30th October 2026

Gladstone Views PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

- **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
- **Thursday 19th November**
  Foundation Transition #1
  9:15 – 11:15
- **Thursday 26th November**
  Foundation Transition #2
  9:15 – 11:15
- **Tuesday 1st December**
  School Concert 4:30 start
- **Thursday 3rd December**
  Foundation Transition #3
  9:15 – 11:15
- **Friday 4th December**
  Crazy Crocs, Locks and socks day
- **Tuesday 8th December**
  Step Up Day – whole school
  9:15 – 11:10
- **Friday 11th December**
  1/2 Legoland Discovery Centre

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 Gladstone Views Primary School Community,

I am incredibly proud of the way our students have approached the past two weeks. Across the school, we have seen our values in action through kindness, respect, positive relationships and a genuine commitment to learning. It has been particularly pleasing to see our students settled, ready to learn and in such good spirits.

These everyday moments are worth celebrating. They reflect the positive culture we are continuing to build together, where every child feels safe, connected and supported to learn and grow.

Sporting Achievements

An extra-special congratulations to **Charlotte Harmes and Lyrix Hegarty**, who represented Gladstone Views Primary School at the State Athletics Championships in the triple jump.

Both students achieved outstanding results, finishing among Victoria's top athletes in their events. Reaching this level of competition is a tremendous achievement, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts, determination and the way they represented our school. Well done, Charlotte and Lyrix!







World Teachers' Day – Celebrating Our Wonderful Teachers

Today, as we celebrate World Teachers' Day, I want to take a moment to acknowledge and sincerely thank our wonderful teaching team at Gladstone Views Primary School.

Teaching is an incredibly important profession, and the impact of a great teacher extends well beyond the classroom. Every day, our teachers bring care, commitment, expertise and enthusiasm to their work, supporting our students not only to achieve academically but also to develop confidence, resilience, curiosity and a sense of belonging.

I am particularly grateful for the dedication our teachers demonstrate through both the rewarding and challenging moments of school life. Their willingness to work together, reflect on their practice and continually improve the learning experiences of our students is something I greatly value.

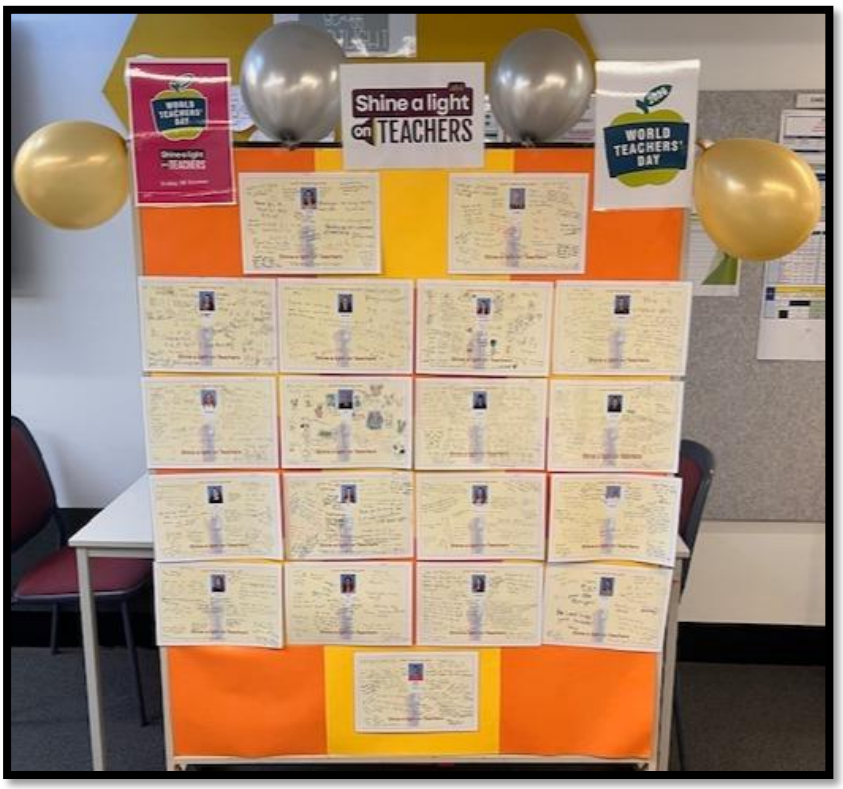
To mark this special occasion, we prepared a lunch spread for our teachers as a small gesture of appreciation for everything they contribute to our school community.

