

# NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING DATES

- **Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Wed 12<sup>th</sup> August**  
3/4 Arrabri Camp
- **Tue 11<sup>th</sup> August**  
R U OK Day
- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> August**  
District Athletics
- **Tue 18<sup>th</sup> August**  
Responsible Pet Ownership F-2
- **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> – Mon 24<sup>th</sup> August**  
Scholastic Book Fair
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August**  
Book week @GVPS
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**  
Whole School Book Week Illustrator
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August**  
Book week dress up parade 9:15am school gym
- **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August**  
Father's Day card making night
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**  
Father's Day Stall
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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



Dear GVPS Community,

As I write to you, we remain in the midst of **industrial action across Victorian government schools**. This continues to impact aspects of teacher and Education Support staff work, as well as some planned activities for students. Despite these challenges, I would like to acknowledge and thank our staff for their professionalism, dedication and ongoing commitment to ensuring that learning and the daily operation of the school continue with minimal disruption wherever possible.

It has been a fantastic start to **Term 3**, with students returning refreshed, ready to learn, and demonstrating our school values of **Respect, Safety, Kindness and Learners**. It has been wonderful to see students quickly settle back into classroom routines and engage positively in their learning.

We are delighted to share some outstanding student achievement results with our community, which reflect the consistent effort of our students, staff and families.

Our **Year 3 Reading** results show that **67% of students are achieving at the Strong or Exceeding level**, outperforming both similar schools and the **Hume Merri-bek Network**.

In **Writing**, an outstanding **96% of Year 3 students** are achieving at the Strong or Exceeding level. This result is **20 percentage points higher than similar schools** and **35 percentage points higher than the Hume Merri-bek Network**.

Our **Numeracy** results have also shown significant improvement. In **2025, 34% of students** achieved at the Strong or Exceeding level. In **2026**, this increased to **70%**—an impressive improvement of **36 percentage points**. This result is **6 percentage points above similar schools** and **26 percentage points above the network**.

We attribute these outstanding results to our consistent and sustained focus on school improvement, particularly through our **Reading Position**, dedicated **Literacy Block**, and our commitment to maintaining calm, orderly classrooms where every student can thrive. These achievements are a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our students and staff, and we look forward to seeing this continued growth.

While our **Year 5 achievement results** are broadly comparable to similar schools and the Hume Merri-bek Network, it is important to acknowledge the context of this cohort's learning journey. These students experienced significant disruption during their early years of schooling, including the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these challenges, we remain confident that our continued focus on high-quality teaching, targeted intervention and consistent instructional practices will support ongoing growth and success for all students.

Regards

Mr Alex

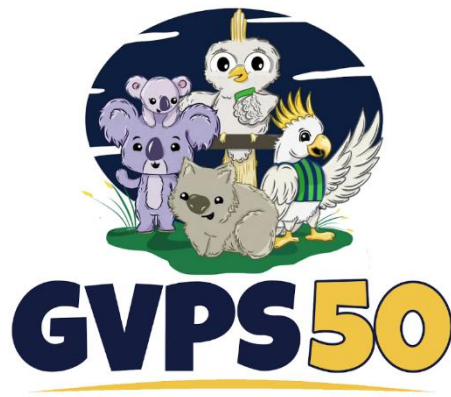
## Celebrating 100 Days of School

It was wonderful to celebrate our Foundation students reaching **100 days of primary school** on Thursday. Students came dressed up to represent what they might look like at **100 years of age**, bringing plenty of smiles and laughter to the day. A highlight of the celebration was watching our Foundation students snake their way through the school buildings, proudly cheered on by students and staff from across the school community. It was a fantastic celebration of this important milestone in their learning journey.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide every student with the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed.



## 50 Years of GVPS Education Twilight Celebration - Update



I also wanted to let you know that **School Council has made the decision to postpone our 50 Years of GVPS Education Twilight Celebration**, which was scheduled for **Friday, 20 November**.

After careful consideration, we believe postponing the event until **Term 1, 2027** will provide the best opportunity to deliver the celebration our community deserves. With the current building works, limited parking availability, and a desire to build stronger community involvement and support, we feel this is the right decision.

While this means we will need to wait a little longer to celebrate this important milestone, it also provides us with the opportunity to create an event that truly reflects the rich history, achievements and community spirit of Gladstone Views Primary School.

