

# NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING DATES

- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
School Council 5pm
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**  
Harmony Week Celebrations
- **Friday 21 March - Harmony Day at GVPS**
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**  
Interschool Sport vs SOGS Away
- **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
GVPS Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser  
8am – 4pm
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
School Photo Day
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
Year 5 & 3 Naplan ends
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
Cross Country Training Trials  
Grades 3-6 9:15am – 11:15am
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
Interschool Sport vs Aitken Away
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
**GVPS House Sports Days**  
Foundation – Year 2 – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Year 3 -6 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April
- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
End of Term 1 – 2:30 Dismissal

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



## NAPLAN 2025 – Acknowledging Our Students' Resilience and Efforts

We are incredibly proud of our Year 3 and Year 5 students for their commitment and resilience during the recent NAPLAN assessments. These exams are an important milestone in their learning journey, and our students approached them with determination, confidence, and a positive mindset.

Throughout the assessment period, we observed students demonstrating their learning talents across literacy and numeracy, reflecting the hard work of both our students and our dedicated teaching staff. Their ability to stay focused, manage challenges, and apply their knowledge is a testament to the strong learning culture we foster at GVPS.

Our teachers and support staff have played a vital role in preparing and encouraging our students, ensuring they felt supported and ready to do their best. We are grateful for their ongoing commitment to student success and wellbeing.

We look forward to receiving the results later in the year, which will provide valuable insights to further support our students' learning progress. In the meantime, we celebrate the effort, resilience, and achievement of all students who participated.

## Celebrating Our Community Values at Assemblies

We are proud to share the positive and respectful culture that continues to thrive within our school community, particularly during our **community assemblies**. These gatherings serve as a reflection of the values we uphold—**respect, safety, kindness, and a commitment to lifelong learning**.

At each assembly, we witness students, staff, and families demonstrating **respectful behaviour**, actively listening, and celebrating the achievements of our school. Our students are engaged, showing confidence when speaking or presenting, and supporting their peers with encouragement and enthusiasm. These moments reinforce our shared commitment to **learning and growth**.

The **safe and inclusive atmosphere** at assemblies is also a testament to the collaborative effort of our school community. Families, staff, and students all play a role in fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

We deeply appreciate the ongoing support from parents, guardians, and staff in modelling these values. Their involvement strengthens our school culture and helps us build a community where **kindness, respect, and learning are at the heart of everything we do**.

# SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS – Farewell & Thank you to Phil Harris and Beth Shanks

It is with sadness that I share the news that Phil Harris will be stepping down as School Council President. Phil has been a dedicated and passionate member of our School Council for the past seven years, serving in various leadership roles, including Treasurer (2020), Vice President (2021-22), Acting President (2023), and President (2024).

Here are a few words from Phil:

*"After seven wonderful years of service on the School Council, I have made the decision to step down. During my time on the Council, I have had the privilege of serving in various roles: Treasurer in 2020, Vice President in 2021-22, Acting President in 2023, and President in 2024. It has truly been an honour to be part of this journey and to contribute to the growth and success of our school.*

*I leave the Council in the capable hands of the returning members, and I encourage anyone interested in getting involved to consider joining. The school community is stronger when we work together, and there is always room for fresh voices and ideas.*

*Thank you to everyone for your support, and I look forward to seeing all the continued progress that will take place in the future. I might be stepping down, but I will always be around. See you all in the yard."*

Additionally, Beth Shanks will also be stepping down after four years of dedicated service to the School Council. We are incredibly grateful for Beth's contributions and the support she has given to our school community.

On behalf of the school, we extend our deepest gratitude to both Phil and Beth for their commitment, leadership, and dedication. Their efforts have made a lasting impact, and we truly appreciate everything they have done.

We encourage any parents and carers who are interested in making a difference to consider joining the School Council. Your voice and involvement help shape the future of our school.

Thank you, Phil and Beth—we wish you all the best and know that you'll always be part of our school community!



## Exciting News - Our New PE Teacher, Mr Rex Hickman!

We are thrilled to announce that we have appointed an ongoing **Physical Education Specialist Teacher** to join our team!

Starting from **Term 2**, **Mr. Rex Hickman** will be leading our PE program. During his visit today, both students and staff were excited to meet him and hear about his passion for fitness and sport.