The image below captures a particularly meaningful part of our celebrations — a reflective message from our students, shining a light on their teachers and the positive difference they make in their lives. Hearing directly from our students is a powerful reminder of the lasting impact teachers have, often in ways they may not even realise.

To our teachers, thank you for the difference you make every day. Your work matters, your efforts are appreciated, and the positive influence you have on the lives of our students will extend well beyond their primary school years.

I also encourage our families to take a moment to acknowledge the teachers who make a difference in their children's lives. A simple message of thanks can mean a great deal.

Happy World Teachers' Day to our outstanding GVPS teaching team!



Working Bee Leading to Student Planting – Thank You!

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

We also acknowledge and thank **Hume City Council** for coming onsite to drill the planting holes and support this project.

Building on these efforts, our students have been busy planting today, taking an active role in improving their school environment. It has been wonderful to see our students contributing to spaces they will enjoy for years to come.

Thank you to everyone involved. Your generosity, teamwork and community spirit are helping us create more welcoming, engaging and enjoyable outdoor spaces for our students. This is another great example of what we can achieve when we work together.













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 flyer attached to this newsletter for further information about the program and enrolment process.

We look forward to welcoming our youngest learners and their families and supporting a positive start to their educational journey.





Important Dates – Curriculum Day and Melbourne Cup Day

A reminder that **Monday 2 November is our second-last curriculum day for the school year**, and students will not attend school on this day. The school will also be closed on **Tuesday 3 November for the Melbourne Cup public holiday**.

Our teaching team will use Monday to complete important assessment and reporting tasks as we prepare for the final weeks of the school year.

I wish all our families a wonderful extended break. I hope you find time to rest, recharge and enjoy some quality time with family and friends.

Celebrating 50 Years of GVPS

Our 50th anniversary celebrations continue, and there is much to be excited about as we reflect on five decades of learning, growth and community connection.

Our **school mural on the Carrick Drive brickwork is now complete!** If you are passing by, I encourage you to take a moment to admire this wonderful addition to our school. It is a colourful and lasting tribute to our school's history and identity.



Our **student-designed 50th anniversary tea towels** have also been a great success, with approximately 100 ordered by families at last count! These special keepsakes celebrate our students' creativity and provide a lasting reminder of this significant milestone. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser.

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 school community together for what promises to be a wonderful celebration of our school's history, achievements and future.

Kindergarten Works and Foundation Play Area

We are getting closer to the completion of our kindergarten works and the return of some much-valued spaces to our school.

Next week, the temporary kindergarten fencing will be repositioned. This is one of the final steps towards reopening our **Foundation play area and gate**, which we know will be welcomed by our youngest students, families and staff in 2027.

Work will also continue to restore the temporary kindergarten space to its original condition so that it can once again be used by our school.

I sincerely thank our families, students and staff for their patience and flexibility throughout this project. We look forward to having these spaces available again.

New Interschool Sports Uniforms

Thanks to the generosity of our school community and the success of our fundraising efforts, we have been able to purchase **new sports uniforms for our interschool sports teams**.

These uniforms will allow our students to represent Gladstone Views Primary School with pride when competing against other schools.

This is a wonderful example of how fundraising directly benefits our students. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising activities and helped make this possible.





OSHC Provider for 2027 – Kelly Club

I am pleased to announce that, following a thorough selection process, **School Council has selected Kelly Club as our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) provider for 2027**.

This decision represents an important step in planning for the future of our OSHC service, and we look forward to working with Kelly Club to provide a quality program for our students and families.

As we prepare for this transition, I want to sincerely acknowledge **Emma** for the outstanding work she has done managing our current service, along with **Shelby and Angelina**, whose care, commitment and positive relationships with our students and families have been greatly appreciated.

I would also like to recognise **Samantha** for her important behind-the-scenes work supporting financial management, assessments and compliance, and **Leesa** for her contribution to our recent audit, which we successfully passed.

Managing an OSHC service involves considerable work, much of which is not always visible to families. I am grateful to everyone who has contributed to the service and supported our students over the years.

