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GSC Newsletter
15 October 2021



FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL—Sarah Rose

Return to Onsite learning

We are so pleased to have now welcomed all year levels back onsite for at least a couple of days this week. It's been just lovely walking through the school yard to see it full of happy, smiling faces (both staff and students!) with students and staff finally getting the opportunity to interact with each other in person.

I appreciate that this has been and will continue to be a challenging transition back to school for students and their families, so I really appreciate the enthusiastic way students have returned.

It's also been really pleasing to see a much improve uptake on student mask-wearing, so well done to all our students in this. I would ask parents to remind their children that it continues to be a legal requirement to wear masks on school buses at all times.

Student Free Day

On Monday November 1st (the day before Melbourne Cup Day) staff will be engaged in professional learning, so this will be a student free day for all year levels.

GAT

Last week, all Year 12's were finally able to sit the GAT. Having been rescheduled multiple times, I'm sure it was a great relief for all students (and definitely senior school staff) to get it done.

Year 12 Final Day

Next Tuesday is our Year 12's final day. Although it won't look exactly like our students have always imagined, our student leaders and senior school staff are working hard to make it a celebration nonetheless.

I'd like to wish all our students well as they head off to study for their written exams which begin on October 27th. Congratulations to our languages and performing arts students who have already completed their performance and oral exams.

Signing out during the school day

Please ensure that if your child needs to sign out during the day, to send them with a written signed note indicating this. Teachers need to see a written note to ensure students have permission to leave class, and this also assists the office staff in signing students out efficiently.

Respect Achievement Innovation Diversity

ADMIN / FINANCE

Reminder: Payment due for Year 7 Camp

The cut-off date for Year 7 Camp payment is Friday, 29th October.

Please contact Katrina on 5428 3691 on 5428 3691, or email: katrina.robertson@education.vic.gov.au if you wish to confirm if payment has already been made, or to discuss using CSEF for camp (if applicable).

Family Statements

We send out family statements once a term. If you would like an updated copy of your 2021 school statement please contact Katrina on 5428 3691 or katrina.robertson@education.vic.gov.au to request a copy.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Please see below for students that have recently received Principal's Awards for outstanding work and achievement.



Congratulations to the following students

Anika W & Abbey H (year 10 students): for excellent work in Studio Art 10 during remote learning...

Alexander S & Keira W (year 9 students): for their excellent animated storyboards in Digital Technologies

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS

Junior School News

We were pleased to welcome back our Junior School students this week. They managed to consume over a thousand donuts between them. The students enthusiastically participated in the re-engagement activities in Project and RAID.

Senior School

Late last term we welcomed back our Year 12s for the final weeks of their studies before they face their exams. To say that they have had a challenging year is a great understatement, but they have faced every difficulty with courage and have every right to feel proud of themselves, as we are proud of them. Soon the class of 2021 will have their last classes and will be going on to their exams. We wish them all the very best in both their exams and everything they undertake in future.

DATES AT A GLANCE

2021

Please note that due to COVID uncertainty, the dates for events below may change.

The School will advise families of changes if they are

Rescheduled or cancelled.

OCTOBER

18	Year 12 Final Classes
19	Year 12 Activities Final Day
20 & 21	RAID
20 - 26	Year 12 Study Leave
27 Oct—17 Nov	Unit 3/4 Exams

NOVEMBER

01	Pupil Free Day (only students with Unit 3/4 exams to be on site)
01—04 Nov	Year 11 Exam Revision
02	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
03	Yr 7 & 9 NAPLAN Readiness Tests
05—12	Year 11 Exams
08	Year 7 Immunisations
10	eSmart Presentations Yr7-9's
18—24	Year 10 Exams
24—25	Yr 9 RAID City Camp
25Nov—03 Dec	Step Up yr10s to yr11

DECEMBER

01 & 03	School Production- <i>Mama Mia</i>
06—10	Year 7-9 Step Up
07	Year 6 Orientations
10	Colour Run
14 & 15	Watergardens (yr7 &8s)
17	Last Day of Term 2 @ 12.30pm

TEACHER MILESTONE—STEVE WINZAR

As published in the Sunbury | Macedon Ranges Star Weekly

'Gisborne teaching stalwart reflects'

With 50 years of experience under his belt as an engineer and an educator, Mr Winzar's career has been trademarked by a simple philosophy.

"I've adopted what I call a basic technical viewpoint to teaching my classes," Mr Winzar said.

"I've tried to arm kids with the most basic knowledge that they'll be able to use for the rest of their lives. The traditional stuff, that's what I think is really important."



Mr Winzar started his technical training in 1971, completing an apprenticeship in fitting and turning.

He then tried his hands in a number of roles, which included a stint in the army reserves; working as a toolmaker in Broadmeadows; and as a technical officer for the Herman Research Laboratory.

In 1997, Mr Winzar joined Gisborne Secondary College and has since used his background trade skills and engineering to deliver coursework.

With the past two school years disrupted by COVID-19 restrictions, Mr Winzar said teaching his hands-on classes has proved a considerable challenge.

"For us, being away from work is incredibly hard. We have a practical beat, we work with our hands. We've got to create when teaching this stuff, because it's not in a book for us, he said. Reflecting on his time in the classroom, Mr Winzar said he's enjoyed seeing his teaching impact the next generation.

