

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

- **Wed 19th – Mon 24th August**
Scholastic Book Fair
- **Monday 24th August**
Book week @GVPS
- **Wednesday 26th August**
Whole School Book Week Illustrator
- **Thursday 27th August**
Book week dress up parade 9:15am school gym
- **Monday 31st August**
Father's Day card making night
- **Wednesday 2nd September**
Father's Day Stall
- **Friday 18th September**
Footy Day
End of Term 3 – 2:30pm 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

Stronger Together



Dear GVPS Community,

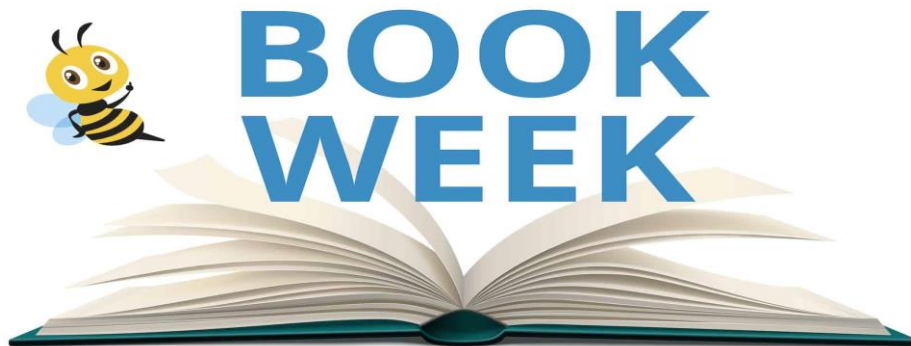
As I write to you, I am pleased to share that the Department of Education and the Australian Education Union (AEU) have reached an **in-principle agreement** following AEU members voting in support of the revised Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) offer made on Monday 10 August 2026.

As a result, the AEU has advised that the industrial action will discontinue. The Department will now facilitate the formal voting process on the agreement for all Victorian Government teaching service employees.

Term 3 – Stronger Together

Term 3 has continued in a very positive vein, with our students returning ready to learn and continuing to demonstrate our school values of **Respect, Safety, Kindness and Learners**.

One of the things I particularly enjoy about being Principal is speaking with families in the yard and hearing your perspectives about our school. Recently, some parents have commented that our year 5 NAPLAN results did not immediately read as positively as they might have. I thought it was important to provide some further context, particularly around the **progress our students have made over time**.



Celebrating the Magic of Stories!

Get ready to **celebrate the magic of books, stories and imagination** at Gladstone Views Primary School!

Book Week is always one of the most exciting times of the year at GVPS, and this year we are celebrating the incredible world of **Australian children's authors and illustrators**.

Our Book Week celebrations will include **library displays, literary activities, special events and, of course, our much-loved Book Week Parade!**

Scholastic Book Fair – 19 to 24 August

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will be open from **19 August to 24 August**, providing families with the opportunity to explore and purchase a wonderful selection of books.

Whole School Book Week Illustrator – 26 August

On **Wednesday 26 August**, our whole school will be coming together for our **Whole School Book Week Illustrator** experience.

Students will have the opportunity to learn more about the creative process behind children's books and discover how illustrators transform words and ideas into characters, settings and wonderful visual stories.

The Famous GVPS Book Week Parade – 27 August

And then comes the event everyone looks forward to...

Our famous GVPS Book Week Parade!

 **Thursday 27 August**

 **9:15am**

 **GVPS School Gym**

Students are invited to come dressed as a **favourite book character**, bringing the pages of their favourite stories to life.

At GVPS, every great adventure can begin with a book.  



Last week, our excited 3/4 campers set off for **Camp Arrabri Lodge** in the Warburton region for what was a fantastic few days of adventure, friendship and learning.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the teachers and volunteers who made the camp possible.



District Athletics – GVPS Students Shine!

Our GVPS Athletics team travelled to **Epping Athletics Track** to compete in the District Athletics competition, and what a fantastic day it was!

I would like to commend **every student who represented Gladstone Views Primary School**. Their behaviour, sportsmanship and support for one another throughout the day were exceptional. They represented our school with great pride, encouraged their teammates and gave their very best effort in every event.

The results were equally impressive, with our students achieving outstanding placings across a wide range of track and field events.

While the medals and placings are certainly worth celebrating, what stood out most was the way our students **supported one another and represented GVPS**.

Congratulations to every student who represented Gladstone Views Primary School. **You should all be incredibly proud of your effort, determination, sportsmanship and achievements.**

Well done, GVPS! 

