

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

- **Monday 30th March**
Cross Country Yrs 3 – 6 @school oval
- **Thursday 2nd April - Last Day of Term 1**
Assembly 1:45pm
Dismissal 2:30pm
- **Monday 20th April**
First day of Term 2

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 we near the end of a busy and rewarding term, we want to wish all our GVPS families a safe, happy, and relaxing break.

As I write to you, the industrial action was held on Tuesday 24 March. The educational team at GVPS would like to sincerely thank our school community for your understanding and support during this time—your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

To those celebrating **Easter** and **Eid**, we hope your celebrations are filled with joy, family, and special memories.

Our final day of term is **Thursday 2 April**, with assembly beginning at **1:45pm in the school gym**. Join us for our end-of-term student performance and the **Easter Raffle draw**—a wonderful way to celebrate the term together. If you can help with prize wrapping please join our team of parents on Wednesday 1st April 2pm at the school.

Term 2 begins on Monday 20 April, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for more learning, growth, and fun.

Emergency Management Plan

Schools are required to develop and maintain an Emergency Management Plan (EMP) that complies with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) registration requirements.

An emergency evacuation drill is scheduled during the final week. It is a requirement that schools regularly review their procedures and test the effectiveness of their Emergency Management Plan (EMP) through drills, exercises, scenario-based practice, and debriefing following incidents.

Harmony Day – Celebrating Inclusion

On **Thursday 19 March**, our students and staff came together to celebrate **Harmony Day**, proudly wearing orange to show our support for inclusion. It was a fantastic opportunity to reflect on the strength of our diverse school community and the importance of our school values: **Respect, Safety, Kindness, and Continual Learning**. Thank you to everyone for embracing this special day and helping to make GVPS a welcoming place for all.

NAPLAN 2026 – Well Done Year 3 & 5

A huge congratulations to our **Year 3 and Year 5 students** who have completed their NAPLAN assessments. We are so proud of the confidence, resilience, and effort shown in both literacy and numeracy. Your hard work is something to celebrate!

Curriculum Day 3 - March 20– Reflecting and Growing Together

Our recent **Curriculum Day** focused on strengthening inclusive teaching practices and supporting our goal of creating **calm, consistent, and predictable classroom environments** that enhance learning for all students.

Staff explored the *Enabling Learning* aspect of the **Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0**, redesigned our **peer observation schedule**, and refreshed **First Aid and CPR skills**. By sharing best practices, observing each other's teaching, and giving constructive feedback, we continue to grow together as a team.

To date, we have held three Curriculum Days this year:

- Term 1, Day 1
- Parent Teacher Interviews – 23 February
- Friday 20 March

Remaining Curriculum Days for 2026:

- **5 November** – Report Writing
- **18 December** – 2027 Planning and Set-Up

School Council Update – March Meeting

Our most recent School Council meeting was held on Wednesday 25 February, where we welcomed both returning and new members. It was wonderful to see a strong sense of commitment to supporting our school community.

2026 School Council Office Bearers

We are pleased to announce the following office bearers for 2026:

- **President: Katie Lynch**
- **Vice President: Claire Miano**
- **Treasurer: Michelle Lewis**
- **Secretary: Mim Di Filippo**

We thank all members for their willingness to contribute their time and expertise.

Respectful School Communities

At a recent Principal Network meeting, there was discussion about rising concerns in some schools regarding **unacceptable parent behaviour**, including aggression, harassment, and disrespectful communication.

We want to acknowledge that at **GVPS**, this behaviour does not occur often, and we sincerely thank our community for upholding our values of **Respect, Safety, and Kindness** in every interaction.

A gentle reminder:

- Everyone has the right to respectful communication in person, on the phone, and online.
- Individuals may end interactions if they feel unsafe or disrespected.
- The school has the authority to enforce safety measures if necessary, including community safety orders or restrictions on school access and communication modes.

We remain committed to working through concerns collaboratively, always guided by respect, safety, and kindness. For further information please see the following Policies

[STATEMENT OF VALUES AND SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY POLICY](#)

[COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL STAFF POLICY](#)

[COMPLAINTS POLICY](#)

School Strategic Plan & Annual Implementation Plan

As some of you may be aware, our **four-year school review** took place in December 2025. Following this process, the **Gladstone Views Primary School 2025–2029 Strategic Plan** has now been approved. This important document sets the direction for our school over the next four years and reflects our shared commitment to continuous improvement and student success.

Supporting this, our **Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)** outlines the key actions and priorities for each year. These plans work progressively across the four years to ensure the full implementation of our Strategic Plan.

The Annual Implementation Plan is presented to the School **Council** each year for approval, ensuring transparency and strong governance.

You can access the **GVPS 2025–2029 Strategic Plan** via the link below: [Insert Link] and the **Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)**

Thank you again for your ongoing support. We are so proud of our students, staff, and families, and we look forward to celebrating even more successes together next term!

School Holiday Program – 7–10 April | 9:00am–4:00pm

We're excited to offer our School Holiday Program, running from Tuesday 7 April to Friday 10 April, from 9:00am to 4:00pm each day.

Each day will feature a fun themed program, packed with engaging activities, games, and creative experiences for children to enjoy.

Excursion Update:

Friday's program has now been confirmed and will include an excursion to Collingwood Children's Farm.

