

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hi Everyone,

It is with great pleasure and relief that we welcomed every student from Foundation to Year Six, back through the school gates on Wednesday morning!

The staged return of students went incredibly smoothly and students quickly transitioned back into the routine of school life. It has been wonderful having all the students return back to school and to see the school grounds filled with smiles and laughter!

With the return of students, we are very mindful of the precautions we are required to take to ensure that we do not risk a school closure due to exposure to the COVID virus. Some of the measures we are taking are as follows:

- Face masks mandated to be worn indoors by all staff, visitors and students from Years 3 to 6
- QR Code check ins are required for any parent, carer, volunteer or visitor entering the school
- Parents, carers, volunteers and visitors onsite to meet, help or work, must be fully vaccinated and be able to provide evidence of their vaccination status upon request
- Ventilation across classrooms is enabled by keeping doors and windows open and teachers are encouraged to utilise outdoor spaces
- A cleaner is on site all day, focussing on high impact areas such as door handles, benches, taps, chairs and tables.

If a child is unwell or shows COVID type symptoms, they should be kept at home, likewise if they are unwell at school you will be called to come and collect your child.



This week as students return to school, we will be able to draw upon our existing approach to wellbeing. Relationships are central to belonging and connectedness in the school environment.

To promote a positive return to school, the staff at Gladstone Views Primary School will:

- Recognise each student will have different experiences and reactions
- Establish and maintain routines and a calm classroom
- Provide reassurance that school is a safe place to be
- Support social skills by including social and emotional learning in the classroom
- Build connectedness to school

While as a staff, we will do our utmost to support our students, it is often the case that their true emotions are only shown when they are with their families. If you have any concerns about how your child is coping with the return, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's classroom teacher.

Health and Wellbeing Information and Support

We know that for many of our school community, the current restrictions have caused some angst. None of us are alone in this and some professional supports might be helpful moving forward. Head to Health <https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/> can help you find digital mental health services from some of Australia's most trusted mental health organisations. Provided by the Australian Department of Health, Head to Health brings together apps, online programs, online forums, and phone services, as well as a range of digital information resources. Whether you are trying to improve your own sense of wellbeing, looking for help with something that is bothering you, or helping someone you care about—Head to Health is a good place to start.

Staffing Update

Laura Marcucci will be on leave for the remainder of the year. Carmelina Di Guglielmo who is an experience LOTE teacher will be the replacement teacher for LOTE.

Planning-2022

Teachers are yet to be allocated to year levels and classes but this process is to be completed shortly. Class teachers and specialists have had many opportunities to observe and assess students over the year and have a good understanding of their friendship groups (which can change) and their academic and emotional needs.

Parents too, often have information that can assist the school with the placement of their child/ren to ensure a smooth transition to the next level. If you would like to provide the school with information regarding a child's placement for 2022 you are asked to put this in writing, addressed to me, the Principal by **Friday 19th November 2021**. Information provided will be considered, however, it needs to be understood that not all requests can be managed. If your child/children won't be attending Gladstone Views Primary School next year, it's important you let us know by contacting the office on 9338 6083.

Assessment and Reporting

Teachers are in the process of writing reports for Semester Two. As part of the report writing process, teachers have been involved in moderation sessions which allows for consistent teacher judgement across all year levels. All teacher reports are proofread by the Leadership Team. Reports will be sent home via Compass on **Wednesday 15th December**.



Curriculum Contributions (School Books and Materials)

At the last meeting of School Council, it was agreed that the Parent Payment amounts would be kept at the current rates for the 2022 school year. As such, the Curriculum Contributions will remain as \$200 per child. Students have received information to take home regarding the Curriculum Contributions. Parents who hold a current health care card, please contact the school office.

Remembrance Day

Coming up on **Thursday 11th November** is Remembrance Day - the day many countries around the world remember those who have sacrificed their lives for their country in war. On the day, we will pause at 11am to observe a minute's silence, to remember those who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peace operations.



To support the RSL we are selling \$1 pins, \$2 poppies, \$3 wrist bands and \$4 bag tags. Our Year 6 students will be selling these items to students, so if you can support this great cause, you can by providing money to your child so that they can purchase these items.

