

# NEWSLETTER



## UPCOMING DATES

- **GVPS Values Week- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Last Day-Term 1 Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Early Finish students to be collected at 1.30pm**  
(Aftercare available from 1.30pm)
- **Values Launch Assembly & Easter Raffle Draw (12.15pm) & Colour Run (1pm)- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Advancedlife School Photos - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**
- **School Athletics Carnival 3-6 & F-2 Tabloid sports -Wed 5 April**
- **Curriculum Day- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April (Students not at school)**
- **Anzac Day Public Holiday -Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April (Students not at school)**
- **Term 2 begins -Students back at school- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Parent/carers classroom helpers begins- Term 2**
- **Foundation Responsible Pet ownership day-Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Building Resilience in Children Parent and Carer Forum-Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May 6.30pm-8pm Broadmeadows Town Hall**

## Mr Alex's Principal Message

Dear Gladstone Views Primary School community,

It was another great fortnight of wellbeing and learning at Gladstone Views Primary School.

As a part of our wellbeing approaches and to reinforcing student behaviour expectations aligned with our values of respect, safety, kindness and learning we use positive recognition and reinforcement. In the classroom and yard we attempt to catch students using appropriate behaviour and acknowledge this behaviour with all of the students. We try to implement a ratio of 5 positives to 1 constructive. Sometimes you might hear that your child has made some positive choices during the day or week but also receives a reminder about expected behaviour and to stop a particular behaviour. We understand that this can cause confusion as a parent. Our recommendation is that you focus on the positive choices your child makes and just remind them of the way you expect them to behave in the future in line with our GVPS Values and Expectations. Understanding, relationships, love and care when reconnecting with students are wonderful predeterminers of redirecting and improving behaviour. And remember students are not going to make the right choices if they are not modelled or taught and positively recognised.

At GVPS we are not immune from classroom events which disrupt learning caused by dysregulated students, unfortunately this happens daily in all Victorian schools. To this end, when this occurs, our main priority is to ensure that everybody is safe when an incident is occurring and our staff have shared understandings as to what processes we put in place to ensure everyone's safety. To do this we action strategies from our Trauma Informed Practice to regulate students back to the 'green' zone (being calm) and de-escalate the situation from our Trauma Informed Practice. When students are regulated, we

can talk to students, families and services about strategies to best support students to regulate and feel calm and safe at school. Furthermore, post an incident we are all learners and as a staff we talk about how we best respond to incidents and what repairs need to take place to support all students and staff involved.

At Gladstone Views Primary School, we are committed to our mission to develop literate, numerate, healthy and socially responsible individuals and we believe by teaching these vital learning and wellbeing skills in the children's developmental years this will be in service to developing responsible citizens of the future.



As some of you may already know, this is Samantha (Steele) Cataggio's last week at GVPS. She has been a fantastic teacher and leader of our school. As you may have noticed, she is heading off on family leave to start her family. I am sure you will join me to wish her well. Mrs Christie Silva will replace Mrs Catoggio in 3/4C

### Gladstone Views Primary School Values

As part of our curriculum, we explicitly teach the aligned to our school values of being respectful, safe, kind and being Learners. You will see a copy of our Matrix of Expectation in this newsletter which is used to model appropriate behaviour and the language is used across the school to acknowledge appropriate behaviour and redirect inappropriate behaviour. It would be great if you were able to use this shared language at home with your children, so this behaviour and language is reinforced at home.

Students have been utilising their imagination and creativity during visual art sessions to create our new School Values mascots. A huge thanks to Melissa and Perri for implementing this into their Art curriculum.

Our School Values are: **Be a Learner, Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Kind.**

The following mascot designs have been shortlisted. We are now asking our students and community to vote for their preferred mascot option. When you have the chance with your children please click on the link below to view the options for each value and then cast your votes. <https://forms.gle/qmiMRVgqnW6KKK9NA>

Voting closes Wednesday 5 April and the winning mascots will be announced at our Values celebration assembly.

### Values Week at Gladstone Views Primary School

The students and community are very excited about our Values Week in the last week of Term April 3-6.

Monday 3 April - School photos

Tuesday 4 April - School Values Mascots selected

Wednesday 5 April

- School House Athletics Carnival 9am - 2:30pm (Students to dress in their house colours, event details to follow)

- Foundation Tabloid Sports 9-11am

- Grade 1 & 2 Tabloid Sports 12-2pm

Details of event times to follow

Athletics Day Assembly 3pm

Thursday 6 April

Values Assembly 12:15pm - GVPS Values Mascots Announced and Easter Raffle

Values Colour Run (white t-shirts preferred as the students will get coloured non toxic chalk on them) 1pm

1:30pm Dismissal

Further details on COMPASS

Volunteers (Sign up at the school office) and spectators welcome

## Message from Gladstone Views Primary School Council

Our Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser on Saturday 18 March at Bunning Broadmeadows was a great success raising a profit of \$1028 for the school.