Mr. Hickman joins us as an experienced teacher from **Reservoir West Primary School** and brings valuable experience working in **special education settings**. Here's a little introduction from Rex himself:

*Hi everyone!*

*My name is **Rex Hickman**, and I'm excited to be your new PE teacher starting in **Term 2**. I've been teaching for **ten years** and have a strong passion for fitness, health, and keeping active.*

*Outside of teaching, I love playing **Australian Rules Football** and **basketball**, and I'm a big supporter of the **Western Bulldogs**. At home, I'm lucky to have my wife, **Arlia**, and our two amazing sons, **Arthur (3)** and **Beau (9 months)**.*

*I can't wait to meet you all, have fun, and help you develop your skills and love for **Physical Education!***



Please join us in warmly welcoming **Mr. Hickman** to our school community. We look forward to an exciting and active future ahead!

## Celebrating **Harmony Day** & Cultural Acknowledgements at GVPS



At **Gladstone Views Primary School**, we are excited to celebrate **Harmony Day** as a time to embrace and appreciate the **rich cultural diversity** within our school community. Harmony Day, observed on **March 21st**, is a special opportunity for students and staff to come together, recognizing and celebrating the many backgrounds, traditions, and perspectives that make our school such a vibrant and inclusive place.

As part of our celebrations, students will participate in **classroom activities, discussions, and cultural performances** that highlight the importance of inclusivity, respect, and unity. We encourage everyone to wear **orange**—the official colour of Harmony Day—to symbolize belonging and connection.

In addition to celebrating Harmony Day, we also take this moment to **acknowledge the cultural and religious observances** within our community. Many of our families are currently observing **Ramadan**, a sacred time of fasting, reflection, and prayer for our Muslim community members. Next month, others will be celebrating **Easter**, a significant occasion for many Christian families. At GVPS, we recognize and respect these traditions, fostering an environment where all cultural backgrounds are valued.

We are proud to see our school community **upholding the values of respect, inclusion, and understanding**, ensuring that all students feel a sense of belonging. Thank you for your continued support in making GVPS a welcoming place for everyone.



## Introducing Our Student Voice Classroom Captains!

We are excited to announce the newly elected Student Voice Classroom Captains for Semester One! These students have been selected by their classmates to represent their ideas and voice their thoughts on how we can make our school even better.

### ✦ What will they do?

- Meet regularly with Miss Meg to discuss school improvement ideas.
- Work on a special project aimed at enhancing the student experience.
- Serve as a **sounding board** for school-wide initiatives and ideas.
- Bring suggestions of school improvement from their class members.

These leaders will hold their positions for **two terms**, and new captains will be elected at the start of Term 3.

We are proud to see our students take on such important roles in our school community! Their hard work and dedication will be celebrated at the **final assembly of Term 1**, where they will receive their badges.

Stay tuned for updates on their exciting projects! 🌸



# Cleanliness of our yard



I would like to bring to your attention a concerning issue that has been observed recently regarding an increase in rubbish around our school, particularly in the 1/2 area. Our dedicated teachers have had cohort meetings with their students to emphasize the importance of properly disposing of waste. By using our bins correctly, we not only help maintain a clean and tidy environment, but we also show respect for our school grounds.

To further encourage cleanliness, our student leaders have reintroduced the Tidy Town Award at assembly. This fortnightly award recognises the cohort that maintains the cleanest area of the school, and we are hopeful that this will inspire all students to take pride in their surroundings.

However, we have noticed some additional challenges. Students have been using the small green bins for plastic waste, which has attracted ravens trying to access the green waste. This has resulted in more rubbish accumulating outside classrooms, particularly over the weekends.

Together, we can keep our school a clean, respectful, and enjoyable place for everyone. Thank you for your support in ensuring that our school remains a tidy and safe environment for all.



# Thank you for Attending Our Parent & Carer Classroom Helper Training!

Dear Parents and Carers,

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who attended our **Parent and Carer Classroom Helper and Volunteers Training** session! Your commitment to supporting our students—both at home and in the classroom—is truly appreciated.

This workshop was a valuable opportunity to build skills in supporting reading, and we are grateful for your time, enthusiasm, and willingness to be part of our school community in such a meaningful way.

Your contributions make a real difference, and we look forward to working together throughout 2025 to create a **supportive and engaging learning environment** for all our students.

Thank you again for your generosity and support—we're excited for the year ahead!



## Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March

A reminder that School Photo Day will take place at GVPS on Monday, March 24th. Please ensure your children come to school looking smart in their full uniform for their individual, class, and family photos.

More details can be found via COMPASS.

Thank you for your support—we look forward to capturing these special memories!

