

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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RESILIENCE

Hi Everyone,

I would like to thank parents and students for the great job they have done in keeping our school as safe as possible by following important COVIDSafe measures such as mask wearing, physical distancing, ventilation, getting vaccinated and rapid antigen testing.

This has meant that our school has remained open and our students in class. This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the hard work of parents, carers, students and school staff.

Rapid Antigen Tests

To keep schools as safe as possible, the Victorian Government has extended the COVIDSafe measures introduced for the beginning of Term 1. This includes extending the availability of free rapid antigen tests (RAT) for screening until the end of term. It is anticipated an additional 24 million RATs will be provided to schools to continue to support early detection and prevent infection, for use at home.

The need for this program will continue to be monitored, and may end earlier based on health advice. This is great news and will mean we're able to continue identifying COVID-19 cases as early as possible, reducing the impact on our school and individuals.

The department will continue to supply free Rapid Antigen Tests to our school for your use and I will let you know when we receive our next delivery of Rapid Antigen Tests.

Twice-a-week testing continues to be strongly recommended for both students and staff.

Testing will be conducted at home, and students and staff must report any positive result. There is no requirement to report a negative result.

Vaccination

Vaccination is another key component to protect students and staff in school settings. There are lots of convenient options to access vaccinations. These include state-wide vaccination hubs, your local GP or pharmacy.

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

- online: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine
- by phone: 1800 675 398 (Coronavirus Hotline)
- In person: talk to your local pharmacy, doctor, or attend a state-wide vaccination hub.
- using the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder - [COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder | Australian Government Department of Health](#)

Ventilation

Improving ventilation is one of the most effective measures to keep education settings safe. 51,000 air purifiers were delivered to schools by Term 1, 2022 to support COVIDSafe settings in schools.

Up to an additional 60,000 air purifiers will be rolled out to schools ahead of winter to supplement natural and mechanical ventilation during the cooler months.

The winter allocation will provide enough purifiers to cover all classrooms, in government schools and low-fee non-government schools based on current enrolments. This includes general purpose classrooms and other specialist classrooms such as art and science rooms.

Mask rules will remain the same, with students in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 required to wear masks – although they will not be required outdoors.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you again for your continued support in helping your child/ren to complete the rapid antigen tests and other COVID Safe measures. As a result of these efforts our school can continue providing a safe environment for students and staff.

School Council Elections

This week we begin the very important process of School Council Elections. We have 4 (two-year) parent vacancies and 2 (one year) parent vacancies.

School Council and I would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining us. Please read the information in this newsletter. Nomination forms are available at the front office.

We thank those parents and staff who completed their tenure at the end of February for their wonderful contribution to our council –Andrew Cliff, Phil Harris, Ben Hart, Omar Khalil, Michael Mawal, Scott Woolcock, Laura Culleton and Teagan Crane.

They are, of course, welcome to renominate!

If you would like more information about the School Council elections, please contact the office.

Information Sessions

Each year we have Information Sessions at the beginning of the year, to provide parents/carers with information regarding the expectations for each cohort. Due to current restrictions we, teaching teams will record their Information Presentations and distribute the links to the presentations online today.



You will have the opportunity to clarify any questions or wonderings with teams during a Question & Answer (Q&A) session on **Tuesday 22nd February 2022**.

The presentations and Q & A sessions will occur at the following times:

Foundation at 4:30pm

Year 1 and Year 2 at 5:00pm

Year 3/4 at 5:30pm

Year 5/6 at 6:00pm

We hope to see you at the Q & A sessions!

Foundation 2023

Already, we have had enquiries about enrolments for **2023**. If you know someone who lives in Gladstone Park and is interested in our school, please ask them to telephone the school office to book a place on one of our tours.

If you already have children at our school and have a Foundation student for next year, please make sure you come and collect the enrolment pack so we can add you to our list!!

