

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hi Everyone,

2020 has been quite an extraordinary year! Despite the obstacles and challenges, we have achieved and celebrated many great things and we all should be very proud of our achievements!

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to Gladstone Views Primary School over the past year-parents, community members, staff and students. I would particularly like to thank our School Council Members, and our School Council President Matthew Dawson who have been so supportive and encouraging throughout this extraordinary year.



A huge thank you to Sharon Mazzeo and Amanda Oliver. The hard work of our office staff never goes unnoticed as they keep the school running smoothly, always with a smile on their faces. A very special mention to Marg Wilson for her continuous hard work all year round.

A very special thank you to Mrs Black, Mr Woolcock, Mrs Rizk and Miss Steele for their amazing leadership this year. I am very fortunate to work with such an amazing team and I thank them for all their hard work, outstanding work ethic and for their ongoing support.

On a personal note I would like to thank the Teaching staff, the Education Support Staff, students and the whole school community for your ongoing support during a truly unprecedented year. It is an honour and a privilege to be a part of the great team at Gladstone Views Primary and I look forward to leading this amazing school in 2021!

GREAT NEWS!!!

At the start of next year, we will be able to open our gates and allow all parents to step back into the school grounds. The chance to catch up and have a quick chat at the beginning and at the end of the day goes a long way to building connected communities and it's something we've been missing for a long time now! So that means, no more staggered drop off's and pick ups! Also, a reminder school will finish at **3:20pm** commencing in 2021.

TRANSITION

We currently have 53 confirmed enrolments for Foundation next year. Last week we held Meet and Greet sessions to meet the new Foundation students and their parents. These sessions were a **huge** success! It was wonderful meeting our new Foundation students and they were very keen to explore their new 'learning space' for Term 1, 2021. Next year, we will have 'Transition Groups' for the first two weeks where teachers will have an opportunity to get to know the students and organise 2021 class groups.

On Tuesday 15th December, students had an opportunity to meet their 2021 classroom teacher. A variety of 'getting to know you' activities was planned as part of the transition program.

CLASS STRUCTURE

The 2021 class arrangements have now been finalised. Please see below the outline for the class structure for 2021:

Acting Principal	Acting Assistant Principal
Belinda Karlsson	Scott Woolcock

Year Level	Staff
Foundation	Nicole Jovic
Foundation	Matilda Seru
Foundation	Brett Moule (PLC Leader)
Year 1	Emily Angliss
Year 1	Michelle Rizk / Anna Bastowski
Year 1 / 2	Kylie Buckley (PLC Leader)
Year 2	Carly Cheffins
Year 2	Samantha Steele / Christie Silva
Year 3	John Tymensen
Year 3	Jess Bonnici (PLC Leader)
Year 3/4	Laura Culleton
Year 4	Teagan Crane
Year 4	Katherine van der Zee
Year 5	Cassandra Neofotistos
Year 5	Trent Crane
Year 5	Ange Cetin
Year 6	Samuel Thomson
Year 6	Kristy Barnes (PLC Leader)

Staff	Role
Lucy Torre	Wellbeing Leader
Laura Marcucci	Italian
John Koutsonikolas	Performing Arts
Eliza German	Physical Education
Staff	Role
Suzy Black	Tutoring Role
Julie-anne Kamvissis	Tutoring Role
Anna Bastowski	Supporting Role

Unfortunately, we have to say to say a few goodbyes this year: **Ms Jacinda Galgano** (who is taking leave in 2021) and **Ms Ruby Ippolito**, **Ms Meredith Kaefer** and **Miss Danielle Saddler** who are moving on to new teaching opportunities. On behalf of the staff, students and community, I would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment and wish them all the best for their future endeavours. **Andra Bendrups**, **Richard Jasenia** and **Larissa Groch** will continue to be on personal leave for 2021.

In 2021, we welcome some new staff to GVPS: Emily Angliss (Year 1), John Tymensen (Year 3), Katherine van der Zee (Year 4), Cassandra Neofotistos (Year 5) and Samuel Thomson (Year 6). Our new teachers have already met with their new teaching teams and are looking forward to being apart of the GVPS community!

This year we also have quite a few families leaving our community. We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them all for their contributions to our school community.

FAREWELL YEAR 6's

We, of course, say farewell also to the Graduating Class of 2020. They are all looking forward to their Graduation ceremony this Thursday. We wish them all the best for their secondary schooling and hope that their futures are happy and successful. The next years of their lives will be full of new adventures, new teachers and new friends. As you venture into those teenage years, remember to study hard and be kind to your parents! A HUGE thank you to the Year 6 staff – Mrs Kristy Barnes and Mrs Laura Culleton who have put in so much effort to create a memorable graduation ceremony.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Term 1, 2021

Wednesday 27th January 2021

Thursday 28th January 2021



CAMP DATES 2021

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

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

TERM DATES 2021

Term 1-29th January – 1st April

Term 2- 19th April-25th June

Term 3-12th July-17th September

Term 4-4th October-17th December

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

Before and After Care program will begin on Friday 29th January 2021.