Foundation 2022

We have had many enquiries about enrolments for **2022**. If you know someone who lives in Gladstone Park and is interested in our school, please ask them to telephone the school office to book a place on one of our school tours. If you already have children at our school and have a Foundation student for next year, please make sure you come and collect the enrolment pack so we can add you to our list!!



We have also organised a coffee and croissant Foundation Tour on **Saturday 13th November** at 10:30am. The school has not organised a weekend school tour before, so we are hoping to see a few parents at the event!

End of Year Celebration

On **Thursday 9th December at 5:00pm**, we are very excited to be having an End of Year Celebration. During the evening, students will be performing songs which they have learnt throughout the year. We also will be having a food truck as well as a coffee van. Due to restrictions, this event can only occur outdoors so we are hoping for a nice evening! More information to be sent home shortly by please save the date in your calendar!



Year 6 Graduation

DET has recently announced Year 6 Graduation ceremonies are able to occur, therefore we are excited to announce that the Gladstone Views 2021 Year 6 Graduation will take place at Melrose Reception, on the night of the **Thursday 16th December**. More information regarding the Year 6 Graduation will be sent home shortly.



eMagazine

This year we will be creating an electronic version of our annual school magazine. A link to the magazine will be made available to all families free of charge later in the term.

Dental Van

We have been able to rebook the dental visit for the 29th November 2021 – 3rd December 2021. All students who returned their dental consent forms will be able to visit the dental van during this period.

Outdoor Assembly

Beginning today (Friday, 5th November), we are very excited that we will be able to conduct out door assemblies (dependent on the weather). All parents and carers are invited to attend our outdoor Friday school assemblies which will be held at 2:30pm.

Camps

We are very excited that the **Years 5 & 6** Portsea Camp and the **Years 3 & 4** Arrabri Lodge Camp are able to go ahead. I know the staff and students are very EXCITED about the upcoming camps. I look forward to sharing photos of the camps with you in the upcoming newsletters!

Sun Smart

Gladstone Views Primary School is a **SunSmart** School so a reminder that hats are compulsory from September to April at school. Please make sure your child has their SunSmart hat ready for this term.



I hope everyone has a great weekend!

Belinda Karlsson
Acting Principal

School Camps

Portsea Camp, Portsea- Years 5 & 6- Monday 8th November to Thursday 11th November 2021

Arrabri Lodge, Warburton- Year 3 & 4 Monday 15th November to Wednesday 17th November 2021

School Diary Dates 2021

Remembrance Day-Wednesday 11th November 2021

Class of 2021-Year 6 Uniform order and payment due-Friday 19th November 2021

Bunnings Fundraiser- Saturday 20th November 2021

2021 School Books and Materials -payment due-Thursday 2nd December 2021

End of Year Celebration-Thursday 9th December at 5:00pm

Year 6 Graduation-Thursday 16th December 2021

End of Term 4-Friday 17th December 2021 at 1:30pm

FUNDRAISING

The school Council fundraising committee is having a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on:

Saturday, 20th November 2021 at Bunnings Broadmeadows,
9:00am-4:00pm

We would love your support on the day. If you are able to volunteer some of your time it would be greatly appreciated. You can volunteer for ONE hour or for as MANY hours as you you're able too.

If you can't volunteer, but would still like to support the day, please feel free to donate any of the following: soft drink cans, water, napkins, tomato sauce, mustard or bread.

We would appreciate if you could help with donations, including sausages.

If you can donate any of the above items, please contact the office on 9338 6083

If you are able to volunteer to assist with the Bunnings Fundraiser on Saturday 20th November, please complete the form and return the form to your child/ren classroom teacher.

Many thanks,
Fundraising Committee

Name of Parent / Carer _____

Contact Number _____

I am able to volunteer at the Bunnings Fundraiser on Saturday 20th November 2021 between the following hours: _____



FOUNDATION 2022 SCHOOL TOUR

JOIN US FOR COFFEE
AND CROISSANTS



**Gladstone
Views** PRIMARY SCHOOL

**SATURDAY 10:30AM
13TH NOVEMBER 2021**

**CONTACT US TO BOOK A SPOT
(03) 9338 6083**

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