

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

- **Wednesday 5th February 2025**
Foundation students commence full time
- **Monday 10th February 2025**
Welcome BBQ 3:45 – 4:45
- **Friday 14th February 2025**
Interschool Sport vs St Dominics @ Home
- **Friday 21st February 2025**
Interschool Sport vs Tullamarine @ Home
- **Monday 24th February 2025**
Meet the Teacher 11:00am – 7:00pm
- **Friday 28th February 2025**
Interschool Sport vs Gladstone Park @ Home

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



Welcome to 2025 Gladstone Views Primary School!

Dear students, parents, staff, and the entire Gladstone Views community,

Welcome to another exciting year of exceptional learning and wellbeing! We are thrilled to have everyone back as we embark on a new year full of opportunities, growth, and success.

A special shout-out to our wonderful students who kicked off the year with enthusiasm and maturity on Wednesday, January 29th. It was heartening to see so many students arrive ready to learn, with minimal tears, quick hugs, and warm goodbyes to loved ones. Everyone transitioned so smoothly into their classrooms and straight into their learning – well done, students! Your positivity and excitement are truly inspiring.

We are looking forward to an incredible year ahead, filled with new experiences, challenges, and achievements. Together, we will continue to nurture both the academic and personal growth of each child, ensuring they thrive in all aspects of their development.

Curriculum Day Reflection – A Positive Start to the Year!

On our first day of the term, our team came together for a productive and thoughtful Curriculum Day. We focused on continuing to develop a positive climate for learning – not only for our students but for our entire education team. It was a powerful opportunity to align our goals, deepen our practice, and reinforce our shared commitment to creating a nurturing and engaging learning environment.

One of the key themes of our day was exploring the emotions we want to feel as an educational team. We spent time discussing the actions we need to take to cultivate these feelings and make them a reality in our day-to-day work. By fostering a positive mindset in all that we do, we are empowering both ourselves and our students to approach learning with confidence, curiosity, and resilience.

Additionally, we explored the critical role that teacher-student relationships play in learning. As a result, we have introduced a new element to our morning circles: the "Ready to Learn Scale." This tool will help students reflect on their emotional and mental readiness to learn each day, allowing us to provide tailored support to those who may need extra help in getting into the right headspace for learning.

We are excited about all these developments and the positive impact they will have on our school community. With these shared goals and strategies, we are setting ourselves

up for an exceptional year of learning, growth, and wellbeing. Let's make this year one of continued collaboration, positivity, and success for all! We also made great strides in developing a school-wide conflict resolution strategy.

The team worked together to create a flowchart that will provide a clear, supportive approach for resolving conflicts, ensuring that every student and staff member has a consistent and constructive framework to follow.

An exciting addition to our approach this year is the roll-out of our positive student rewards system, aligned with our broader school-wide positive behaviour system. This system is designed to recognize and celebrate the positive actions and behaviours of our students, motivating them to continue to thrive in both their learning and personal growth.

School Captains for the 2025 School Year

I am pleased to introduce our School Captains for the 2025 school year:

- **Flynn Jacobs – Captain**
- **Georgia Keil – Captain**
- **Taylah Ellis – Vice Captain**
- **Quinn Hall – Vice Captain**

These outstanding students have shown exceptional leadership, dedication, and a strong commitment to our school community. We are excited to see them lead with enthusiasm and work together to make this year a memorable one for everyone.

Please join me in congratulating them and supporting them as they take on these important roles. Let's give them a big round of applause as they step into their new responsibilities!



Monday 24th February – Parent teacher interviews:

For Parent Teacher Interviews this term, students and their parents or carers will attend a scheduled appointment with their teacher between 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Outside of their scheduled appointment, students are **not** required to attend school. Please note that outside school hours care (OSH) will **not** be available on this day.

This new structure provides extended opportunities for families to have meaningful conversations with teachers, which will help strengthen support for student success. Appointment / meetings with teachers will be available in three formats: in-person, phone, or virtual, and bookings can be made through Compass.

More details will follow in due course regarding the format and further information about the day and bookings.

Join Our School Council – A Great Opportunity to Get Involved!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are currently inviting expressions of interest for parent positions on our **Gladstone Views Primary School Council**. If you have an interest in supporting the school in a more formal role and are keen to contribute to school governance, we would love to hear from you!