"I had a student 15 years ago, he is now a tech teacher at another school," he said.

"In fact, we were able to welcome him back as a trainee teacher here at Gisborne, and during a period of leave in 2007, he took over my class.

"What a great way to see the impact you've made in someone else's life."

**Congratulations Steve Winzar,
such an amazing achievement...**

HEADSTART
APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

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Government

Head Start is a revised model for apprenticeships and traineeships undertaken by students and it allows them to spend more time doing paid work and on the job training to develop the skills that industry and employers need while also attending school to work toward a Year 12 qualification.

Students are supported by the Head Start Coordinator Kelli Hewton, her role is to Case Manage students to ensure they are progressing well with their schoolwork, VET studies and employment. The students enjoy being able to break up their school week with work and it has helped them build their confidence and learn important transferrable skills.

At Gisborne Secondary College we currently have 15 students in school-based apprenticeships or traineeship in areas such as Business, Carpentry, Plumbing, Automotive, Marine Mechanics, Plastering and Hairdressing.

If you would like more information about the Head Start program please contact Kelli on 0428 998 261 or kelli.hewton@education.vic.gov.au

STUDENT PROFILE—Ian W (year 12)

Ian is completing a Certificate III in Plumbing and is currently working as a Roof Plumber with Clancy Roofing.

Ian was Gisborne Secondary College's first Head Start apprentice and commenced his apprenticeship in Plumbing in September 2019. Ian has just completed Year 12 and has transitioned into full time employment.

Ian completed work experience with his first employer and was subsequently offered a school-based apprenticeship. Ian has since changed employers and is working with a roof plumber.

Ian said "Head Start is a great idea, it helped me get more experienced with work. I was able to start my apprenticeship early and started making money while still doing school. I've now completed Year 12 and have moved into the 2nd year of my apprenticeship." "The Head Start program really helped me manage my apprenticeship and school. I was supported to work out my workdays so this fitted into my school timetable."

CONGRATULATIONS IAN, all the best....



COMMUNITY NEWS

OCTOBER 2021



WELLBEING CALENDAR



Make your mental health a priority

01 Look after your sleep hygiene	02 Practice meditation	03 Reframe negative thoughts	04 Accept your emotions	05 Confide in a friend	06 Go out for a walk	07 Set goals for the week	08 Practice journaling
09 Find a spot of sunshine to sit in	10 Do something for someone else	11 Practice gratitude	12 Listen to music	13 Do something creative	14 List your strengths	15 Take a break from your devices	16 Set a hydration goal
17 Learn a new skill	18 Smile purposely	19 Practice mindfulness	20 Connect with supports	21 Cook a healthy meal	22 Learn a deep breathing exercise	23 Unfollow negative social media accounts	24 Practice progressive muscle relaxation
25 Take a bubble bath	26 Spend time with your pets	27 Practice forgiveness	28 Have a solo dance party	29 Declutter your space	30 Watch your favourite movie	31 Seek professional support	

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FORMERLY THE MACEDON RANGES TOY SHOP

Kyneton Baptist Church, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health and the Macedon Ranges Shire have partnered together to support local families this Christmas.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

This year we are providing families with gift cards to spend at our local businesses. We need your financial help to make this possible. Donations can be made at Bendigo Bank Branches and via bank transfer by 12th November 2021. Find us on Facebook for more details.



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A community initiative of the Macedon Ranges

Supporting local families at Christmas



Youth Mental Health First Aid

"I would absolutely recommend it and have done so" - previous participant

Adults wanting to learn about youth mental health and how to support young people struggling with mental health problems can register for this 14 hour first aid certificate course. The course covers various mental health problems experienced by young people and is delivered using case studies.

Course date

This course is made up of 3 sessions. To complete the course you will need to attend all three sessions at Gisborne Administration Centre:

Session 1 Saturday 20 November 9am-5pm

Session 2 Wednesday 24 November 6pm-9.30pm

Session 3 Wednesday 1 December 6pm-9.30pm

Booking and fees

Due to COVID management requirements, numbers are strictly limited so please book early. Course fees: \$37.50 for residents of the Macedon Ranges | \$190 for non-residents | \$30 for a refresher course.

A course manual and refreshments are included.

[Book here](#)

To book or find out more, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/YMHFA or call Loren on 0429 466 207.



LEARNER DRIVER PROGRAM IS BACK - Need Help?

The TAC L2P program assists learners under 21 years of age, without access to a supervising driver or vehicle, to gain the 120 hours of driving experience required to apply for a probationary licence.

Young people are matched with fully licensed volunteer mentors, and use a sponsored vehicle to gain supervised driving experience.

To join the program, you need to be:

- Between 16 and 20 years of age
- A current learner's permit holder
- Without access to either a vehicle, a supervising driver, or both.

For more information contact Phillip 0438 774277



The L2P Program is a joint partnership between VicRoads and the Transport Accident Commission, supported by the Victorian Government.



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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 the school's collection statement, found on our website: <http://www.gisbornesc.vic.edu.au/download/15/college-documents/7055/collection-statement.pdf>

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#).

This information also available in nine community languages.

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GISBORNE FOODBANK OPENING TIMES:

**Wednesday and Friday
from 10am to 3pm**

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