

CALENDAR

Fri 22 Sept	Casual Day (no charge)
Fri 22 Sept	No School Assembly
Fri 22 Sept	End of Term - 2.30 Dismissal
Mon 9 Oct	Term Four Commences
Thurs 12 Oct	Walk to School (see article)
Tues 17 Oct	School Council Meeting
Thurs 19 Oct	Walk to School (see article)
Mon 23 Oct	Grade 3/4 Camp
Tues 24 Oct	Grade 3/4 Camp
Wed 25 Oct	Grade 3/4 Camp
Thurs 26 Oct	Walk to School (see article)
Mon 6 Nov	Curriculum Day
Tues 7 Nov	Melbourne Cup Holiday
Thurs 7 Dec	End of Year Family Celebration (see article)
Thurs 14 Dec	Year Six Graduation

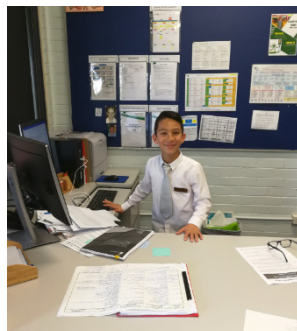
Wishing Mrs Alifragis Well

This term we say goodbye for now to Mrs Alifragis who will be taking maternity leave. Perri has been an outstanding classroom teacher, a high performing team leader and a valued member of staff during her time at Gladstone Views.

While we will miss Perri's happy personality, calm nature and professional input we are extremely excited for her as she takes on the most important role of mother.

Junior Principal for Day

Jayden had an extremely busy day on Friday as the Junior Principal for a Day. In his words, 'The day was very fun. I had a lot of experiences. The hardest part was shredding important documents before they could be put in the bin. The best part was going to Tullamarine Primary school to deliver important documents and the funniest part was when we went to the Trade Fair and Miss Morcom bought a lot of things. I thought all the students worked very well and the teachers too.'



Parent Opinion Survey

Preliminary results from the Parent Opinion Survey were received this week. The School Improvement Team members have had a brief look at the data and next term discussions will be held with all staff and School Council.

Information from this and other sources is vital to our planning and improvement. Thank you to parents/carers for taking the time to complete the survey and for the input provided in many other ways. Valuable feedback is often provided during a short informal chat or more formally in parent meetings.

Parent Community Engagement	Positive	Neutral	Negative
Parent participation and involvement	84%	13%	3%
School support	89%	7%	3%
Teacher communication	83%	6%	12%

School Ethos and Environment	Positive	Neutral	Negative
General satisfaction	90%	2%	7%
Physical environment	93%	3%	3%
School improvement	87%	10%	3%
School pride and confidence	92%	7%	2%

Student Cognitive Engagement	Positive	Neutral	Negative
High expectations for success	91%	5%	4%
Student motivation and support	88%	8%	4%
Stimulating learning environment	83%	11%	6%
Effective teaching	84%	10%	6%

Student Development	Positive	Neutral	Negative
Student agency and voice	85%	11%	4%
Confidence and resiliency skills	91%	6%	3%

Safety	Positive	Neutral	Negative
Managing bullying	86%	8%	6%
Experience of bullying	68%	10%	22%
Promoting positive behaviour	93%	7%	1%
Respect for diversity	92%	6%	2%

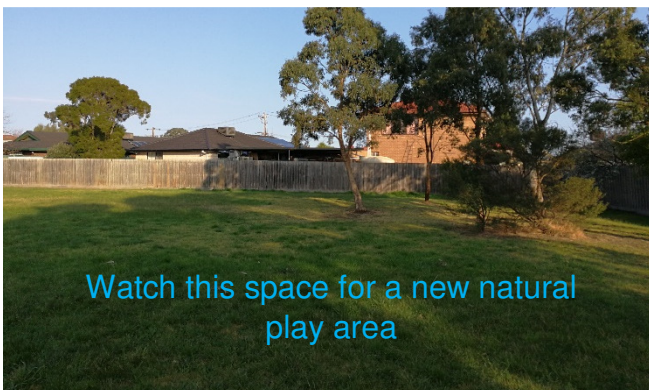
Connection and Progression	Positive	Neutral	Negative
School connectedness	91%	7%	2%
Positive transitions	85%	8%	7%

Spending the Walkathon Money (and more!)

While the Walkathon was quite some time ago we haven't forgotten that the \$7,000.00 was to be used to improve the outside play areas for students. After sourcing quotes and much negotiation, a contractor has been selected to complete some significant work in the playground.



Our year five and six students initiated this project and raised just under \$1,000.00 towards the cost. The GaGa pit will primarily be used by senior students during break times, however all students will have the opportunity to have a turn with their class teacher. Our contractor has done a lot of research on GaGa Ball which is essentially a ball tagging game during which the ball can only be hit (not thrown) for safety.



Fenced off with ranch style fencing, the natural play area will have logs, branches, stumps and hay bales for students to use in creative play. This area will be designated primarily for lower/middle school students.



We have ordered a small, low to the ground play boat for this area in the Prep to 2 play space. The idea is to provide something simple that children can use to be creative. Developing their own games and activities through discussion and much negotiation is vital for the social development of children and greatly assists their reading and writing skills.



This area, outside the art/science room is a very popular place to play during school breaks and is used daily by students in Out Of Hours School Care. The plan is to remove the large garden beds and lay new artificial turf to create a larger and safer playing area. Dirt from the garden beds will be re-located to the small hill near the 1/2 playground in preparation for our hill slide.

When will it all happen?

We are currently working with the selected contractor to set dates for construction. The plan is to get all the work done well before the end of this school year.

Walk to School

We will be walking with the students on the following dates;

- △ Thursday 12th October
- △ Thursday 19th October
- △ Thursday 26th October



Meeting points are;

- △ The milk bar on the corner of Carrick Drive and Clarke Drive.
- △ The milk bar on the corner of Carrick Drive and Trentham Drive.
- △ The corner of Wolverton Drive and Adrian Court near Gladstone Park Secondary College.

Teachers will arrive at meeting points by 8.20am.
Walks start at 8.30am.



**End of Year
Community Celebration**
Thursday 7th December
5.00pm to 7.30pm

Plans are underway for a community event to celebrate the end of the school year. This event will include the traditional 'concert' performances by children in years Prep, 1 and 2.

Further information will be provided next term. For now, we ask that you put this date into the family calendar as we know how busy life becomes in December.