The School Council meets once a month as a formal group, and there are also several subcommittees that parents can participate in, including:

- Education and Policy
- Building and Grounds
- Budget and Fundraising
- Canteen / Out of Hours School Care

Each subcommittee meets prior to the formal council meeting and plays a key role in helping shape the direction and priorities of our school.

If you're interested in joining the School Council or would like to know more, please send an email of interest to gladstone.views.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Important forms for 2025 – Please Review and Return

As we begin another exciting year at Gladstone Views Primary School, we would like to inform you that we will be sending home several important consent forms:

- **Digital Technology Consent and Acceptable Use**
- **Photography, Filming, and Recording of Students**
- **Annual Permissions Form**

Please take some time to carefully review these documents with your child, ensuring that you both understand the information and any relevant details. Once you have discussed the forms, we kindly ask that you sign and return them to school at your earliest convenience.

Your prompt attention to these forms is greatly appreciated, as it helps ensure we can continue to provide the best educational experience for all students while keeping everyone safe and informed.

Thank you for your cooperation!

SWPBS Update

As part of Gladstone Views' continued rollout of our School-Wide Positive Behaviour initiative, we are excited to begin implementing our points and reward system to recognise and celebrate students who consistently meet school expectations.

We are currently in the process of explaining the system to our students, which involves earning Dojo points. These points will accumulate based on their positive behaviour, and students will be able to redeem them for rewards from our SWPBS prize shop, or they can be used towards the whole class and whole school activities as additional incentives.

This system works alongside our [Matrix for Expected Student Behaviour](#), reinforcing the positive actions we encourage and supporting students in making good choices. It also complements our approach to managing behaviour, helping students avoid consequences based on our Minor and Major Responses to Unexpected Behaviour.

This initiative is designed to further build a strong sense of community and achievement across the school. We are excited to see our students engaging with and benefiting from the rewards and positive reinforcement it provides.

Stay tuned for more details as we continue to roll this out!

School Values

If you've walked through the office, you've likely noticed our magnificent Values Tree—a symbol of the values we hold close as a school community. We take great pride in bringing our values to life, and our daily focus is on fostering respect, safety, kindness, and a love of learning. This is a shared journey, and together, we will continue to grow as a school community. Keep an eye on the tree as it flourishes, with each new leaf representing our collective commitment to these values.



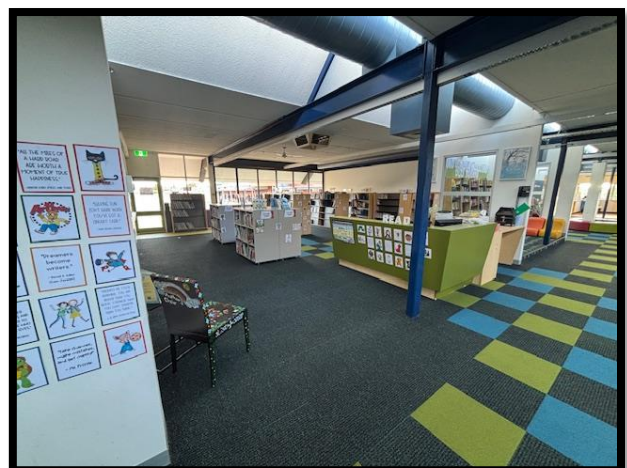
Library



The school library is the heart of our learning community, providing a welcoming space for students to explore, discover, and grow.

We have been working hard to redesign the library into a functional and inviting space for our students. All books have been sorted and reshelfed in an organised system, making it easier for students to browse, read, and immerse themselves in the magic of stories. While the transformation is still a work in progress, we are excited to bring the space to life with character designs for the walls and new books for our students to enjoy. Watch the space!

We will keep you updated on new developments throughout the term. If you have experience in covering books and would like to help, please see Narelle Larson (Library Technician) in the library at 8:30 AM or 3:30 PM. Your support would be greatly appreciated!



Well-Being Corner at GVPS with Mrs. Kristy



WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Words of affirmation. This wellbeing activity can really help build children's self esteem, confidence and self- assurance. Practicing words of affirmation can transform your child's emotional wellbeing, as it provides useful reminders of who they are and aspire to be. Words of affirmation can include: · I am strong. · I am valued. · I am loved. · I'm going to have a great day at school. · I learn from my mistakes.