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## **Cross Country Training Trials – Grades 3-6**

Calling all runners! Cross Country Training Trials for Grades 3-6 are happening soon! This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their endurance, determination, and sportsmanship.

 **Date:** Thursday, 27th of March

 **Time:** 9:15 AM – 11:15 AM

 **Location:** At GVPS

Students who perform well in the trials may have the chance to represent GVPS in upcoming Cross Country events! Make sure to bring a water bottle, running shoes, and plenty of energy!

We look forward to seeing our students give it their best effort!  

## **GVPS House Sports Days – Get Ready to Compete!**

Get excited for our upcoming House Sports Days at GVPS! This is a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their skills, teamwork, and house spirit in a fun and active environment.

 **Foundation – Grade 2:** Thursday, April 3rd |  9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

 **Senior Grades (3-6):** Friday, April 4th |  9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

 **Location:** GVPS

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours and bring a water bottle, hat, and sunscreen. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and cheer on our young athletes!

We look forward to an exciting two days of sports, teamwork, and house spirit!

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**NEWCOMBE**

**FRASER**

**BRADMAN**





# GVPS Annual Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – *Volunteers & Donations Needed!*



Get ready for a **sizzling good time** at our **Annual GVPS BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Broadmeadows!** Your time and support are greatly appreciated as we raise funds for important school initiatives. Mark your calendars and bring your appetite for a day of **great food and even better company!**

 **Date:** Sunday, 23rd of March

 **Location:** Bunnings Broadmeadows

## Donations & Support

The school is gratefully accepting **Woolworths gift cards** to purchase **sausages, drinks, napkins, sauces, and bread**. If you can assist with donations, please email us at [gladstone.views.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gladstone.views.ps@education.vic.gov.au) with your name and how you can help.

## Special Thanks

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to:

- **Steven Di Bernardino** of **Feature Joinery** and father of Hudson (Foundation) for his generous **\$500 donation** to support the fundraiser.
- **Manny Al-Jinavo and family** from **Jinavo Plumbing and Drainage Group** for their **\$500 Woolworths Gift Voucher donation**.
- To **Richard Khazma** father of Ameer Khazma from 1/2A for the donation sausages
- **Beth Shanks** for kindly donating **condiments** for the BBQ.
- To the **Piltz family** for their donation.

Your generosity is truly appreciated!

## Volunteers Needed!

We still need a few more **volunteers** to help on the day. If you can lend a hand at the BBQ, please **sign up via the link on COMPASS and Dojo**.

We hope to see you there and truly appreciate all your efforts in making this event a success!

# OUR VALUES TREE HAS SPRUNG TO LIFE!



This tree serves as a living representation of our collective commitment to respect, safety, kindness, and a love of learning. It's wonderful to see our students embracing these important values in their daily interactions.

Although all our values remain a focus, we have taken a deep dive into respect this term. Each leaf on the tree represents a student's personal commitment to this value, showcasing their understanding and dedication in a meaningful way.

It's inspiring to witness our students grow, learn, and contribute to a positive school culture.





## MINDFUL WALKING



### Mindful walking



A mindful walk is an excellent way to clear the mind of clutter and restore a sense of focus.

**Tip:** if you are able to go outside into a garden or on a veranda/balcony, try this in the shade or wearing a hat and sunscreen. Young children will need an adult to guide them while older children may do this independently.



## THANK YOU LETTER



### 2. Write a 'thank you' list

- a. Writing a 'thank you' list is one way to slow down and appreciate the small (and big) things in your life.
- b. It doesn't need to be long, you could just write down three things you're thankful for.
  - i. Maybe it's the delicious breakfast you had this morning.
  - ii. the support and love you get from your friends, or
  - iii. the courage you found to speak up for yourself the other day.
- c. Make it your mission to write three things in a 'thank you' note every day!

# Gratitude

## LION POSE

### Lion Pose

This animal pose may help you to de-stress – you may even wish to roar.

#### How to do:

- Start in a seated position with your hips on your heels.
- Rest your palms on your knees.
- As you inhale, bring your palms to the floor in front of your knees and arch the spine. Stick your tongue out.
- Keep your eyes wide open, exhale through your mouth, and make a sound of a roaring lion.
- Inhale back to the starting position and repeat.

**Caution:** Be careful if you have a knee injury.



## STRETCHING

### 3. Have a quick stretch

- a. We sometimes get so caught up in our thoughts that we forget about everything else.
- b. But when we take a moment to focus on our body, such as by doing some stretching exercises, it gives us a break from our thoughts.
- c. Take your time, and focus on how your body feels.