Essendon Football Club Visit

On Wednesday, 12 August, Gladstone Views Primary School was very fortunate to be gifted a special visit from three Essendon Football Club players: Kayle Gerreyn, Nick Martin and Nate Caddy.

Our foundation, grade 1 and 2 students had the incredible opportunity to meet the players, have their Essendon and AFL merchandise signed, and ask them some fantastic questions.

A huge thank you to Essendon Football Club, Kayle, Nick and Nate for taking the time to visit our school and create such a memorable experience for our students!



Foundation Fire Brigade Visit

Our Foundation students were very excited to welcome the **Fire Brigade** to GVPS recently.

The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for our youngest students to learn about **fire safety, emergency preparedness and the important work firefighters do in our community**. Students enjoyed seeing the fire truck, learning about the equipment firefighters use and asking plenty of questions.

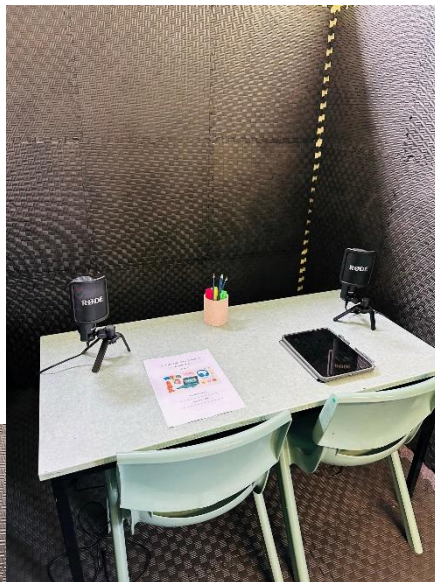
A big thank you to our local firefighters for taking the time to visit GVPS and share their knowledge with our students!

Our New GVPS Recording Studio

We are excited to introduce our new **GVPS Recording Studio**, located within our Performing Arts room, providing an exciting and creative learning space for our students, particularly those in Grades 5/6.

The studio gives students the opportunity to step into the world of **audio production**, with the chance to record stories, music, podcasts and sound effects in a professional-style environment.

We look forward to seeing – and hearing – the creative work our students produce in our new recording studio!



K Kindergarten on School Site (KOSS) Update

Our **Kindergarten on School Site (KOSS)** project continues to progress well, with several significant milestones now achieved as we move closer to the kindergarten commencing operations in **Term 4**.

We are pleased to have the **staff car park returned for school use** following the completion of works in this area. This will help ease some of the parking pressures experienced by our families and the surrounding community while construction continues.

The construction of the **Foundation playground** has also been completed and is currently undergoing final safety inspections. The **Gaynor Street entrance** is also complete, with both areas scheduled to officially open when the kindergarten commences in Term 4.

The temporary kindergarten fencing will also be repurposed around the school. This includes improvements to the fencing around the skip bin area and the enclosure of the water tank behind the portables, helping us make practical use of the existing resources while continuing to improve safety around the school.

Inside the kindergarten building, final works and inspections are continuing. The kindergarten team has also begun moving furniture and resources into the new space as they prepare for the commencement of Term 4.

You may also have noticed the **school mural** taking shape. I want to reassure our community that what you currently see is **not the finished mural**. The recent wet and inclement weather has prevented the artists from continuing their work. Once conditions are suitable, they will return to complete the remaining elements. We are looking forward to seeing the finished mural become a lasting feature of our school, celebrating the partnership and connection between our school and kindergarten communities.

F Future OSHC Planning

School Council continues to progress the process of securing a **future OSHC provider** and establishing a sustainable model that meets the needs of our students and families.

Expressions of Interest have been sent to four shortlisted providers — **Team Kids, Kelly Club, Adventure Group and TheirCare**. Three providers have visited the school and met with school representatives, with TheirCare also invited to participate.

School Council will now review the submissions and shortlist providers to present and interview. **Affordability for families remains an important consideration**, with the proposed model limiting the provider's fees to no more than 5% above the school's current contract fees.

For families interested in learning more about the process, **a copy of the EOI document provided to prospective providers is available from the school office**.

We thank families for their patience and support as we work towards securing a **high-quality, sustainable OSHC service** for our school community.

Carrick Drive Crossing

As part of our ongoing commitment to student and community safety, **Katie Lynch and I met with Hume City Council last week** to continue advocating for improvements to the Carrick Drive crossing.

We expressed our frustration with the communication throughout the process and our view that the traffic study undertaken to date has been limited and has not adequately reflected the needs of our school community, particularly during peak drop-off and pick-up times.