Tip Four: Be a Partner in Your Child's Education, Health and Wellness

Start the conversation by talking to teachers about your child's:



Likes and dislikes



Strengths and struggles



Preferred learning styles



Any other issues that may affect them at school

TIPS FOR STARTING A NEW SCHOOL YEAR



1. GET BACK INTO YOUR SLEEP ROUTINE. TO HELP LESSEN THOSE STRESSFUL SCHOOL MORNINGS, SET UP A REGULAR BEDTIME AND MORNING TIME ROUTINE.
2. SHOP FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES TOGETHER. KIDS ARE MORE LIKELY TO EMBRACE THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR IF THEY ARE INVOLVED.
3. RE-ESTABLISH SCHOOL ROUTINES. HAVE YOUR CHILD PRACTICE GETTING BACK INTO THE RHYTHM OF THEIR DAILY SCHOOL ROUTINE. GET THEM TO WAKE AND GET UP AT THE SAME TIME EVERY DAY. ENCOURAGE THEM TO EAT AT A SIMILAR TIME THAT THEY WOULD BE DOING SO AT SCHOOL.
4. SET UP A HOMEWORK STATION. SIT DOWN WITH YOUR CHILD AND TOGETHER CHOOSE A TIME AND PLACE WHERE THEY WILL BE EXPECTED TO DO THEIR READING EVERY DAY.

WAYS TO HELP ME CALM DOWN

Finding a good solution for when you're feeling angry.

Talk about a time when your child has felt angry. Help them think of lots of different things they could do to feel better.

- Listen to calm music
- Count to ten
- Do some colouring
- Drawing to express how they feel



5. MAKE AN AFTER-SCHOOL GAME PLAN. MAKE A PLAN FOR WHERE YOUR CHILD WILL GO AFTER SCHOOL AND MAKE SURE YOUR PLANS ARE CLEAR.

6. TURN OFF THE TV AND VIDEO GAMES. FOR A LOT OF CHILDREN SUMMERTIME IS FILLED WITH ENDLESS VIDEO GAMES AND TV PROGRAMS. EASE YOUR CHILD INTO THE LEARNING PROCESS BY TURNING OFF THE ELECTRICS INTERMITTENTLY. INSTEAD ENCOURAGE THEM TO READ OR PLAY QUIETLY.

7. REVIEW SCHOOL MATERIAL AND INFORMATION. FOR MOST PARENTS, SCHOOLS SEND HOME INFORMATION IN A PACK. THIS USUALLY INCLUDES INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR CHILD'S NEW TEACHER AND IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER.

8. GET ORGANISED. THE BEST WAY TO PREPARE FOR BACK TO SCHOOL TIME IS TO BE AS ORGANISED AS YOU CAN BE.



GVPS GARDEN

Do you enjoy being outdoors and have some spare time? Want to help build a strong school community? Come help us in the GVPS Garden Patch!

The GVPS vegetable patches have been taken care of by a few volunteer parents who call themselves the Green Team. Claire, Gabby and Kim are looking for other volunteers who can help with watering and weeding during the week to help the veggie patch thrive.

It's a great opportunity for parent interaction and also for students to get involved and understand sustainability. The plentiful harvest is also a bonus when the students take the produce home.

No experience necessary. Garden sessions are at a time that suits you.

REQUEST: If anyone also has any shade cloth or garden mulch they could donate to help protect the plants during these upcoming hot days we would really appreciate it.

Please reach out to the front office team.



YOU'RE INVITED

WELCOME BBQ AT GVPS!!



Join Us For Our

GVPS WELCOME BARBEQUE



MONDAY

10.02.2025

3:40PM (NEAR SCHOOL CANTEEN)

Dear GVPS Community,

We are excited to invite you to our informal Welcome BBQ on Monday, 10th February, from 3:45 to 4:45 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a free BBQ, meet your child's teacher in a relaxed setting, and connect with other members of our school community.

Whether you're new to the school or a familiar face, we'd love to see as many of you as possible there. It's a chance to get to know each other, ask any questions, and kick off the year with a sense of connection and community.

We will have both Halal and non-Halal sausage options available to cater to everyone's preferences.

Look forward to seeing you there and sharing a great afternoon together!

RESPECT. SAFE. KIND. LEARNERS