

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to 2022!

I hope everyone has had a relaxing holiday break and that you are ready to go for a busy year ahead. It's been great to see everyone back and eager to learn!

Welcome to the new families that have joined us at Gladstone Views Primary School.



**Also a huge warm welcome to our new FOUNDATION STUDENTS that started their school journey THIS WEEK!**

We are very happy to have the students and their families join our school community. It is a very exciting time and we look forward to working with them all.



## Staffing

A special welcome back to our staff at Gladstone Views PS. The staff are always willing to help in any way they can so please see them if you have any issues. I have listed them with their roles so you know who they are. They all have name badges so staff members are clearly identified.

<b>Acting Principal</b>	<b>Belinda Karlsson</b>
<b>Acting Assistant Principal</b>	<b>Samantha Catoggio</b>
<b>Year Level</b>	<b>Staff</b>
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Matilda Seru (PLC Leader)</b>
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Nicole Jovic</b>

Year Level	Staff
Year 1	Jess Reynolds (PLC Leader)
Year 1	Michelle Rizk (Learning Specialist)
Year 1	Niamh McIntosh-Bartlett
Year 2	Trent Crane (PLC Leader)
Year 2	Kristen Purcell
Year 2	Perri Prebeg/Victoria Magro
Year Level	Staff
Year 3	Bee Kesginer
Year 3	Emily Angliss
Year 3/4	Brett Moule (PLC Leader)
Year 4	Maddison Lomiglio
Year 4	Katherine van der Zee
Year Level	Staff
Year 5	Naomi Kearns
Year 5	Ange Cetin
Year 5/6	Brittany James (PLC Leaders)
Year 6	Cassandra Neofotistos
Year 6	Kristy Barnes

Staff	Role
Suzy Black	Positive Climate for Learning Leader
Carmelina Di Guglielmo	LOTE
John Koutsonikolas	Performing Arts
Eliza German	Physical Education
TBC	Visual Arts
Staff	Role
Christie Silva	Tutoring Role
Narelle Larsen	Tutoring Role
Emma Wilson	Tutoring Role

Educational Support Staff	
Cinzia Natale	Penny Dawson
Ashleigh Temming	Alison O'Neill

Business Manager	Administration
Marg Wilson	Sharon Mazzeo
	Amanda Oliver

## Annual Privacy Reminder for 2022

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website [\[INSERT LINK to your school's collection notice\]](#). For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.

# COVID-19 Update

Just a few reminders:

## Free Rapid Antigen Tests

A huge thank you to those parents/carers who collected their free rapid antigen tests during the week. Twice-a-week testing is strongly recommended for students.

If a COVID-positive result occurs please do the following:

- contact the school by phone or the [RA Test Portal](#); so that we can support your child/ren and record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation

## Vaccination Clinic

Gladstone Views Primary School will be hosting an onsite Covid-19 vaccination clinic.

The onsite vaccination clinic will be held at our school on **Saturday 12th February 2022 and Sunday 13th February 2022 from 10:00am-2:00pm.**

(Please see the attachment to the newsletter for information regarding the Expression of Interest form).

The Expression of Interest form needs to be completed by **Wednesday February 9<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

Please note that privacy will be provided to students for vaccine administration. Another space for observation of students post vaccination will also be provided.

## Ventilation

All classrooms are well ventilated by opening windows and doors to minimise the risk of infection. The Department of Education and Training has supplied all schools with air purifiers, which are utilised around the school as an added safety measure.

## Vital COVIDSafe steps

Hand hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing will continue throughout Term 1.

## School Attendance

All students are expected to attend onsite unless they are formally registered as being home-schooled.

## Face Masks

Students in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 **must** wear a face mask indoors at school and at Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) programs. Students must wear face masks even if vaccinated. Students are not required to wear masks outside. Students in Foundation to Year 2 are strongly recommended to wear face masks.

