

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

- **Wednesday 31st January**
First Day of Term 1 2024
Grades 1/2, 3/4, & 5/6
- **Wednesday 31st Jan - 6th February**
Foundation Assessments
- **Wednesday 7th February**
Foundation Students begin school full time
8:55am – 3:30pm

Mr Alex's Principal Message

Dear Gladstone Views Primary School community,

At Gladstone Views Primary School our Vision Statement is to create productive citizens of the future.

In partnership with the community, our mission is to assist every student to become literate, numerate, healthy and socially responsible in a caring, safe, supportive, stimulating and challenging environment.

We are proud of our Community **School Values** and expect all members of our school to be **Respectful, Safe, Kind and continual Learners** in their daily lives.

GVPS Values



School Break Well Wishes and Thanks

As we approach the holiday season, I extend warm wishes to each and every one of you. May this festive time be filled with joy, laughter, and moments of shared happiness with family and friends.

To our wonderful students, enjoy this well-deserved break! Take time to relax, have fun, and create special memories with your loved ones.

To our dedicated Educational Team, thank you for your unwavering commitment and hard work throughout the year. Your passion and dedication make a lasting impact on our students.

To our school families, thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Your involvement in our community is truly valued.

To those families leaving us whether their children are ending their education at Gladstone Views Primary School or moving to another school, I wish you well in the future.

May the holiday season bring you peace, rejuvenation, and an abundance of love. Wishing you all a joyful break and looking forward to an exciting and successful new year ahead.

We look forward to welcoming our school community back on Wednesday 31 of January. Our first communication will outline the 2024 room plan and important start up information.

Grade 6 Graduation

Last night we commemorated this special occasion, with our graduates attending their special ceremony at Sherwood Receptions with family, friends and teachers. It was a wonderful celebration and culmination in 7 years of primary schooling.

As you embark on the thrilling adventure of moving up to the next chapter of your academic journey, we're thrilled to celebrate your achievements. Your time with us has been filled with growth, friendship, and accomplishments, and we're proud to witness you take this important step. Here's to your success, resilience, and the bright future ahead. Enjoy the adventure, graduates – you've earned it!

School Council

I wanted to take a moment to thank the school council for their support and commitment to the school. Matthew Dawson as President, Phil Harris in the role of acting President and members Katie Lynch, Grant Fenton, Ben Hart, Beth Shanks, Michael Mawal and David Gavin. With visiting attendees Rachael McKeown and Ravi Unantenne. Further to this I wanted to extend thanks to Matthew Dawson, Ben Hart, Michael Mawal and David Garvin for their service as their tenure on council conclude at the end of this year.

School Concert

What a spectacular showcase of talent our end-of-school concert was! It contained dazzling musical ensembles and heartwarming choir renditions and energetic dance routines and theatrical skits, the concert was a celebration of the creativity and dedication displayed by our students throughout the academic year. Thank you to those who joined us for an amazing GVPS community event filled with food, music, laughter, and memories as we bid farewell to another successful school year. A huge thank you to Mr John for his choreography, the educational team and community members for putting together the show that was.



Classroom Placements 2024

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to shed light on the complex process of student classroom placement for the upcoming school year. Our dedicated educational team and administrators invest considerable time and effort into creating balanced and safe learning environments conducive to learning based on both observations and data. The placement process involves considering various factors such as individual learning styles, social dynamics, student wellbeing, teacher-student compatibility, student voice and parent requests and student separations based on their perspective on what would best support their child's learning. Meeting everybody's needs based on these factors is what makes this so complex. We aim to foster an inclusive and supportive atmosphere that encourages growth for each student. While we understand that excitement, eagerness and anxiety come with classroom placement, please trust that careful consideration is given to every student's needs. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this complex but crucial endeavour, ensuring that each student's educational experience is enriching and positive. In saying this, we are always open to feedback on our process in the aim to improve the student's transition.

GVPS Parents and Carers Club

I wanted to thank those involved in the parent and carers club who supported the school with the Halloween Disco, School concert lead up, 2024 community event planning and other tasks at the end of the year.

Bittersweet Goodbyes and Welcomes

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 departing staff have found other opportunities in other schools, some permanently, some for short term contracts, and some have received promotions. We have to say a few goodbyes this year. Suzy Black, Matilda Seru, Christie Silva, John Koutsonikolas, Carolyn Hansen, Jordan Riolo and Steve Clogstoun. 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 you farewell and every success for your future endeavours.

We have gained some wonderful new teachers who will join our team to implement our school vision and to add and complement our school. Madeleine Jordan (Grade 1/2 teacher and team leader), Nathan Higgs (Physical Education teacher), Olivia Busutil (5/6 teacher), Maria Battisti (3/4 teacher) and Allanah Bottino (Education Support).

Victorian Recycling Scheme

Gladstone Views Primary School is committed to fostering a sustainable and environmentally conscious community, and we believe that implementing a Can Deposit Scheme is a crucial step towards achieving this goal.

Therefore the school has signed up to this initiative and is currently pending approval. When involved we contribute to the wider Gladstone Park community's recycling efforts but also instil essential values of environmental stewardship in our students. From community collecting and deposited cans at local Hubs the scheme generates funds that will be strategically directed toward initiatives that enhance educational outcomes for our students at GVPS, such as providing updated learning resources, supporting extracurricular activities, and investing in innovative teaching tools. Additionally, a portion of the funds will be allocated to improve the school's aesthetics, creating a more vibrant and conducive learning environment.

We are confident that the Can Deposit Scheme aligns with our school's values, positively impacting both our community and the educational experiences of our students. We kindly request approval for the implementation of this initiative to further enrich our school's commitment to sustainability and holistic education.