19 October 2026

Gladstone Views PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

- **Thursday 22nd October**
  Year 5/6 Circuits and Electricity Incursion
- **Friday 23rd October**
  Year 3/4 Scienceworks Excursion
- **Monday 2nd November**
  Curriculum Day – Report Writing Day – No School
- **Tuesday 3rd November**
  Melbourne Cup Day – No School
- **Friday 6th November**
  Foundation and Year 1/2 Stay Late
- **Tuesday 17th - Friday 27th November**
  Year 1/2 Swimming

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,

I am incredibly proud of your children and the way they have approached the past two weeks. Our students have demonstrated our school values through their kindness, respect for others and positive attitudes towards learning. It has been wonderful to see students settled, ready to learn and, most importantly, in such good spirits. These are the moments that remind us of the strength of our school community and the importance of working together to ensure every child feels safe, connected and ready to learn.

Sporting Achievements

Five of our amazing students represented Gladstone Views Primary School at the Regional Athletics Championships: Sia Evans, Lyrix Hegarty, Charlotte Harmes and Flynn Lawes in the triple jump, and Zoe Manefield in the high jump.

An extra-special congratulations goes to **Charlotte Harmes and Lyrix Hegarty**, who both finished second in the triple jump, earning themselves a place at the State Athletics Championships on 29 October! What an outstanding achievement. We wish them both the very best as they represent GVPS at the next level.

We are also proud of our students who will be representing our school at the Italian Poetry Competition at Gladstone Park Secondary College. We wish them every success and look forward to hearing about their experiences.

Thank You – Pumpkin Soup Day

A big thank you to Gabby, Claire and Amanda Mead for organising our Pumpkin Soup Day on Thursday, and to everyone who supported the fundraiser. These events are a wonderful way to bring our community together while raising funds to support our students and school. We appreciate the time, effort and generosity of everyone involved.

Looking Ahead to 2027

I am pleased to share that our **2027 educational team will be very stable**, with almost every current staff member continuing with us next year. Consistency in our team is important as we continue to strengthen teaching, learning and wellbeing across the school.

We are also looking to appoint additional Education Support staff and have advertised a new **Assistant Principal position for 2027**. These appointments will support our continued focus on great teaching and learning, student wellbeing and the development of our school.

Next week, we will be interviewing Education Support applicants to join our 2027 team. School Council will also be interviewing Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) providers as we work towards selecting a provider for 2027 and beyond.

Thank You - Working Bee

A sincere thank you to the families who came along to our Working Bee on Sunday 4 October and generously gave their time to help prepare the school grounds for the planting of our new plants and seedlings.

We greatly appreciate the support and community spirit shown by those who attended. Your contribution has helped us prepare our grounds and create welcoming, engaging spaces for our students to enjoy.

A thank-you message was also shared with our school community through School Dojo to acknowledge the families who volunteered their time and supported this initiative. Thank you for helping us continue to make GVPS a wonderful place for our children to learn, play and grow.

Student Transitions – Preparing for 2027

This term, we are extending our step-up transition program, providing **four opportunities for students to connect with their next learning environment during Term 4**, including our Step-Up Day.

These opportunities will help students become familiar with their new classrooms, teachers and routines while strengthening their confidence and sense of belonging as they move into the next stage of their learning.

Step-Up Day will also allow us to consider class dynamics as we finalise our 2027 class structures. We want every student to begin the new school year feeling connected, supported and ready to learn. Further information will be shared with families as plans are confirmed.

Gladstone Views Kindergarten – 2027 Enrolments Open

Enrolments are now open for **Gladstone Views Kindergarten for 2027!** We encourage families looking for a kindergarten place for their child to view the attached flyer for further information about enrolments and the program.

We look forward to welcoming our newest learners and their families to our community and supporting a positive start to their learning journey.

Policy Updates

As part of our annual policy review, School Council will review and approve the following policies:

- Duty of Care Policy
- Complaints Review
- Child Safety – Code of Conduct Policy
- Curriculum Framework

These reviews ensure our policies remain current, meet Department of Education requirements and reflect best practice.

The Department has also released several policy updates relevant to our school community:

- **Digital Learning:** Updated guidance and Acceptable Use Agreement templates for student use of digital devices will be considered as part of our ongoing policy review.
- **Homework:** The updated Department template recommends that primary schools do not set homework requiring students to use digital devices. Students may still choose to use devices to support their learning where appropriate.
- **Preventing and Addressing Racism:** Schools must communicate the Department's policy to their community through the school website. Further guidance is available to support schools in meeting these requirements.
- **Volunteers and School Council:** Updated guidance requires School Council members to hold a valid Working with Children Check. We will ensure this requirement is included in our governance processes.

These updates support our ongoing commitment to student safety, inclusion and effective school governance.

Important Dates – Curriculum Day and Melbourne Cup Day

Monday 2 November is our second-last curriculum day for the school year, with the school also closed on Tuesday 3 November for Melbourne Cup Day.

Please ensure these dates are noted in your family calendars as you plan for the weeks ahead.

Celebrating 50 Years of GVPS

Our 50th anniversary celebrations are continuing to take shape, and there is plenty to look forward to!

Our school mural on the Carrick Drive brickwork is almost complete. If you are passing by, please take a moment to stop and admire this wonderful addition to our school grounds. It is a visible celebration of our school's history and place in the community.

To mark our 50th year, we will also be offering two special fundraising opportunities:

- **Family commemorative bricks:** An opportunity to purchase a family brick that will become a lasting tribute to your family's connection with, attendance at and contribution to GVPS.
- **Student-designed tea towels:** A special keepsake celebrating the creativity of our students and our school's 50-year history.

More information about ordering will be shared through Compass.

Our students and teachers have also begun rehearsals for our **50 Years End-of-Year Performance on Tuesday 1 December**. We are looking forward to bringing our community together to celebrate five decades of learning, growth and connection at Gladstone Views Primary School.

Join Our School Council

As we look towards 2027 and beyond, we have opportunities available for parents and carers who would like to become involved in School Council.

School Council plays an important role in shaping our school's future, supporting strategic planning and strengthening the partnership between our school and community. If you are interested in contributing your ideas, skills and time, we would love to hear from you.

Being involved is a valuable way to help shape the future of GVPS and ensure our school continues to be a place where every child can thrive.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. Our school's strength comes from the collective efforts of our students, staff and families. As we celebrate 50 years of Gladstone Views Primary School, we can be proud of what has been achieved while continuing to work together towards an exciting future.

Stronger Together.

Warm regards,

Alex Mowat
Principal
Gladstone Views Primary School