

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

- **Thursday 4th December**
Year 1/2 Scienceworks Excursion
- **Tuesday 9th December**
GVPS Step up day F-5 9:15 to 11:10
- **Tuesday 9th December**
Statewide Yr 6 to Yr7 Orientation
- **Wednesday 10th December**
Grade 6 Graduation
- **Thursday 11th December**
You Yangs Excursion 3/4B and 3/4C
- **Monday 15th December**
End of Year Concert 4:00 - 6:30pm
- **Wednesday 17th December**
Class Parties
- **Thursday 18th December**
Final Assembly 3:00pm
- **Friday 19th December**
End of Term 4 1:30pm dismissal

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,

Welcome Back and School Update

As I return from my long service leave, I would like to sincerely thank Miss Mim, Mrs Michelle Rizk, Mrs Kristy Holmes, and Mrs Madeleine Jordan for their outstanding leadership during this period, as well as the entire educational team for their ongoing support.

It has been wonderful to see everyone at the school gate before and after school. One small silver lining of having a single gate access is the opportunity to connect with the whole community.

As you may have noticed, temporary fencing has been installed, the site office and several trees have been removed, and parts of the old playground have been cleared in preparation for the new onsite Kinder. I understand that Carrick Drive and the Jack Ginnifer Reserve car park have been busier during the construction works, and I greatly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding.

I also want to thank the community for adhering to safety measures by not driving onto the school site via the car park, which is reserved for staff and site workers only. A special thanks to OHSC families for parking at Jack Ginnifer Reserve and escorting their children to and from the service.

We are excited to share that we have 55 enrolments for Kinder next year. As you know, Kinder students will begin the year in our current school building before moving to the new facility once construction is complete.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation during this exciting time for our school community.

☀️ Step Up Day - Tuesday 9th December ☀️

Step Up Day is coming up! This is your child's opportunity to meet their 2026 teacher and spend time with their classmates.

When: Tuesday, 9th December

Where: Gladstone Views Primary School

We look forward to welcoming students to this exciting day as they get ready for the year ahead!

Workforce Update – Exciting Changes to Our Team

We are delighted to welcome new members to our teaching team:

- **Miss Caitlin Young** – Well-known and respected by our students, Caitlin is joining the teaching team full-time. As a result, she will no longer be working in OSHC, and we are currently advertising for her replacement.
- **Miss Caterina Nestic** – Joining us from Pascoe Vale North Primary School, Caterina brings valuable experience to our classrooms.
- **Mrs Maria Mrden** – Our new Educational Support staff member, Maria, brings extensive experience supporting students.

We also want to **congratulate Madeleine Jordan** on her promotion as a Learning Specialist at Sunshine Harvester Primary School. Madeleine has been a fantastic leader, teacher, and valued member of our team. While we are sad to lose her, we know she will be a tremendous asset to Sunshine Harvester PS.

Additionally:

- **Mrs Katie Keller** has accepted a position closer to home within the Catholic Education System. We thank Katie for her contributions during her time at GVPS.
- **Mrs Maria Vavarkis** will be taking a year of leave from GVPS.

We are currently recruiting for **one more teacher** to join our team and look forward to continuing to build a strong, dynamic staff for 2026.

Foundation Transition

It has been wonderful to welcome our 2026 Foundation students and their families to the series of transition sessions. The students have settled in extremely well and are ready for learning, while families have actively engaged in information sessions about the educational programs and experiences we offer.

School Review

As you may be aware, we will be undergoing a School Review in the first week of December. This process provides an opportunity to reflect on our achievements, teaching and learning programs, leadership, and community engagement. It helps us identify our strengths, celebrate successes, and plan strategically for continued improvement in the year ahead, ensuring we continue to provide the highest-quality learning experiences for our students.

2026 Class locations

As part of accommodating our Kindergarten students and ongoing construction, some classrooms will be out of use at the start of 2026. The school is preparing a map showing the location of all classrooms for 2026, which will be shared with families before the school year begins. This will help families plan for entry and exit points, as well as drop-off and pick-up arrangements.

Please note that it is likely that on Step Up Day, the final classrooms for 2026 may not be fully set, so some adjustments may still occur.

School Council Thank You, Councillors!

As we reflect on 2025, we are truly grateful for your time, dedication, and the positivity and enthusiasm you bring to our school community. On behalf of Alex and myself, we sincerely thank Katie Lynch, Jackie Murphy, Michelle Lewis, Claire Miano, and Shannon Elston for being such an important part of our journey. Your continued support and active engagement have made this year at Gladstone Views Primary School both meaningful and successful.

At our final meeting of the year on Wednesday, 26 November, we:

- Approved all financials to close 2025.
- Discussed the 2026 Fundraising Plan, informed by the community survey, including ways to support student charity requests while promoting fairness and equity for other charitable initiatives.
- Reviewed plans for the school concert raffle and began celebrating the school's 50th anniversary in 2026.
- Reviewed education and policy matters, including the mobile phone and smart watch policy, and discussed the upcoming school review.
- Received an update on the kindergarten build.

We look forward to building on these achievements together in 2026 and continuing to nurture the vibrant school community we are all proud of.

GVPS End of Year Concert 2025

“Jukebox Shuffle”

GVPS PRESENTS OUR END OF YEAR CONCERT...



15TH DECEMBER
4:30-6:00 PM

GVPS GYMNASIUM
CANTEEN SNACKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
RAFFLE PRIZES

Travel through time with music from the 1960s to today, performed by our talented students!

When: Monday 15th Dec | 4:30–6:00pm
(Drop-off 4:00–4:15pm | Pick-up 6:00pm)

Where: GVPS Gymnasium

Entry: Gold coin donation

Highlights:

- Each class performs their own routine 🎵
- Students backstage, preparing for the stage 🎭
- Canteen open for snacks 🍿
- Costume ideas coming soon via ClassDojo

Calls for Donations - School Raffle

We are also running a school-based raffle to be drawn at the concert! Proceeds support our Performing Arts faculty.

- Donations can be **emailed to the school** or **delivered to the office**
- Please send all donations by **Wednesday, 10th December**

Ticket information will be shared soon. Thank you for helping make this raffle a success!

Come celebrate the incredible talent of our GVPS students – it's a show you won't want to miss!