Dates of Foundation Tour 2023:

Thursday 24th February at 10:00am

Tuesday 8th March at 5:00pm

Saturday 26th March at 10:00am

SunSmart

This term is a Sun Smart term at GVPS and in line with our Sun Smart Policy we recommend that from September to April, students wear sun-protective clothing such as:

- loose, cool, closely-woven fabric
- shirts with a collar and/or high necklines
- tops with elbow length or long sleeves
- longer style shorts and dresses



At lunch and recess, students must wear a hat when playing outside. Students are required to wear a school hat. Students who are not wearing appropriate protective clothing or a hat will be asked to play in the shade or in a suitable area protected from the sun. Please ensure your child brings their hat to school each day. New hats can be purchased from the office for \$14.

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.

FUNDRAISING (Save the Dates)

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

Monday, 14th March 2022 (Labour Day Long Weekend) 9:00am-4:00pm

Saturday 23rd April 2022 9:00am-4:00pm

Sunday, 12th 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

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

School Photos-Monday 28th March 2022

Curriculum Day

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

Term Dates

End of Term 1- Friday 8th April 2022

Term 2: Tuesday 26th April 2022-Friday 24th June 2022

Term 3: Monday 11th July 2022-Friday 16th September 2022

Term 4: Monday 3rd October-Tuesday 20th December 2022

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Gladstone Views Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 4.00pm on Friday 25th February 2022.

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on Friday 4th March 2022

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category

Parent member

Term of office	Year
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From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2022
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to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2023
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Number of positions:	2
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Membership category

Parent member

Term of office	Year
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From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2022
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to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2024
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Number of positions:	4
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Membership category

DET employee member

Term of office	Year
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From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2022
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to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2024
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Number of positions:	2
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Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school

A LOOK INSIDE 1JR



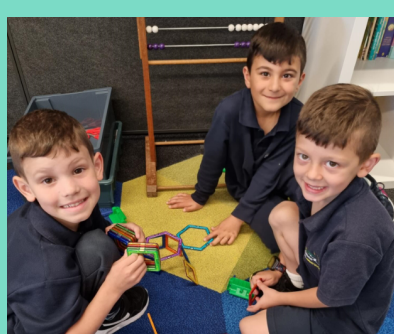
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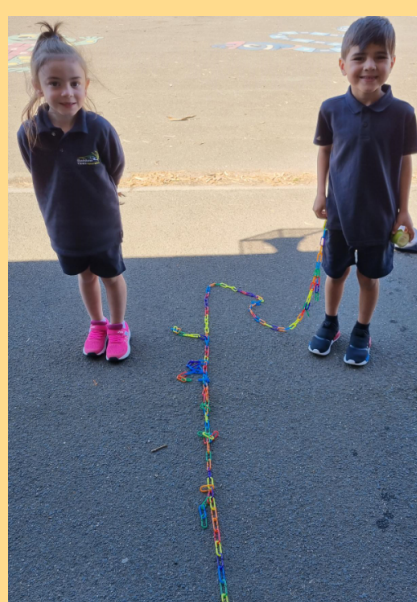
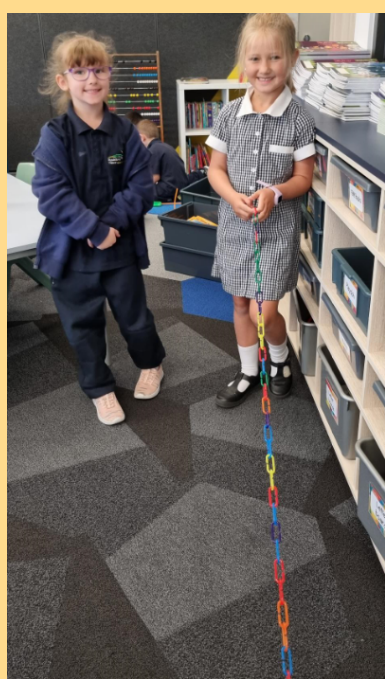
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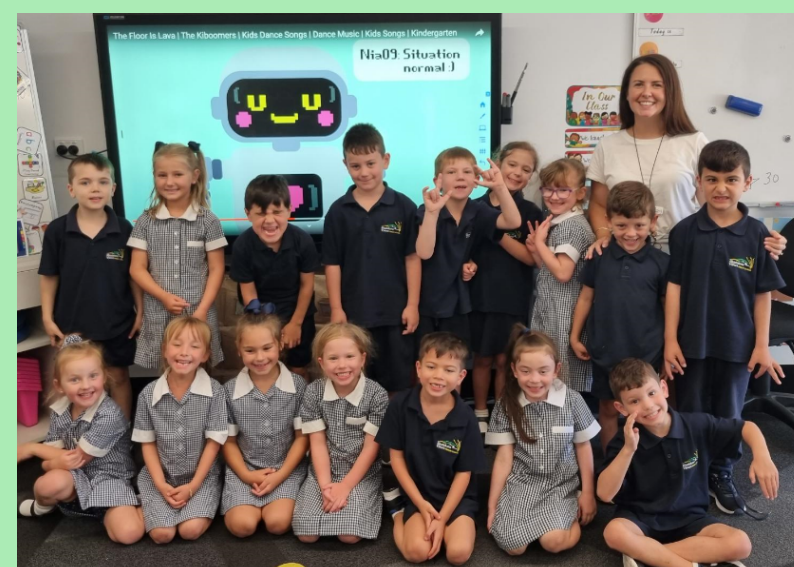
Building and team work