School Holiday Program

 Date: 7- 10th April

 Time: 9:00am–4:00pm

Bookings are essential. To secure a place, please:

-  Email: 5093-oshc@schools.vic.edu.au
-  Speak with OSHC staff in person

Important Information:

- Bookings and payments close on 2 April 2026
- Payment must be made prior to attendance
- Unpaid bookings may be offered to other families
- Cost is \$45 per day, plus additional costs for specific activities

For full program details and the timetable, please refer to COMPASS or ClassDojo.

We look forward to a week of fun, creativity, and adventure during the holidays! 🎉

2027 School Tours

School tours for 2027 enrolments are now underway! We warmly invite families to contact the office to book a tour and experience our vibrant school community firsthand.

Upcoming tours:

Wednesday 22nd April @10:30am

Wednesday 6th May @3:45pm

GVPS Fundraising & Community Update

Our fundraising and community team has been busy planning events for the year ahead. Our focus is to bring everyone together, celebrate our achievements, and support important improvements across the school.

Our Goals:

- Increase family and community participation in school events
- Offer fun, regular activities for students each term
- Clearly communicate fundraising goals and outcomes
- Celebrate and share our successes together

Upcoming Events:

- **Jump Rope for Heart** – part of our PE program
- **Easter Raffle** – tickets available now, drawn at assembly on Thursday 2 April
- **Mother's Day Stall & Card Making** – early May
- Fun themed days, stalls, and dress-up events throughout the year

We are also beginning preparations for **GVPS's 50-year celebration**, including a special community event and commemorative engraved brick project.

Where fundraising helps:

- Upgrading gym air conditioning
- Improving the school oval
- Adding new library resources
- Supporting the SWPBS student reward shop

Looking Ahead:

We are excited to explore new initiatives, including a potential **Anonymous Art Auction**, celebrating student creativity while raising funds to support our school.

How you can help:

Every contribution makes a difference—whether through donations, volunteering, or attending events. Thank you for helping make GVPS a vibrant and supportive community.

Strategic Direction & School Improvement

School Council endorsed the 2026 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP), which outlines our key priorities for the year. These include:

- Improving student learning growth in literacy and numeracy
- Continuing to strengthen student engagement and wellbeing

We are pleased to report that student wellbeing data remains very strong, and staff are continuing professional learning aligned with the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model, including peer observation practices.

Policy

The school council approved The Class Placement policy which can be found on the school website.

[Class Placement policy](#)

Fundraising & Community Events

Planning is well underway for a fantastic year of community events and fundraising. Highlights include:

- Jump Rope for Heart (Term 2) is the yearly community fundraising effort to support a charity
- Easter Raffle
- Mothers Day Card Making
- Mother's Day Stall
- A variety of fun themed days across the year
- Planning for our 50-Year School Celebration

Funds raised will support important school improvements such as:

- Gym air conditioning upgrades
- Oval improvements
- Library resources
- SWPBS student rewards shop

We thank our families for their ongoing support and contributions.

Buildings & Grounds Update

There has been great progress across the school, including:

- Completion of the new Foundation playground (with shade sails to be installed)
- Ongoing work as part of the modular building project of the kindergarten
- Planned upgrades to gym toilets and damaged gym wall
- Repairs to roofing, guttering, and termite-affected areas
- Widening and a new auto gate to be installed near the bike shed at the Carrick Drive school entrance

OSHC Update

Our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program continues to provide valuable support to our families, including a holiday program during the term break.

Following a recent review, updated policy and procedures around bookings and outstanding accounts have now been approved to support the smooth operation of the program.

OHSC Bookings, Fees, Expectations and Cancelations

We continue to experience a number of ongoing challenges that we feel are important to communicate to our community:

- A significant number of student attendances are not being pre-booked, which impacts our ability to effectively plan staffing, food preparation, and program delivery.
- There is also a growing concern regarding outstanding family accounts, with current **debt reaching approximately \$50,000**, including some payment plans that are not being met.

To ensure the sustainability of the program, we will be implementing clearer expectations and targets around bookings and payments. This is necessary to support the effective operation of OSHC, enable upgrades to OSHC facilities and resources, and contribute to school-based projects.

Next Meeting

We will be holding another **Community Activities, Fundraising and Events Meeting** at the school on **Thursday 30 April at 2:00pm**. We warmly welcome anyone interested in getting involved to attend.

The next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 May at 4:30pm.

Thank you to our School Council members for their ongoing dedication to supporting the growth and success of Gladstone Views Primary School.



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2026

Dear parent/carer,

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Gladstone Views Primary School is very excited to be taking part!

This year's Challenge theme is 'Stories to discover. Stories to tell'. Stories can inspire and challenge us, and help us grow. They open our eyes to new worlds and new ways of thinking.

The number of books read can be varied for everyone's needs.

All children who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former premiers.

To learn more about the Challenge, visit [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

Happy reading!

Logging in with a Challenge passcode

Your teacher will give you a Challenge username and passcode by the end of this Term. Keep them in a safe place.

If you lose or forget your Challenge passcode, ask your class teacher to generate a new one for you.

1. Go to the [Challenge application](https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home). (<https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>)
2. Select the School/Student button.
3. Select the VPRC login option.
4. Enter your username and password.
5. Select Login.