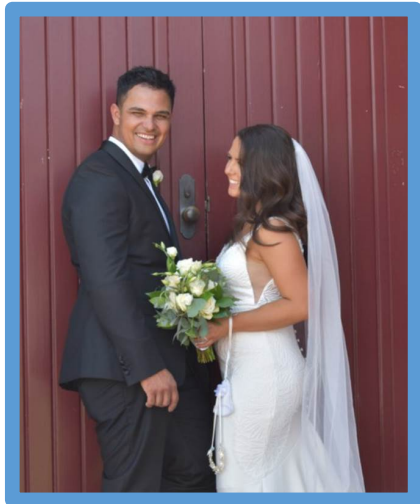
# Camps, Sport, Excursion Fund (CSEF)

Parents who hold a current health care card may be eligible to claim financial support to assist with expenses for camps, sport and excursions. If you are eligible please contact the school for an application form. Parents who have already claimed this at Gladstone Views Primary School will not need to apply again however the school office will need to make a copy of your current health care card.

# Welcome to 2022!

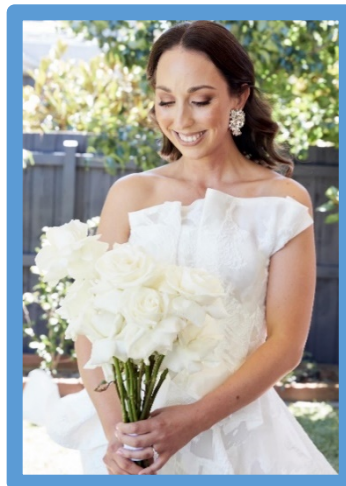
We are currently working out the arrangements for our **Welcome to 2022** evening. During the Welcome to 2022 evening, Teaching Teams will present information about the expectations for the year and a summary of what areas of the curriculum will be covered. We will keep you posted shortly with the date.

## Congratulations



*A huge congratulations to Mrs Samantha Catoggio (Samantha Steele), Mrs Jessica Reynolds (Jessica Bonnici) and to Mr John Koutsonikolas for their weddings over the holidays.*

*All three staff members had an amazing wedding day!*



## FUNDRAISING (Save the Dates)

The school Council Fundraising committee have been very busy organising Bunnings Broadmeadows Sausage Sizzles for the following dates:

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (Labour Day Long Weekend) 9:00am-4:00pm**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 9:00am-4:00pm**

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022 9:00am-4:00pm**

We would love your support on any of the above days and if you are able to volunteer some of your time it would be greatly appreciated. You can volunteer for ONE hour or for as MANY hours as you're able too.

If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact the office on 93386083.

Have a great weekend!

**Belinda Karlsson**

**Acting Principal**



### School Diary Dates 2022

School Council Meeting- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Vaccination Clinic- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (10:00am-2:00pm)

Public Holiday- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (no students at school this day)

School Photos-Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Curriculum Day

Curriculum Day (no students at school this day)- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Term Dates

End of Term 1- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Term 2: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Term 3: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022-Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Term 4: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October-Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022



# GET YOUR KIDS VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19 AT Hume Valley School

## COVID-19 vaccines are now available to children aged 5 to 11

Hume Valley School will be hosting a COVID-19 vaccination clinic where children aged 5 to 11 can get vaccinated in a safe, welcoming environment.

The school is located at 23 Koroit Avenue, Dallas with the clinic operating on:

- Friday 4 February 4pm - 8pm
- Saturday 5 February 9am - 4pm
- Sunday 6 February 9am - 4pm



This clinic is accessible to people with disabilities.

## Bookings and walk-ins are available.

Children aged 5 to 11 will receive a smaller dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Parents and guardians can also receive their booster doses, if they are eligible.

Medical staff and experienced immunisers will be on hand to make your child's vaccination a positive, comfortable experience.

Getting kids vaccinated against COVID-19 does more than protect them from serious illness – it helps protect their parents and carers, friends, school and community.