We are now seeking **greater community support and involvement** to help bring this celebration to life. We would love to hear from families, past students, former staff, local community members and anyone connected to GVPS who may be able to contribute ideas, share memories, assist with planning, support activities, or help make this a memorable event for everyone.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact the school office or speak with a member of School Council. Whether you can contribute time, ideas, historical information, photographs or practical support, every contribution will help us create a celebration that honours the past while bringing our community together for the future.

Please note that our **end-of-year student performance will still go ahead**, with the date to be confirmed (TBA). While the anniversary celebration has been postponed, we remain committed to celebrating our students and showcasing their learning and achievements at the end of the year.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and ongoing support. We look forward to celebrating **50 years of GVPS education together in Term 1, 2027**, with even greater community participation and an event that proudly celebrates the journey of our school.

## Cross-Cohort Play and Play Expectations Update

We would like to provide the school community with an update regarding our **cross-cohort play expectations** and the approaches we use to support safe, respectful and positive interactions across the playground.

Students in **Years 1–6** may play together during recess and lunch breaks, provided they consistently demonstrate and uphold our **school values**, follow agreed school expectations, and engage in **safe, kind and respectful play**. This remains our current expectation.

Where **physical aggression** is observed during break times, including unsafe or dangerous tackling, rough play, or behaviour that places others at risk, students will be redirected to the office area for a **time-out and reflection period**. These incidents will be referred to a member of the leadership team for follow-up. The referring teacher may also be required to support the follow-up process in line with our **School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)** procedures, including documentation, investigation and the development of appropriate behaviour supports where required.

There will also be times when students use **inappropriate language**, including swearing, disrespectful comments or put-downs. Where language is seriously profane and deliberately intended to offend, intimidate or harm another person, this will also be treated as a **send-in**. Students will be supported to reflect on their choices, repair relationships where appropriate, and develop behaviours that align with our school values of being safe, respectful and responsible.

For **Foundation students**, play is limited to other Foundation students during **Terms 1, 2 and 3** to support their transition into primary school and the development of positive playground routines. During **Term 4**, Foundation students may begin playing with **Year 1 and Year 2 students** where this is appropriate and aligned with individual student needs. The school reserves the right to adjust cohort and individual play arrangements where required to ensure safe, respectful and positive interactions across the yard.

## Harmony Hub Update

We would also like to clarify the purpose of the **Harmony Hub**. The Harmony Hub is not solely an intervention space; rather, it provides a **supervised, calm alternative environment** for students who may prefer quieter activities during recess and lunch breaks.

Students can access a range of activities including reading, puzzles, colouring, board games and other structured experiences that support different interests, strengths and wellbeing needs.

The Harmony Hub also provides targeted support for students who require additional guidance in developing **positive relationships, emotional regulation, conflict resolution and appropriate play behaviours**. Staff use this environment to explicitly teach and reinforce our school values, social skills and expected behaviours, supporting students to build the confidence and skills needed to successfully engage with their peers in the playground.

Our goal is to ensure every student feels safe, included and supported at school, while developing the skills needed to build positive relationships and participate successfully in our school community.

## 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.

## Kindergarten on School Site (KOSS) Update

Our **Kindergarten on School Site (KOSS)** project continues to progress well, with significant milestones being achieved.

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

Construction of the **Foundation playground** and the **Gaynor Street entrance** has also been completed. These areas will officially open once the kindergarten commences operations in **Term 4**.

Internal building works remain underway, and on **20 July** artists began work on the shared school and kindergarten mural. This mural will become a lasting feature, celebrating the partnership and connection between our school and kindergarten communities.



As planning continues, we are also exploring opportunities to make the best educational use of the additional space created through the temporary kindergarten arrangements, ensuring it continues to enhance learning opportunities for our students.

Unfortunately, the **Ginifer Reserve car park** has been closed this week due to construction works being undertaken in the reserve. We understand that this car park has been an important option for staff and families during drop-off and pick-up times, and its temporary closure has placed additional pressure on local traffic and parking around the school.

At this stage, we understand the car park is scheduled to **reopen on Monday, 3 August**, and we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding while these works are completed.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we work through these improvements. We look forward to sharing further updates as the project progresses.

## GVPS Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) – Update and Term 3 Holiday Program

Our **Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)** program continues to play an important role in supporting our school community by providing quality care and support for students and families.

