



*From our GVPS family to
yours*

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

Term 1 2023

- **Friday 27 Jan -**
Curriculum Day
No students attend
- **Monday 30 Jan –**
Curriculum Day
No students to attend
- **Tuesday 31 Jan-**
First day of school
8.55am-for 9am Start
Years 1-6

*We would like to wish you a
a happy and safe holiday
period.*

Mr Alex's Principal Message

Dear Gladstone Views Primary School community,

Firstly, a huge thank you to the whole school community for welcoming me and supporting me in my first term as the proud Principal of Gladstone Views Primary school. My core works this term has been to ensure that the students at Gladstone Views Primary School receive a first-class education in learning and wellbeing and to ensure that you the community are informed and connected to your child's school and education. As 2023 approaches we have been working extremely hard to ensure our school moves from 'good to great' and that means that in the background we have been reviewing and establishing practices to ensure your child's wellbeing and safety and education continues to thrive. And that you, the parents and carers of GVPS are well informed and connected with the school.

The core business of this school moving forward is to support and develop the wellbeing and learning of your children whilst providing a respectful, safe, and engaging learning environment.

I wish the graduating grade 6 cohort of 2022 all the best in your future schooling and endeavours. It was a wonderful evening to see you all graduate on Monday night.



Bittersweet Goodbyes

It is always bittersweet at the end of the school year as school's transition through staff change. Every school goes through this process as this is the nature of schools. It is bitter because we lose some great staff who have built extremely great relationships with our students and community and supported our students in learning and wellbeing. Thank you to those families who have sent such warm feedback to our staff, it has been warmly received. It is sweet because the leaving staff have found other opportunities in other schools some permanently, some for short term contracts, and some have received promotions. Some are moving to other parts of the state to form new lives in rural areas, and some have decided to take some leave to travel. Further to this sweetness, we have gained some wonderful new teachers who will join our team to implement our school vision and to add and complement to our school.

Unfortunately, we have to say a few goodbyes this year. I want to thank everyone for all the support you have offered the school in leadership, teaching, learning and wellbeing to our students and families over years at Gladstone Views Primary School. We wish Michelle Borderick, Bee Kesginer, Emily Angliss, Brett Moule, Katherine van der Zee, Angelina Cetin, Laura Culleton, Eliza German, Amanda Alliotta, Emma Wilson, Naomi Kearns, Kristen Purcell, Laura Marcucci, Allison O'Neill and Kristy Barnes farewell in their future endeavours.

We have new Assistant Principal joining us next year Domenica (Mim) Di Filippo who is an experienced Assistant Principal and comes extremely well credentialed and recommended from St Albans Primary School, I am sure you will welcome Mim when you see her around the school. She will be known as Miss Mim.

We also have a new Learning Specialist and Mental Health Practitioner joining our team in Kristy Holmes. Kristy is an experienced Lead Teacher and has extensive knowledge in the wellbeing space when building teacher capacity to improve wellbeing teaching and learning. She will be known as Miss Kristy.

Both Miss Mim and Miss Kristy will be an integral part of our Leadership team and will support our learning and wellbeing vision.

The following learning specialists will be supporting the teaching structure:

Michelle Rizk - Foundation to 2

Samantha Catoggio & Mim Di Filippo- Year 3 and 4

Kristy Holmes - Year 5 & 6

The following table outlines our new teachers joining our team and teacher team structure for 2023.