Developing our fine motor skills



Getting to know one another





School Tour Dates

Thursday 24th February @ 10am

Tuesday 8th March @ 5pm

Saturday 26th March @ 10am

Is your child starting school in 2023?

Contact us to book your tour

(03) 9338 6083

www.gvps.vic.edu.au



Experience the magic of the Australian Girls' Choir at Open Day

We are delighted to invite girls who are at school in 2022 to try a free class at our February Open Day!

Join us for a complimentary class, meet our lovely tutors and experience what it's like to be a part of the Australian Girls Choir.

Does your daughter love to sing, dance and perform? Look no further than the AGC because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they grow musically and socially in our fun and dynamic classes. Your daughter will develop self-esteem, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime. Girls blossom musically and socially as members of the AGC, while developing confidence and a life-long love of the performing arts.

For class fees and timetable information, please see our [Enquiry Brochure](#).

COVID Safe Plan: The safety of staff and participants is of the utmost importance to us. We have developed a [COVID Safe Plan](#) in line with state and federal guidelines. Please ensure your child is in good health before attending Open Day.

Dates and details

Sign up and date times at <https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc/>

Our Open Days are available for girls in Foundation (first year of school) to Grade 5 to attend, and bookings can be made by completing the Registration Form. Open Days are only offered at selected venue locations, however our full regular venue list is included below. Attendance is free but places are strictly limited. Registration essential to attend.

We prefer for girls in Grade 6 and above to attend the relevant class at a regular AGC rehearsal so that she can be placed with girls of a similar age. Please select 'Contact me for an alternative time' on the Registration Form and we will be in touch to book you in at your local rehearsal venue.

If you're unable to attend Open Day and would like to try a free class, you can select 'Contact me for an alternative time' on the Registration Form and we will be in touch to book you in at your local rehearsal venue.

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC—WALK IN



WHEN

**Saturday 19th February 2022
10am - 2pm**

WHERE

School Gym

Entrance via Langdon Way gate

WHAT

Pfizer Vaccinations for:

- . 5-11 year olds**
- . 12-18 year olds**
- . 1st, 2nd or 3rd jab (booster)
vaccinations for adults**

**THE
VACCINATIONS
ARE OFFERED
FOR ALL
MEMBERS OF
THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY**

**WALK IN
CLINIC**

**NO NEED
TO BOOK**

**REMEMBER
TO BRING
A FACE MASK
A MEDICARE CARD**