



# Gladstone Park Primary School

*Achieving Excellence*

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am extremely pleased to report that almost all our students have been engaging with their teachers and their peers in weekly or daily video conferences. These online meetings are an extremely effective way for students to discuss their learning, ask questions and of course connect with one another. On behalf of all staff, I want to thank parents and carers for encouraging and assisting their children to join these very important online meetings when they take place.

### COLLECTING PAPER COPIES OF STUDENT LEARNING ACTIVITIES

A timely reminder that under the current COVID-19 restrictions, parents and carers collecting student work or coming to school for any other purpose are **not permitted** to enter school grounds. Visitors must first call the Office on 9338 2774 and arrange for a member of staff to meet them at the South Circular Road gate.

### A STUDENT LETTER

Earlier this week, I was proud to hear that **Stella Joyner** in 6B had a letter published in the Age newspaper on the weekend. Stella's letter – '**Red Belt from My Lounge Room**' is about her experiences and feelings during remote learning and I want to take this opportunity to share it with the school community:

#### RED BELT FROM MY LOUNGE ROOM

*Here we go again. Back to online school, living in our pyjamas, re-watching movies and playing with our pets more. As a year six student, this wasn't how I imagined I would be spending my last year of primary school. I'm doing Taekwondo from home and it is weird – I just got my red belt from my lounge room. I recommend something to keep you busy, like writing, painting or learning something new, like a language. At least we can sleep in during these dark times. But most importantly please stay home – I really don't want to graduate via zoom.*

### 2021 PREP ENROLMENTS

Although times are difficult, we will overcome this pandemic and there will be a next year. Our children will return to a school where they will feel safe and connected. Our Year 6 students will go onto secondary school and we will have a new cohort of preps beginning at Gladstone Park Primary School.

If you have a child who turns 5 before 30th April 2021, and would like to enrol them at Gladstone Park Primary School please complete the '**Enrolment Enquiry**' form on the school website, available on this link: <https://form.jotform.com/201328004418848>. Alternatively, parents can enquire through the Office on 93382774.

Due to restrictions, we have not been able to conduct our usual school tours and information sessions for prospective prep parents. To compensate for this, the school has also included a virtual tour and an information booklet on the website for parents.

It is very important for our school planning that we are aware of any children who may be enrolling in Preps or other year level next year. Also, if you believe your child may be re-locating to another school the earlier you can notify us the more you can assist the school in its forward planning and preparation.

### **NEW BUILDING**

Our new building was completed and handed over last week and we're all very excited to have such a state-of-the-art facility. We're looking forward to welcoming students in their new classrooms when they return to onsite learning.

We plan to have an official opening after the restrictions are lifted, however in the meantime I have included the following photos to 'show-off' the new building:



Once again, I want to thank all members of the school community for their continued support during these unprecedented times. Please keep safe and healthy!

**Tony Malgioglio**  
Principal