Foundation	FA Suzy Black	FB Matilda Seru	FC Niamh McIntosh- Bartlett		
Grade 1/2	1/2A Kylee German & Christie Silva	1/2B Maria Varvakis	1/2C Vivian Denke	1/2D Meghan Sinnott	F-2 support Nicole Jovic
Grade 3/4	3/4A Kerry Gribbin	3/4B Anna Bastowski & Samantha Catoggio	3/4C Daniella Scarpino & Monica Pisani	3/4D Dani Martys	
Grade 5/6	5/6A Rachelle Ritchie	5/6B Lauren Kirkpatrick	5/6C Sally Mitchell	5/6D Kristy Holmes & Caitlin Young	5/6E David White

Specialist Team

John Koutsonikolas - Performing Arts, Perri Prebeg & Melissa Martin - Art, Suzy D'argenio - Italian, Stephen Clogstoun - Physical Education and Christie Silva - Tutoring

Education Support Team

Marg Wilson, Sharon Mazzeo, Amanda Oliver, Narelle Larson, Penny Dawson, Ashley Temming, Cinza Natale, Amanda Mead, Courtney Bligh, Caitlin Young.

Step Up Day

Tuesday 13 December was GVPS's step up day. During the lead up the students engaged in social stories to prepare themselves for their 2022 to 2023 transition. 2022 and 2023 teachers have been and will continue to meet to ensure that the teachers know your children and how to best address their needs. Our class lists have been completed and thank you to families for providing their requests to best support your children's learning. 97% of our students were extremely settled and happy in their new classes and teachers in saying this, the class lists are still in review phase, and this might continue into early next term to ensure we have the best student mix for learning.

You will receive another message prior to school commencing confirming your child's class and teacher.



End of Year Community Celebration and Concert

It was a wonderful vibe at our End of Year Community Celebration and Concert last Wednesday. It was unfortunate that we experienced the coldest summer day since 2006 and so wet. But we pivoted the event to indoor we still got the opportunity to connect and watch our student's musical talents. A huge thanks to Mr John for organising the event and supporting all the students with their songs and choreography.

Bell Times 2023

To be in line with the new Teacher Agreement. After much consultation with staff and the teacher union (AEU) in 2023 our school end time will be 3:30pm which was just approved by the School Council.

Here is an outline of the student day and bell times

8:55am (music)	Soft Start - Classroom doors open
9:00am	Session 1 roll marking
Brain Break / Fruit break snack	
10:00am	Session 2
11:00-11:10	Eating in class
11:10 - 11:30	Lunch 1 (outside) (20 Minutes)
11:30 - 12:00 (music 11:55)	Lunch 2 (outside) (30 Minutes)
12:00pm	Session 3 roll marking
1:00pm	Session 4
2:00 - 2:15 pm	Recess 1 (outside) (15 minutes)
2:15pm - 2:30pm (music 2:25pm)	Recess 2 (outside) (15 minutes)
2:30pm	Session 5
3:30pm	Dismissal

As result, our school assemblies will start just after 3:00pm.

I do wish our whole community a safe and happy break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Mr Alex Mowat

Principal

At Gladstone View Primary School we always welcome positive and constructive feedback on how we are going. If you would like to provide feedback to us, please do so via our email address gladstone.views.ps@education.vic.gov.au

2023 Term Dates

Term 1	All years		Fri 27 Jan - Thurs 6th April 2023	
Curriculum Day	All years		Friday 27 Jan 2023	No Students to attend
Curriculum Day	All years		Monday 30 January 2023	No Students to attend
Term 2	All years		Mon 24 April - Fri 23 June 2023	
Term 3	All years		Mon 10 July - Fri 15 Sept 2023	
Term 4	All years		Mon 2 Oct - Wed 20 Dec 2023	
Curriculum Day	All years		Monday 6 Nov 2023	No Students to attend

Significant Dates in 2023	Meet the Teacher Days (Parent Teacher Interviews) - Tuesday 14 February 3:45- 4:45 & Wednesday 15 February - school altered day 1pm to 4:45 (student dismissal from 1pm and After School Care available from 1pm) Options for parents to attend face to face with teacher, phone conversation or video conference.
31st January - 3rd February	Foundation testing for learning
3rd February - 3pm	Assembly - Announcement of 2023 School Captains and Class Captains.
6th- 10th February 9am-12pm	Foundation attendance
13th March	Labour Day Public Holiday 13 March
15th - 27th March	NAPLAN testing window
28th - 31st March	5/6 Portsea Camp