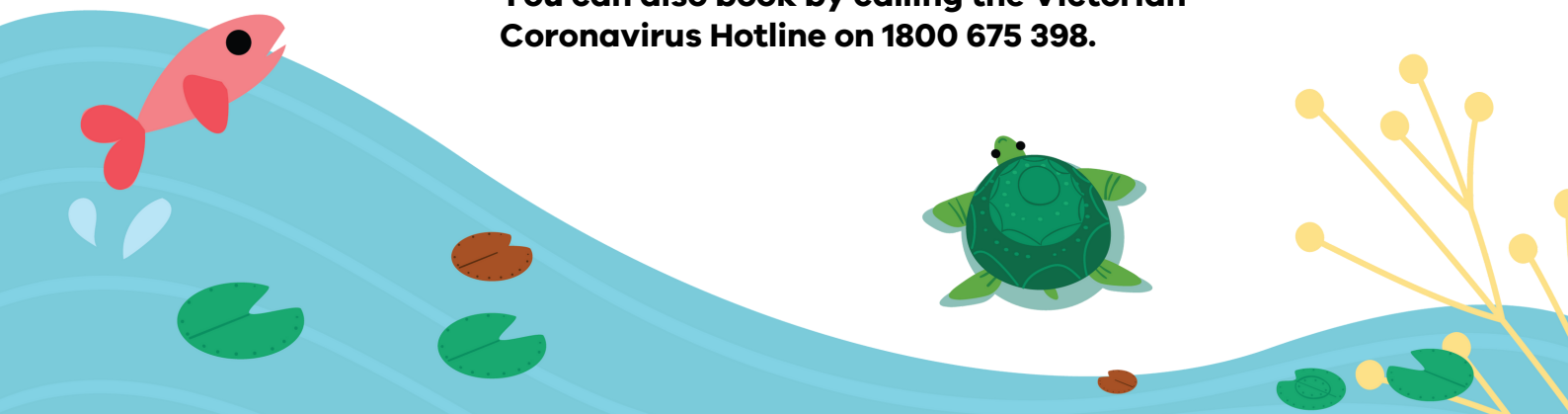


## To make a booking

**Scan the QR code to make a booking online.**

**Log in or create an account. Book by searching for school name: Hume Valley School**

**You can also book by calling the Victorian Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.**







## **PLAY FOOTBALL AT TFC**

**COME DOWN AND TRY OUT AT ANY  
TRAINING NIGHT**

*Commencing from the 31 Jan 2022*

**Under 16's Mon & Wed 4:30 - 5:30pm**

**Under 14's Mon & Wed 4:30 - 5:30pm**

**Under 12's Mon & Wed 5 - 6pm**

**Under 8's & 10's Mon & Wed 5 - 6pm**

**Under 10's - 16's annual membership \$280**

**Second sibling \$150**

**Under 8's \$100 and no weekly umpire fee**

*\*\* \$10 per game umpire fee\*\**

**Call for more information**

**Katreena - 0413 388 440**

**Fiona - 0430 338 305**

**@Leo Dineen Reserve Tullamarine**

# INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

**This information is about students attending school. It is for their families and carers.**

## EVERY DAY COUNTS

You and your child are an important part of your school's community.

Students will be returning to face-to-face learning in Term 1 and great things will be happening at your child's school this year.

We are so excited to have your child in the classroom, where they can receive the support that they need to succeed and have a happy experience at school this year.

Every day of attending school counts. Being at school supports your child's learning, social and mental wellbeing.

### Supporting our students

Schools will be making sure classrooms are as safe as possible for students and will be monitoring their mental, physical and social wellbeing.

Your child's school will support students who need to catch up. Teachers will work with students to understand who may need extra learning support. Some students may be offered tutoring or other assistance to ensure that they are able to participate and enjoy their lessons.

Schools also have programs and staff who can respond to a range of student health and wellbeing needs.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, you can contact your child's teacher or school principal, and you can talk with them about how the school can support your child.

### Providing a COVID Safe environment

Your child's school is operating in a COVIDSafe way. Schools will make sure that staff and students wear masks, stay home when unwell, and physical distance when appropriate.

Schools will provide free, regular COVID rapid antigen testing for students to help keep them safe.