Before Care operates from 7:00am-9:00am and After Care operates from 3:20pm-6:00pm.

CANTEEN

The canteen will resume on Friday 29th January, including lunchtime window sales.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Advanced Life Photography for their amazing hard work to ensuring that our school Photos were ready a week before the end of term! This is an amazing achievement by Advance Life Photography and again we thank them for all their great service. Photo Day in 2021 will be: Tuesday 30th March 2021

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

End of semester reports were made available to parents/carers this week and this round of reports looks very similar to the report you received for your child earlier this year. The interruption to learning this year has been very real and extended for longer than we anticipated. We know that growth occurred at different rates for different children and the impact of Remote Learning for some students has meant progress has slowed or stalled.

The evidence teachers had this year for reports was not as thorough as it usually is and the focus this term has been to catch up as many students as possible in such a short time frame. We ask you to have this at the top of your mind when looking through your child's report. You might see some ticks that aren't quite where we'd like them to be or some growth that has stalled. A report is a snapshot of a 'moment in time' and based on the evidence we have available. It also represents a very small part of your child's achievements and will not measure all the skills and strengths your child has developed this year.

At the forefront in 2021 we will provide every opportunity for all students to catch up, make growth and accelerate their learning as much as they possibly can.

It will be a team effort and we all need to work together to make this happen!

eMagazine

Please make sure you check out our 2021 eMagazine. This year we have created an electronic version of our annual school magazine. A link to the magazine was sent out to families earlier this week. A big thank you to Mrs Matilda Seru for organising our great magazine!

JUNIOR SCHOOL REBUILD

The Junior School Re-Build is progressing well and the builders are right on schedule!

Here are a couple more photos of the Junior School Rebuild:



SENIOR PLAYGROUND

Due to the hard work of the Gladstone Views Primary School Community and for their amazing fundraising efforts, we have been able to extend the senior playground. The students have already had a chance to explore the new playground and they the feedback we have received is that they think it's AMAZING!



CYBERSAFETY

As we move into the holiday period, I wish to remind all families to continue monitoring your child's use of technology. Not only is it important to limit their screen time, ensuring a balance between that and physical activity, but to also monitor what they are doing while on screen. We do from time to time, have issues with inappropriate use and problems arising from interactions between students on social media.

Please check your internet settings to restrict what children may be exposed to while searching the internet. Also continue to have open discussions with your children about social media (especially given most apps have a minimum age of 13), the risks involved and what they should do if they do feel uncomfortable in any situation.

FINALLY

As we wrap up an interesting year, please take the time to draw on compassion for ourselves and each other. We've all been extended beyond our limits this year and we all need to take the time to acknowledge, celebrate and pay gratitude for how well we have worked together as a community.

On behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. If you are lucky enough to travel, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all next year!

Happy holidays and a great 2021!

Belinda Karlsson
Acting Principal

School Diary Dates 2020

End of Term 4-Friday 18th December at 1:30pm

School Diary Dates 2021

Curriculum Day-Wednesday 27th January 2021 (no students at school)

Curriculum Day- Thursday 28th January 2021 (no students at school)

First day for Year One-Year Six Students-Friday 29th January 2021

Foundation Students Commence-Monday 1st February 2021

2021 Term 1 Foundation dates



Week	Date	Time
Week 1	Wed 27 th January to Fri 29 th January	Students DO NOT attend
	Mon 1 st February	9:00am to 12:00pm
Week 2	Tue 2 nd February	9:00am to 12:00pm
	Wed 3 rd February	Students DO NOT attend
	Thu 4 th February	9:00am to 12:00pm
	Fri 5 th February	9:00am to 12:00pm
	Mon 8 th February	9:00am to 12:00pm
Week 3	Tue 9 th February	9:00am to 12:00pm
	Wed 10 th February	Students DO NOT attend
	Thu 11 th February	9:00am to 12:00pm
	Fri 12 th February	9:00am to 12:00pm
	Mon 15 th February	9:00am to 3:20pm
Week 4	Tue 16 th February	9:00am to 3:20pm
	Wed 17 th February	Students DO NOT attend
	Thu 18 th February	9:00am to 3:20pm
	Fri 19 th February	9:00am to 3:20pm
	Mon 22 nd February	9:00am to 3:20pm
Week 5	Tue 23 rd February	9:00am to 3:20pm
	Wed 24 th February	Students DO NOT attend
	Thu 25 th February	9:00am to 3:20pm
	Fri 26 th February	9:00am to 3:20pm
	Mon 1 st March to Thu 1 st April	9:00am to 3:20pm
Week 6 to Week 10	<i>Students now attend Wednesdays</i>	

NOTE: Mon 8th March is Labour Day public holiday.