## SMELL THE FLOWERS

1. Find a flower to smell or imagine you can smell a flower.
2. Slowly breathe in through your nose and count 1, 2, 3 in your head.
3. Hold your breath and count 1, 2, 3 in your head.
4. Slowly breathe out through your mouth and count 1, 2, 3 in your head.
5. Repeat with as many flowers you can think of or find.
6. Younger children may then want to draw and colour in all the flowers they can think of or find.

### Questions to think about

- Which one did you think smelled the best and why?
- What did you smell when you breathed in?
- What did you smell when you breathed out?
- Could you feel the flower?
- What did it feel like?
- Did smelling the flowers remind you of any memory from your past?





SPECIAL EDITION

# A Window into Our Classrooms



## FOUNDATION

IN FOUNDATION, THE BLUE SACHELS WENT HOME WITH FAMILIES FOR HOME LEARNING, AND A POWERPOINT WAS SHARED WITH THOSE WHO COULDN'T ATTEND IN PERSON.

IN LITERACY, STUDENTS ARE WORKING ON THE LETTERS 'P', 'T', 'C', AND 'I', LEARNING TO BLEND SOUNDS TO READ CVC WORDS AND SEGMENT SOUNDS TO WRITE THEM.

IN MATHEMATICS, STUDENTS ARE PRACTICING COUNTING FORWARDS AND BACKWARDS WITHIN 10, FOCUSING ON LINING UP OBJECTS TO AVOID MISCOUNTING, AND SUBITISING UP TO 5.

IN INQUIRY, THEY ARE EXPLORING THE ZONES OF REGULATION AND THE READY TO LEARN SCALE TO DEVELOP SELF-REGULATION SKILLS. THE FIRST BUDDY SESSION WAS A FUN HIGHLIGHT, AND THE CLASS CONTINUED WITH PMP AND TIME IN THE DEVELOPMENTAL PLAYROOM TO SUPPORT PHYSICAL AND COGNITIVE GROWTH.

## YEAR 1/2

IN LITERACY, THE 1/2 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DIVING DEEP INTO THE STORIES WE'VE BEEN READING, MAKING CONNECTIONS SUCH AS TEXT-TO-TEXT AND TEXT-TO-SELF CONNECTIONS. WE'VE ALSO BEEN LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN GET INSPIRED TO ADD NEW IDEAS AND REFLECTIONS TO OUR WRITERS' NOTEBOOKS—OUR IMAGINATION IS RUNNING WILD!

IN MATHS, WE'VE BEEN CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY WITH PLACE VALUE. WE'VE BEEN WORKING HARD ON ORDERING TWO- AND THREE-DIGIT NUMBERS, AND EXPANDING AND RENAMING TWO-DIGIT NUMBERS WITH CONFIDENCE.

IN INQUIRY, WE'VE BEEN BUSY DESIGNING OUR VERY OWN PATCH FOR OUR COMMUNITY BLANKET. EACH UNIQUE DESIGN WILL COME TOGETHER TO CREATE AN BEAUTIFUL BLANKET FOR EACH CLASS. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW IT ALL COMES TOGETHER—STAY TUNED FOR THE BIG REVEAL!



SPECIAL EDITION

# A Window into Our Classrooms

## YEAR 3/4

IN THE 3/4 COHORT, WE HAVE BEEN DIVING INTO NARRATIVE WRITING, FOCUSING ON DEVELOPING INTERESTING CHARACTERS, DETAILED SETTINGS, AND EXCITING PROBLEMS TO ENGAGE OUR READERS. WE ARE ALSO LEARNING HOW TO STRUCTURE OUR STORIES EFFECTIVELY AND USE STRONG VOCABULARY TO BRING THEM TO LIFE. IN READING, OUR FOCUS HAS BEEN ON INFERRING, WHERE STUDENTS USE CLUES FROM THE TEXT AND THEIR OWN KNOWLEDGE TO UNDERSTAND DEEPER MEANINGS. OUR SPELLING WORK HAS BEEN CENTRED AROUND LONG VOWEL SOUNDS, EXPLORING DIFFERENT SPELLING PATTERNS AND APPLYING THEM IN OUR WRITING.

OUR YEAR 3 STUDENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN COMPLETING NAPLAN, SHOWING GREAT RESILIENCE AND EFFORT. IN MATHEMATICS, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION STRATEGIES, USING NUMBER LINES, PARTITIONING, AND MENTAL STRATEGIES TO SOLVE PROBLEMS EFFICIENTLY. STUDENTS ARE DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE IN SELECTING THE BEST STRATEGIES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF EQUATIONS AND ARE BECOMING MORE EFFICIENT.

