W4] Ms Borrelli	Sports equipment can als: Located be
Club Tuesday	VOCAL ENSEMBLE CLUB [M1] Mr Moustafa	SPORTS TOURNAMENT [GYM] Mr Zanetidis	ESPORTS CLUB [PAC] Mr Burrows	STUDENT INCLUSION ALLIANCE [P42] Mr Tsylor	mething else? ers or subschool!
Julia Monday	AFL CLUB [N2] Mr Bannister Mr Bavies	RUNNING CLUB [Behind PAC] Mr Georgostathis Mr Zonetidis	ART CLUB [T4] Mr Sinclair	DOARDGAMES/ HOHEWORK CLUB [E1] Ms Kemp	Interested in something else? Talk to your teachers or subschool!
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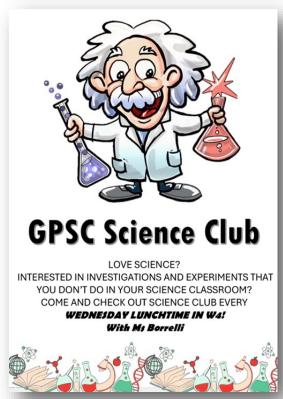




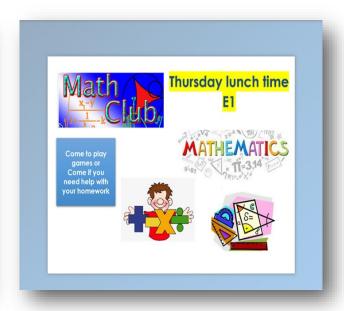


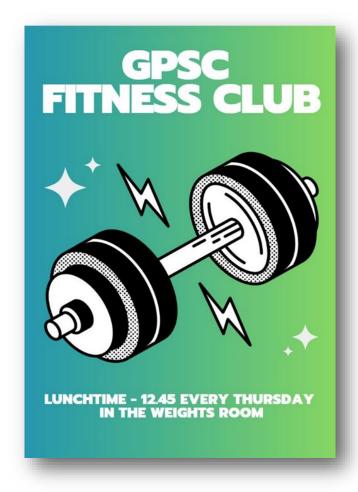


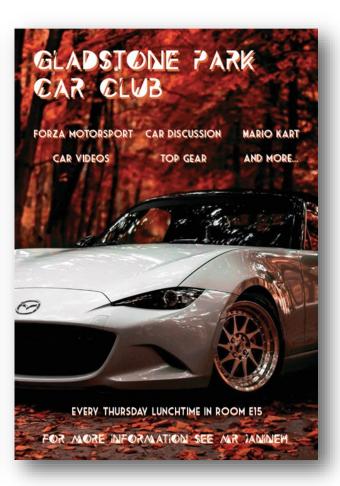




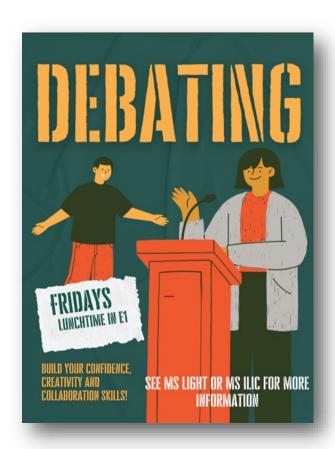














### **Badminton Club**



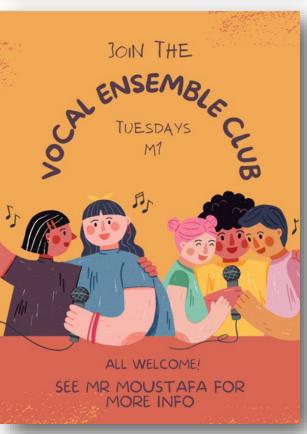
#### Every Friday lunchtime in west gym

Come for a hit with friends or come for some competition. Great way to keep fit, be active or train for interschool competition tryouts

No equipment needed – all supplied Just bring your runners

Look forward to seeing you

Ms Talbot



### Raising resilient, healthy children and young people in Hume | Term 2 & 3 | 2024

Information sessions for parents and carers









### Supporting your Neurodivergent Child

This session targets parents/carers of children aged 10 and up.

Some topics that will be explored include:

- What is disability?
- What is neurodivergence?
- Affirming language
- Communinity
  Centre: 7 Ventura Way,
  Greenvale, 3059
  (Training room)

Thursday 6 June

5:30pm – 7.00pm

Facilitator: YDAS



#### Raising Resilient Kids

This session targets parents/carers of children aged 5 to 12 years old

- Get a clear understanding of resilience and coping with lifes setbacks.
- Learn how to build and foster resilience in your child.
- Learn strategies to help your child bounce back from adversity.
- Thursday 25 July
  10am 12.00pm
  Facilitator: ParentZone,
  Anglicare



### Managing anxiety in your child (2-10 years)

This session targets parents/carers of children aged 2 to 10 years old.

We understand managing anxiety in children requires patience, understanding, and consistent support.

By creating a safe and nurturing home environment, this enables a space where your child can openly express their emotional needs and learn how to regulate themselves.

#### Online Webinar

Tuesday 6 August

10am – 12.00pm

Facilitator: ParentZone,

Anglicare



#### Setting Healthy Bourndaries

This session targets parents/carers of school aged children.

Topics to be explored include:

- Creating and maintaining healthy boundaries using positive approaches
- Punishment vs Discipline
- Boundary setting at home

#### Online Webinar

Wedsnesday 29
August

() 6pm - 7.30m

Facilitator: ParentZone, Anglicare



To register or for more information, visit our website via the QR code or type the uri provided

Have a question? Let's talk! email youth@hume.vic.gov.au or phone 9205 2556.



www.hume.vic.gov.au/parent-carer-workshops





### **2024 Important Dates**

Tuesday 4th June to Friday 14th June	Year 10 & 11 Exams
Monday 10th June	King's Birthday (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 18th June	Year 11 & 12 GAT
Tuesday 18th June	Report Writing—Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 19th June	NMR Cross Country
Monday 24th June	Year 11 Fit to Drive
Monday 24th June to Friday 28th June	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 25th June	Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm -6.30pm
Friday 28th June	End of Term 2
Monday 15th July	Start of Term 3
Monday 15th July to Friday 19th July	NADIOC Week
Tuesday 23rd July	Chicago Musical Primary School Performance

### **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm

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

The office is CLOSED during

<u>all</u>

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, including VM, has 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.