

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

- **Monday 23rd February**
Meet the Teacher – 11am – 7pm
- **Wednesday 25th February**
School Council
- **Friday 27^h February**
Interschool Sport vs Gladstone Park – Home
- **Monday 2nd March**
Cross Country Years 3-6
Gladstone Park Secondary College
- **Friday 6th March**
Interschool Sport vs Westmeadows – Away
- **Monday 9th March**
Labour Day – No School
- **Wednesday 11th March**
NAPLAN Commences
- **Friday 13th March**
Interschool Sport vs Siris College – Home
- **Thursday 19th March**
Harmony Day
- **Friday 20^h March**
Curriculum Day 2 – No School
- **Monday 23rd March**
School Photos

At Gladstone Views Primary School our Vision is to create the productive citizens of the future.

Our mission is to partner with the community to assist every student to become literate, numerate, healthy and socially responsible people in a caring, safe, supportive, stimulating and challenging environment.

We are proud of our Community School values and expect all members of our school community to be Respectful, Safe, Kind and Continual Learners in their daily lives.



Principal's Message



Dear GVPS Community,

As I write, it has continued to be a wonderful, smooth and predictable start to the term at Gladstone Views Primary School. Students have settled quickly into classroom routines, and there has been a strong focus on establishing positive learning environments across the school. It has been pleasing to see our learners engaged, confident and ready to make the most of every opportunity in learning and wellbeing.

It was fantastic to welcome our community onsite for the Community Welcome BBQ. This provided a valuable opportunity for our educational team to connect with families, share conversations about the year ahead and strengthen the partnership between home and school. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such a warm and positive atmosphere.

We also enjoyed a wonderful turnout at our second assembly for the year, where we proudly announced our Classroom Student Voice Leaders for Terms 1 and 2. Congratulations to all students who have taken on these important leadership roles. It was terrific to see so many families present to celebrate and acknowledge our student leaders.



Parent Teacher Interviews

We look forward to meeting with families on **Monday 23rd February** to discuss the initial progress of your children. Interviews will run from **11:00am**, with the final appointment scheduled at **6:45pm**. Bookings via COMPASS will close on **Friday 20th February at 3:30pm**, so we encourage families to secure their preferred time prior to this deadline.

Please note that students are only required to attend school for the duration of their scheduled interview time with their parents or guardian.

Clean Up Australia Day at Gladstone Views Primary School

In Week 6, we will be participating in **Clean Up Australia Day** at Gladstone Views Primary School. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to demonstrate respect for their environment and take pride in keeping our school grounds clean and tidy. We look forward to working together to make a positive contribution to our local environment.



Curriculum Day – Friday 20th March

I wish to remind families that **Friday 20th March** is a **student-free Curriculum Day**. On this day, the educational team will be engaged in professional learning focused on **inclusive classroom practice** and deepening their understanding of the **Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0**.

Our goal is to consistently implement shared, agreed practices across all classrooms to **improve learning outcomes for all students**.

Students will not be required at school on this day, and normal classes will resume on **Monday, 23rd March**.

Thank you for your support as our team continues to develop and refine teaching practices to benefit all learners.

Planned Industrial Action – March 24

I wish to inform families that there is proposed industrial action within the education sector scheduled for **Tuesday, 24th March**. While this action is yet to be formally approved, we wanted to give families early notice, as it is likely to impact many schools, including Gladstone Views Primary School.



If the action proceeds, it may result in disruption to normal teaching, learning and supervision arrangements on this day. At this stage, we are unable to provide definitive details, but I will share further information with families as soon as it becomes available.

In the meantime, we encourage families to consider making alternative supervision arrangements for their children on **24th March** in case the industrial action goes ahead.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we navigate this situation.

Jack Ginifer Reserve – Project Update & Athletics Carnival

The council has informed us that the planned works at Jack Ginifer Reserve have been delayed, with a new estimated completion date now set for the end of June.

We understand that this delay will continue to impact parking and traffic around the school, and we appreciate your patience as we manage these challenges.



Unfortunately, the delay will also affect our school athletics carnival, which was scheduled to take place at the reserve. We are now planning to reschedule the carnival to later in the year and will provide families with updated details once a new date is confirmed.

Cultural Celebrations and Respect

At Gladstone Views Primary School, we are proud to be a richly diverse community where many cultures, faiths and traditions are represented and celebrated.

At this time of year, families within our community may be observing significant cultural and religious events. We acknowledge those celebrating **Ramadan**, a sacred month of fasting, reflection and prayer. We also recognise families welcoming the Lunar New Year, often referred to as **Chinese New Year**, a time of renewal, family gatherings and hope for prosperity.



Many in our community may be observing **Lent**, a period of reflection and preparation leading to Easter. We also acknowledge those preparing to celebrate **Orthodox Easter**, and families observing **Passover**, commemorating freedom, resilience and heritage.



While these occasions come from different traditions and different histories, they share a common human rhythm — a rhythm of reflection, renewal, family, hope and connection. They remind us that across cultures and beliefs, we are united by our shared humanity and our desire to gather, give thanks and look forward with optimism.

To all families within our community who are celebrating or observing these important events, we extend our very best wishes. May this season bring peace, joy and togetherness to you and your loved ones.

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