We want to thank the following people and families for their time, donations and support.

Matthew Dawson, Phil Harris, Michael Mawal, Ben Hart, Mim Di Fillippo, David White, Maria Jakowetz, Kim Agius, Amanda Bortone, Rachael Melville, Drew Piltz, Troy Schimmelbush, Kevin Clemow, David Garvin, Adam Gottellari, Katie Lynch, Rick Lynch, Beth Shanks, Deborah Selway, Tate Family, Carroll Family, Grabowski Family, Piltz Family, Tamara, Two families (Who didn't leave their names) for a donation to JJ meats, Vergona Family and Mitchell-Shaw Family.

It was great to have Josh Bull, a local member for Sunbury, visit our school so we could have conversations about our school's building and grounds needs and upgrades.

The council has since written a letter to Josh bull outlining the stages of work which the students put forward at the meeting with Josh and Josh has responded and forwarded our request to the Minister for Education please read on for Josh's correspondence.

## Message from our Student Leaders



On Tuesday our student leaders attended a leadership training conference called GRIP. Here the students learnt about how to be active leaders of the future to create positive change.

On another note, we are so excited to be at Portsea Camp at the moment. It is our first camp in a long while and we are having so much fun. We will see everybody on Friday 31 March when we return.

## Classroom Helper and Volunteers begins Term 2

For those parents who were able to complete the Classroom Helper and Volunteers training at GVPS in 2022 and 2023, you will soon receive a Dojo message from the teachers asking you to complete the [Classroom Helper Availability Form](#) ready to begin this term. Please fill in this form and return this to your child's classroom teacher.

## Harmony Day

Tuesday the 21st of March was our [Harmony Day](#) on this day all of our students celebrated Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Students came wearing orange and had a great day learning and developing the student's understandings around why we acknowledge Harmony Day.

## Earthquake Relief for the Red Cross

A huge thank you to the community for getting behind our Earthquake Relief to support Turkey and Syria.

This fundraiser was actioned by our 5/6 cohort representing true student voice with global perspective. The school raised \$571.05 for the Red Cross.

## Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN

Well done to all the students in year 3 and 5 who completed their NAPLAN testing, we are so proud of you all. Results will be sent to the school next term.

## GVPS parent group

If you are a parent, carer or community member of GVPS and would like to connect with other GVPS community members please sign up to our [GVPS community group](#). This group plans to meet in an informal setting over a coffee and conversation.



# JOSH BULL MP

YOUR STATE LABOR MEMBER FOR SUNBURY

23 March 2023

Gladstone Views Primary School  
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Gladstone Park 3043  
Via email: [gladstone.views.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gladstone.views.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Dear Gladstone Views Primary School,

Thank you again for having me onsite earlier this month. It was fantastic to visit and hear about how the Victorian Government can continue to support your great local school.

I appreciate your letter and your commitment to making your school the best it can be.

Please see attached my letter asking the Minister for Education, the Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP to investigate funding opportunities for Gladstone Views Primary School, so that we can continue to see students achieving positive education outcomes.

I will be back in touch when I receive a reply from the Minister's Office.

Please continue to reach out if I can be of any further assistance.

Kind regards,

**Josh Bull MP**  
**Member for Sunbury**  
**Parliamentary Secretary for Level Crossing Removals**  
**Parliamentary Secretary for Transport**

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YOUR STATE LABOR MEMBER FOR **SUNBURY**

23 March 2023

The Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP  
Minister for Education  
Minister for Women  
Level 1, 2 Treasury Place  
East Melbourne VIC 3002  
Via email: [natalie.hutchins@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:natalie.hutchins@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Dear Minister,

I write to you on behalf of Gladstone Views Primary School, in my electorate of Sunbury.

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit this great school and saw firsthand how passionate the students and teachers are about learning and growth. I spoke with student leaders and discussed the importance of education and the role of government in supporting local schools to achieve the best outcomes possible.

Gladstone Views Primary School have since written to me, outlining the current state of various facilities, including their outdoor and oval space. As outlined in the attached letter, these spaces are in need of an upgrade, in order to ensure student wellbeing and foster physical education.

Please see attached correspondence from the school, highlighting opportunities for improvements and their vision for the infrastructure upgrades.

I would be grateful if you could please investigate funding opportunities so Gladstone Views Primary School can continue to provide enriching and engaging education for young people in my electorate.