We would like to acknowledge **Miss Emma Truglia** for her efforts and commitment in supporting the Gladstone Views Primary School OSHC program through to the end of **Term 4, 2026**. Emma has supported the transition and handover process extremely well, and together with the school, has worked to address and resolve a number of invoicing issues.

If you are continuing to experience concerns regarding OSHC invoicing, please contact the school so we can assist in resolving any outstanding matters.

### Term 3 Holiday Program

Planning is currently underway for our **Term 3 School Holiday Program**, which will operate during the second week of the school holidays:

**Monday 28 September – Friday 2 October 2026**

*(Week 2 of the school holidays)*

Families wishing to access the holiday program will be required to **prepay the full program cost**, including any additional charges, prior to attendance.

Please note that families who have an outstanding OSHC debt and have not made a payment within the past two months will be unable to access the holiday program until payment arrangements have been made.

### Future OSHC Planning

School Council continues to progress the process of securing a future OSHC provider and ensuring a sustainable model that best meets the needs of our school community.

As part of this process, School Council is currently working through:

1. The procurement process for a third-party OSHC service, including obtaining three quotes
2. Establishing processes for a third-party managed service model
3. Developing the required School Council licence agreement
4. Reviewing and selecting suitable third-party OSHC providers

School Council is also preparing to release an **Expression of Interest (EOI)** to shortlisted OSHC providers as we continue to explore options for the future delivery of OSHC services at GVPS.

We thank families for their patience and support as we work through this important process and remain committed to providing a high-quality OSHC service that supports our students and families.

# School Council Report to the School Community – July 2026

School Council met on **29 July 2026** to discuss a range of matters relating to school improvement, student learning, facilities, fundraising and governance.

## 50 Years of GVPS Celebration

After careful consideration, School Council has made the decision to postpone the **50 Years of GVPS Education Twilight Celebration to Term 1, 2027**. This decision was made due to the current building works, limited parking, and our desire to build stronger community involvement to ensure this milestone is celebrated in a way that reflects the rich history and achievements of our school.

To make this celebration a success, we are calling on more members of our school community to get involved. Whether you can assist with planning, organising, coordinating activities, or volunteering on the day, your support will help us create a memorable event for our students, families, staff and alumni. If you would like to be part of the planning committee or volunteer your time, we would love to hear from you. Together, we can make our 50-year celebration a truly special occasion for the entire GVPS community.

## Student Learning

School Council reviewed the school's 2026 student achievement data, including NAPLAN and Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS) results. The Council acknowledged the strong academic growth being achieved across the school and discussed strategies to continue strengthening literacy, numeracy and student engagement.

## Fundraising

Planning continued for several upcoming fundraising initiatives, including:

- Father's Day Stall
- Soup Day using produce from the school garden
- SWPBS fundraising events throughout the year
- Engraved commemorative bricks as part of the 50-year celebrations

Funds raised will continue to support school improvement priorities, including upgrades to learning environments and student resources.

## Buildings and Grounds

Council received updates on the school's capital works, including:

- Progress of the KOSS building project.
- Plans to repurpose the temporary kindergarten space.
- Landscaping and oval improvement planning.
- An Indigenous artwork project to strengthen connections between the school and kindergarten.
- A successful application for a **\$600,000 Smarty Grant**, which is currently under consideration from the Government. If successful this is an artist impression of what our hardcourts could look like;



## Outside School Hours Care

School Council commenced the procurement process for selecting a new Outside School Hours Care provider. Several providers have presented to Council, and a thorough evaluation process is underway to ensure families receive a high-quality service that is responsive, affordable and meets the needs of our community.

## Finance

Council endorsed the June financial reports and confirmed the school's financial position remains sound. Council also approved fundraising arrangements for the engraved brick project.

## Student Programs

Council approved a number of upcoming excursions and incursions, including:

- Year 6 Luna Park excursion.
- Year 1/2 History Box Incursion.
- District and Division Athletics events.
- The September school holiday program.

## Community Safety

Council discussed ongoing advocacy with Hume City Council regarding crossing safety around the school and will continue to work with local representatives to improve safety for students and families.

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

### TERM 4 - IMPORTANT DATES

#### **5 October**

 Term 4 Begins

#### **2 November**

 Curriculum Day

#### **3 November**

 Melbourne Cup Day

#### **17 November**

 1/2 Swimming Program Begins

#### **19 November - 3 December**

 Foundation Transition Period

#### **8 December**

 GVPS Step Up Day

#### **17 December**

 Last Day of Term 4