FOR INQUIRY, WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT COMMUNITY BUILDING, EXPLORING DIFFERENT TYPES OF COMMUNITIES AND DISCUSSING WHY BEING PART OF A COMMUNITY IS SO IMPORTANT. STUDENTS HAVE BEEN MAKING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES AND THE WAYS PEOPLE SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. IT HAS BEEN AN EXCITING TERM OF LEARNING, AND WE ARE SO PROUD OF THE EFFORT AND PROGRESS OUR STUDENTS HAVE MADE!

## YEAR 5/6

IT'S BEEN AN ACTION-PACKED FORTNIGHT FOR OUR YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS, FILLED WITH NUMBER-CRUNCHING AND STORY-SPINNING!

IN MATHS, WE'VE BEEN SHOWING JUST HOW AWESOME NUMBERS AND GRAPHS CAN BE! THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DIVING DEEP INTO OUR NEW UNIT, WHERE THEY'RE BECOMING EXPERTS AT INTERPRETING AND ANALYSING DATA FROM ALL KINDS OF GRAPHS AND TABLES. THESE SKILLS ARE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD AROUND US—AND WHO KNEW GRAPHS COULD TELL SUCH FASCINATING STORIES?

MEANWHILE, IN WRITING, OUR BUDDING AUTHORS ARE CONTINUING TO WEAVE THEIR NARRATIVE MAGIC. THEY'RE SHARPENING THEIR STORYTELLING SKILLS AND LEARNING HOW TO KEEP READERS HOOKED FROM START TO FINISH.

IN READING, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ART OF SUMMARISING! WHETHER IT'S A GRIPPING FICTIONAL ADVENTURE OR A MIND-EXPANDING NON-FICTION PIECE, STUDENTS ARE PRACTICING HOW TO QUICKLY CAPTURE THE KEY POINTS OF ANY TEXT—BOOSTING BOTH THEIR COMPREHENSION AND CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS.

ON TOP OF ALL THIS, OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SHOWING AMAZING DEDICATION AND SPORTSMANSHIP, ESPECIALLY IN THE RECENT INTERSCHOOL SPORTS AND NAPLAN ASSESSMENTS. IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL TO SEE THEM RISE TO THE CHALLENGE, EMBRACING THE GVPS VALUES WITH PRIDE.

WE COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD OF THE ENTHUSIASM AND HARD WORK OUR STUDENTS ARE PUTTING IN—WHAT A FANTASTIC FORTNIGHT OF LEARNING!

## SPECIALIST: VISUAL ARTS

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD THIS TERM IN VISUAL ARTS, THEY SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR. FOUNDATION HAVE BEEN ENJOYING LEARNING ABOUT THE ELEMENTS OF ART WHICH ARE COLOUR, LINE, SHAPE, PATTERN, AND TEXTURE. STUDENTS HAVE USED THESE SKILLS TO BEGIN CREATING A SELF-PORTRAIT FOR A WHOLE SCHOOL DISPLAY. GRADE 1-2 HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD AND ENJOYING LEARNING ABOUT FACIAL PROPORTIONS TO CREATE A SYMMETRY SELF-PORTRAIT. GRADE 3-4 HAVE ENJOYED GETTING CREATIVE APPLYING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE ELEMENTS OF ART TO CREATE A COLLAGE SELF-PORTRAIT. AND GRADE 5-6 HAVE THOROUGHLY EXTEND THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE ELEMENTS OF ART AND USING THEIR CREATIVE SKILLS TO PRODUCE AN ABSTRACT SELF-PORTRAIT TITLED "A SLICE OF LIFE".



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## *College Tours*

*Tuesday 8:55am on the following dates*

- *4<sup>th</sup> March*
- *11<sup>th</sup> March*
- *18<sup>th</sup> March*
- *25<sup>th</sup> March*

*You are invited to attend a tour of Gladstone Park Secondary College to view our superb facilities and to note, for yourself, the tone of respect.*

*Our students will greet you at the administration office.*

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## *Year 7 2026 Information Evening*

*Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - 6pm*

*Performing Arts Centre*

*6:00pm - 7:00pm - General Information Session*

## *Open Day*

*Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April*

*Performing Arts Centre*

*Tour: 9:15am - 10:30am*

**NO BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ANY EVENT**

# School Assembly Dates - Term 1



**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - last day of Term**