Kind regards,

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# MATRIX OF EXPECTATIONS

Always	Learning Areas	Play Areas	Toilets and Taps	Canteen	Transitions and Common Core Areas	Assembly	Digital Technologies	In the Community
 <p>I listen to the person talking and use manners. I am honest. I show kindness. I accept adult decisions and follow instructions. I take care of school property.</p>	<p>I have a go. I respect learning and teaching. I cooperate in group work. I share and take turns. I put my hand up to share.</p>	<p>I use positive language. I tell the truth. I put rubbish in the bin. I share equipment and play spaces. I include others.</p>	<p>I respect privacy. I use toilets and taps responsibly. I tell the teacher if the toilets are unsafe or dirty.</p>	<p>I wait my turn. I use my manners.</p>	<p>I use a quiet voice. I maintain personal space.</p>	<p>I enter and exit quietly. I show appreciation by clapping appropriately. I am mindful of people around me.</p>	<p>I follow the GVPs Digital Technology agreement. I only write things that are considerate of others' feelings. I seek permission before posting information about others.</p>	<p>I use my manners. I wear my uniform with pride. I respectfully represent my school.</p>
 <p>I keep my hands, feet and objects to myself. I am where I'm meant to be. I move safely and give people their personal space. I make good choices. I listen and follow the instructions in an emergency.</p>	<p>I use equipment appropriately. I make responsible decisions.</p>	<p>I wear my hat during the SunSmart months. I wait my turn. I eat in the designated areas. I use equipment correctly. I follow the rules of the game.</p>	<p>I go to the toilet and have a drink at play times. I flush the toilet then wash my hands with soap.</p>	<p>I wait behind the line. I only purchase and eat my own food.</p>	<p>I line-up and walk in two lines. I keep to the left and stay together. I look where I am going.</p>	<p>I leave tables, entry and exit points clear. I sit with my class.</p>	<p>I keep passwords private. I only access sites I have permission to use. I only communicate online with people I already know. I report anything inappropriate to an adult or parent immediately.</p>	<p>I obey safety rules. I am aware of stranger danger. I ensure I wear correct uniform when participating in out of school activities. I follow instructions and remain with my group.</p>
 <p>I always try my best. I am prepared for learning. I participate. I listen attentively. I learn from my mistakes.</p>	<p>I have the equipment I need to learn. I follow the school values. I follow the classroom expectations.</p>	<p>I am lined up before the bell rings. I try to resolve problems on my own or with the yard duty teacher. I think before I act.</p>	<p>I know the music means stop what I am doing. I go to the toilet if needed. I line up.</p>	<p>I am ready to order. I line up in the correct line.</p>	<p>I arrive at class on time.</p>	<p>I listen to messages carefully. I am an attentive audience member.</p>	<p>I use the internet to research and learn new skills. I follow protocols. I use digital technologies for assigned tasks only.</p>	



Gladstone Views Primary School's

# EXPECTATIONS



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](mailto:gladstone.views.ps@education.vic.gov.au)





# GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2023



*"It is natural to think of myself, but leaders need to shift their thinking to others first."*



There was thorough learning to complete for the full day experience, however some of the key strategies we are taking away from the conference include:

- Learning about the 4 H's of putting others first (hear, happiness, humility and help).
- Determining the 3 groups of people we can impact most as Leaders.
- To be organised and specific with the changes we want to see within our school community.

Senior Student Leaders from Gladstone Views Primary School endeavored on an incredible adventure to the Exhibition Centre for the 2023 GRIP leadership conference, along with 219 other schools from around Victoria! The conference was held in a ginormous auditorium at the Melbourne Convention Centre!

Our day was filled with excitement, passion and loud cheering! It was jam packed with fun interactive games and lots of laughs.

*"If we want to launch new ideas, we should choose something to help all our peers."*



*"As Senior School Leaders, you have the power and opportunity to bring people together."*



On behalf of The Senior School Leaders, Miss Ritchie and Ms Amanda, we would all like to thank Mr Alex and Ms Mim for allowing us to attend a very special and informative event. We are all so excited to implement and apply our new learnings within the Gladstone Views Primary School Community!

Significant Dates			
2023 Term Dates			
Curriculum Day	All Years	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	No students at school
Anzac Day Public Holiday	All Years	Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> April	No students at school
Term 2	All years	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Students at school Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> April
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	All Years	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> June	No students at school
Term 3	All years	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> July - Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	
Term 4	All years	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct – Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Curriculum Day	All years	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	No Students to attend
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	All years	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	No Students to attend



# FOUNDATION OPEN MORNING

We were very excited to welcome our Foundation parents and carers as they joined in as part of Morning Circle. It was wonderful to see and hear the happenings in the classroom and all students **Being Respectful, Being Safe and Being Learners!**



Foundation C



Foundation B



Foundation A