We will continue to advocate strongly with Council for a **reasonable and practical adjustment to improve the safety of the crossing**. We appreciate the patience of our families and community as we continue to work through this process and will keep you informed as further information becomes available.

Finally, as planning continues around the KOSS project, we are also exploring opportunities to make the best educational use of the additional space created through the temporary kindergarten arrangements. Our aim is to ensure that this space continues to provide meaningful opportunities for our students and adds value to learning across the school.

Carrick Drive School Crossing – Safety Update

The School Council continues to work closely with Hume City Council to advocate for improved safety at the Carrick Drive school crossing.

The safety of our students, families and the wider school community remains our highest priority. We continue to advocate for a range of improvements to enhance safety during the busy morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up periods. These include the installation of a permanent zebra crossing, the establishment of a potential park-and-drop zone, improved street lighting in the surrounding area, and the consistent staffing of the school crossing during both morning and afternoon peak times.

In addition, we have requested that Hume City Council undertake a traffic study to better understand the increased vehicle congestion along Carrick Drive during school hours and to inform future traffic management solutions.

School Council remains in regular communication with Hume City Council regarding these matters. We are pleased to advise that a meeting with **Hume City Council's Head of Government Relations and Advocacy** has been scheduled in the coming weeks to further discuss these priorities and continue progressing practical solutions for our school community.

We appreciate the community's ongoing support and patience as we continue to advocate for improvements. We will keep families informed as further updates become available.

2026 Parent / Carer Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting the annual **Parent / Carer Opinion Survey**, offered by the Department of Education, and we are seeking your feedback.

The survey provides an opportunity for families to share their views and helps us better understand perceptions of **school climate, student behaviour and student engagement**. Participation is optional; however, we strongly encourage and appreciate you taking the time to provide your feedback.

We will use the survey results to help identify areas for improvement and professional development, and to inform our school planning and improvement strategies.

The **Parent / Carer Opinion Survey** will be open from **Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026**.

The survey is completed **online**, takes approximately **20 minutes**, and can be completed at a time that is convenient for you using a **desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone**.

How to complete the survey

A link to the survey will also be provided through **Compass**. Alternatively, you can access the survey by following these steps:

1. **Enter the following address into your browser:**
<https://research.orima.com/parent>
2. **Select your preferred language.**
3. **Enter the school name:** Gladstone Views Primary School
4. **Enter the school PIN:** 546908
5. **Confirm that you are a parent/carers at Gladstone Views Primary School.**
6. **Read the instructions carefully** before commencing the survey.

Your feedback is valued and will help us continue to strengthen our school and provide the best possible learning environment for our students.

Thank you for taking the time to participate and share your feedback with us.

School Council Update – Next Meeting 9 September

School Council continues to work with the school leadership team to support the ongoing development of GVPS. The next School Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 September**.

50 Years of GVPS: The major 50th anniversary Education Twilight Celebration has been **postponed until Term 1, 2027** to allow time for building works to be completed and to strengthen community involvement. Smaller celebrations will occur throughout 2026, with opportunities for families and community members to get involved. School Council is also exploring **commemorative family bricks** as part of the celebrations.

Fundraising: Planning is underway for the **Father's Day Stall, Soup Day, SWPBS fundraising activities and commemorative bricks**. Funds raised will support improvements to learning environments and student resources.

Buildings and Grounds: School Council received updates on the **KOSS building project, future use of the temporary kindergarten space, landscaping and oval improvements, an Indigenous artwork project and the \$600,000 Smarty Grant application**. If successful, the grant would support significant improvements to the school's hardcourt areas.



We welcome families and community members who would like to contribute their time, skills or ideas to these initiatives.

Outside School Hours Care

School Council has commenced the procurement process for selecting a new **Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) provider**.

Several providers have engaged with the school and presented information to School Council. A thorough evaluation process is now underway to ensure that any future provider delivers a **high-quality, responsive and affordable service** that meets the needs of our students and families.

Finance

School Council endorsed the **June financial reports** and confirmed that the school's overall financial position remains sound.

Council also approved the fundraising arrangements associated with the proposed **engraved commemorative brick project**.

Community Safety

School Council continues to advocate with **Hume City Council** regarding pedestrian and crossing safety around the school.

Council will continue to work with local representatives to seek practical improvements that strengthen safety for our students, families and broader school community.

School Council thanks our families and community for their ongoing support and involvement. We look forward to continuing to work together to provide **outstanding learning opportunities, facilities and experiences for every student at Gladstone Views Primary School**.