Further information about the transition to Kelly Club, including enrolment arrangements for 2027, will be shared with families as planning progresses.

Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11 November

On Wednesday 11 November, our school will recognise Remembrance Day, taking time to remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed in times of war and conflict.

At **11:00 am, our student leaders will facilitate a commemorative service through the school PA system**, allowing students and staff across the school to pause, reflect and pay their respects.

This is an important opportunity for our students to develop an understanding of remembrance, gratitude and respect.

Foundation–Year 2 Stay Late – Friday 6 November

I wish our Foundation–Year 2 students and staff all the very best for their **Stay Late on Friday 6 November**.

These experiences are an important part of school life, providing opportunities for students to build confidence, independence, friendships and a stronger sense of belonging.

A big thank you to the staff who have worked hard to organise this special experience. I hope everyone has a fantastic time and creates some wonderful memories!

Year 1/2 Swimming Program – 17–27 November

Our **Year 1/2 Swimming Program** is fast approaching and will run from **Tuesday 17 November to Friday 27 November**.
This is an important opportunity for our students to develop their swimming skills, water safety awareness and confidence in the water. We look forward to seeing our students participate, challenge themselves and enjoy this valuable learning experience.

Thank you to our staff and families for supporting this important program.

School Promotional Video – Filming Continues

During **Week 6**, we will continue filming our new school promotional video, showcasing the wonderful learning experiences, facilities, programs and positive school culture at Gladstone Views Primary School.
The video will provide an opportunity to celebrate what makes GVPS such a special place to learn and grow, while giving prospective families a glimpse into our school community.

We look forward to sharing the finished video with our community once it is complete.

Join Our School Council

As we look towards 2027 and beyond, we have opportunities for parents and carers who would like to become involved in our School Council.
School Council plays an important role in shaping the future of GVPS, supporting school improvement, strategic planning and the partnership between our school and community. We value the perspectives, ideas and contributions of our families. If you are interested in becoming involved and helping shape the future of our school, I encourage you to get in touch.

Your voice and involvement can make a meaningful difference.

Stronger Together

As we move into the final weeks of the school year, I want to thank our families for their continued support, encouragement and partnership.
There is much to celebrate at Gladstone Views Primary School. From the achievements of our students to the generosity of our families, the dedication of our staff and the improvements taking place across our school, we continue to see the positive impact of working together.
As we celebrate our 50th year, we can be proud of our history while remaining focused on creating a school where every child is happy, can learn, grow and feel authentically connected.

Thank you for being an important part of our GVPS community.

Stronger Together.

Warm regards,

Alex Mowat
Principal
Gladstone Views Primary School

🎄🎨 CHRISTMAS CARD COLOURING COMPETITION 🎨🎄

Good afternoon, everyone.

Towards the end of last term, the students of 1/2C participated in a Christmas 🎄 Card Colouring In Competition.

Our school had been invited by the local Federal Member for Maribyrnong, Ms. Jo Briskey, MP, to take part in this contest. It was open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 2 and the winner would have their image featured in the official 2026 Christmas Card to be issued by the MP's office.

It is my absolute pleasure to announce that a student from 1/2C was selected as one of three successful entrants. A big congratulations 🎉 to Derin for being one of the successful contestants!

Derin's entry and colouring in was undoubtedly beautiful 🩶 and we are all so proud of her! She is an absolute artist, and her talents haven't gone unrecognised.

I have attached a photo of Derin's successful entry. Her artwork will now be sent off for publication to be featured on Ms Briskey's official Christmas Card for 2026! Derin's name will be included on the card as the artist! Ms. Briskey's office will also frame her original artwork with a finished version of the card and present it to Derin as a keepsake.

Derin has done our school proud and we are all so happy for her! Well done Derin! I am certain you will be receiving plenty of congratulations from our school community!

A big thank you must also be extended to all the students from 1/2C who participated in this contest. We are conscious that we want all the children who submitted an entry to feel included. As such, Ms. Briskey's office will be featuring all of the submissions in a montage. They will send us the link once the montage is ready so we can show it to the kids.

Thank you to my students in 1/2C who entered this competition. As your Classroom Teacher, I couldn't be more proud 😳 of your efforts! And once again, a big congratulations to Derin!

Mr. Jim, 1/2C Teacher