There will be voluntary rapid antigen testing in place for the first four weeks of Term 1 2022. The Victorian Government will deliver more than 14 million rapid antigen tests to schools and early childhood education and care services.

Your child's school will let you know if there has been a positive COVID case at school and what you need to do.

### Helping keep your school community safe

Everybody has an important role to play. Mask wearing, hand washing and having your child vaccinated are all very important. All children aged 5 years and over can receive a vaccination and help to protect their family, friends and school community.

If your child is unwell, or has symptoms, keep them at home and notify your school.

Be prepared and know how to support your child's return to school.



## Department of Education and Training

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week's return to face-to-face learning has been a fantastic milestone for children, families, and schools, across Victoria.

The Department of Education and Training has worked closely with the Department of Health to ensure our schools are as safe as they can be.

This includes improving classroom ventilation with air-purifiers and supporting vital COVIDSafe steps, including the use of regular rapid antigen testing, mask wearing and physical distancing.

Thank you to parents and carers for supporting your children with these steps – they are not always easy, but are essential to help keep our schools safe and open, and to avoid the disruptions of home learning.

Helping your child to get vaccinated is one of the most important steps we can all take to give children direct protection against COVID-19.

Thanks to the hard work of school communities and families, almost 97% of all 12- to 18-year-olds have now had their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and more than 93% are fully vaccinated.

This is a phenomenal rate of protection for our older students, who couldn't have done it without the support of their families. We now want to see as many of our primary school students achieve that same level of protection.

For those who haven't yet done so, you are invited to book your child's vaccination as soon as possible.

COVID-19 vaccines have been tested and shown to be safe and effective in protecting against serious illness and reducing the likelihood of COVID-19 spreading.

High rates of vaccination also mean there is less chance of school closures – meaning more time for face-to-face learning, more time for fun activities and more time for children to be with their friends.

### How it works

Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 are delivered at 2 appointments, 8 weeks apart.

The time between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose can be shortened to 3 weeks for children at higher risk of severe COVID-19 such as children with underlying medical conditions.

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has [advised](#) that this includes children with:

- Down syndrome
- Cerebral palsy
- Muscular Dystrophy



- Severe disability that requires frequent assistance with daily living, which includes some autistic children and children with rare genetic disorders
- Heart disease and chronic lung disease, including those regularly hospitalised for asthma
- Cancer and survivors of childhood cancer

### How to book an appointment

There are lots of convenient options to get your child vaccinated, including state-wide vaccination clinics, your local GP or pharmacy, and pop-up clinics at many local primary schools.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including:

- online: [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine)
- by phone: [1800 675 398](tel:1800675398) (Coronavirus Hotline)
- In person: talk to your local pharmacy, doctor, or a [family-friendly vaccination centre](#)

### Need help?

Call the [Coronavirus Hotline](tel:1800675398) 1800 675 398: booking or vaccination questions

Need a translation? Refer to the [Information about COVID-19 vaccines in languages other than English](#)

### What to bring to the vaccine appointment

For information on what to bring to a vaccine appointment please visit the [Checklist: before your COVID-19 vaccination](#).

These resources can help you and your child prepare for the vaccination:

- [Needle phobia - The Melbourne Vaccine Education Centre \(MVEC\) \(mcri.edu.au\)](https://mcri.edu.au)
- [Tips to help a child afraid of needles and stop it becoming a phobia - ABC Everyday](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination social scripts - Amaze - Autism resource](#)
- [Sesame Street ABC of COVID vaccines](#)
- [The Australian Technical Advisory Group advice on the safety of the paediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- The [Australian Technical Advisory Group 19 January update](#) for a table of medical conditions with increased risk.

### Extra support for children with disability or special requirements

Disability Liaison Officers and dedicated vaccination centres (pop-up clinics) are available to for parents and carers who need help for their child to get vaccinated.

For more information, refer to the [Vaccine information for people with a disability or special requirements](#).

Thank you again for your support in ensuring children and our schools are as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Fraser

Deputy Secretary

**School Education Programs and Support**

3 February 2022