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HARMONY WEEK 2022 > EVERYBODY BELONGS

This week we recognised Harmony Week to acknowledge and celebrate our College Community's cultural diversity through a range of activities.

On Monday we had Italian card games and Japanese origami in the courtyard, accompanied by a range of culturally diverse music. On Tuesday, staff and students were invited to add their fingerprint to our 'United With One Heart in Harmony' canvas murals to show their support for the key message of Harmony Week - Everyone Belongs.

Sandra Zaccagnini,
Acting Languages Learning Area Leader

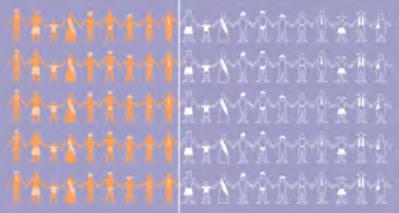
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More than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia since 1945



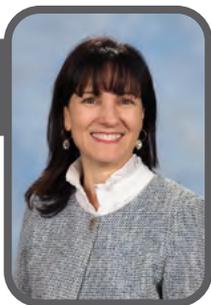
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EVERYONE BELONGS #harmonyweek

Almost half of Australians were either born overseas or have a parent who was



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CLARITY SUITE > Challenging the ‘Why’ in What We Do!



I am very blessed to have always worked in a career I am passionate about and to which I continue to be wholly committed. I have wanted to be a Teacher since the age of six, and as a Deputy Principal I am acutely aware of the responsibility and privilege it is to hold this position in a school. For me as an educator, the two key aims (the “WHY”- which begins with Jesus Christ and the Gospels), are pastoral care and academic excellence. It is absolutely true that happy students learn well.

At Gleeson College, we deliberately and painstakingly review our practice, and everything we do is underpinned by our WHY - the message of Jesus, lived out through foci such as our Strategic Plan, Graduate Qualities, Academic Excellence and Pastoral Care, Learner Conversations, The Resilience Project, and the newly introduced Clarity: What matters most in Learning, Teaching, and Leading by Dr Lyn Sharratt.

Clarity challenges us to keep reviewing, refining and developing how we teach and learn (connected to the “Heart of Teaching Excellence”). As a CESA initiative we, (Mr Joe Corbo (Principal), Mrs Kate Morgante (AP - Teaching and Learning), Mr Adam Lewis (AP - Student Development) and myself, meet regularly to engage with Dr Sharratt’s program, the Clarity Suite, to discern, agitate and distil what we do at Gleeson College, and then share with our staff. It has been a rich source of ideas to consider, and affirmation of the great work we already do.

One of the key ideas in the Clarity Suite is to ask students “The 5 Questions” (which incidentally you may ask of your child/ren too):

- What are you learning?
- How are you doing?
- How do you know?
- How do you improve?
- Where do you go for help?

Equally, we are challenged to ask ourselves and each other as educators:

- What are you teaching?
- Why are you teaching it?
- How are you teaching it?
- What do you do when students haven’t learned it?
- How can you improve? Where do you go for help?

It has been somewhat challenging to engage fully with the work while online during COVID restrictions, however we are making progress and will continue to engage with the Clarity Suite.

The Resilience Project (GEM - Gratitude/ Empathy/Mindfulness) has begun in earnest across the College and is connected to our “Heart of Pastoral Care.” It was personally a great joy to witness my own Year 11 Faith & Living Class send “Notes of Gratitude” in our Kindness Shoebox,” to five people, two of whom had to be people not ordinarily thanked.... the thoughtful notes to staff (teaching and support staff, and even our Principal) filled me with great pride...hopefully some parents and siblings received the notes too! Our young people never cease to inspire and amaze me.

We are living at a time when it can seem as though there is much to despair... interstate floods, the untimely passing of Shane Warne, an Australian



icon, and most confronting of all, the war in Ukraine. In the midst of the senseless suffering and destruction, I am humbled by the resilience and resolve of the Ukrainian people and the integrity and commitment of their leader, Mr Volodymyr Zelenskyy. His courage and solidarity with his people are wholly inspiring. During this time of Lent let us be reminded of Jesus’ courage and solidarity knowing the fate which awaited Him.

The Resilience Project asks us to focus on gratitude, empathy and mindfulness - my gratitude to God for our life of abundance in Australia, my prayer to God for all those suffering and alone, and my focus today on the riches all around us, for the sunshine, the rain, the food, for the democracy, and for Gleeson College. How blessed we truly are.

Wishing you a blessed, GEM, week ahead.

**Dr Sue Knight,
Deputy Principal**



The thoughts, prayers and support of our Gleeson community are with Ms Joanna Grotto and her family on the recent passing of her beloved Father.

May he rest in peace and God comfort Jo, and her family and friends, at this sad time.



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THE RESILIENCE PROJECT > Practicing Empathy + Kindness!

Empathy is our ability to put ourselves in the shoes of others to feel and see what they do. We practice this through being kind and compassionate towards other people. Empathy is one of the pillars of The Resilience Project and highlighted by our College theme for 2022, our 'Year of Empathy'.

Brain imaging data shows that being kind to others registers in the brain as more like eating chocolate than like fulfilling an obligation to do what's right (e.g., eating brussel sprouts!).

Research shows that practicing empathy, such as performing acts of kindness, taps into our brain's 'mirror neurons', builds compassion and our behaviour becomes more social and community-based.

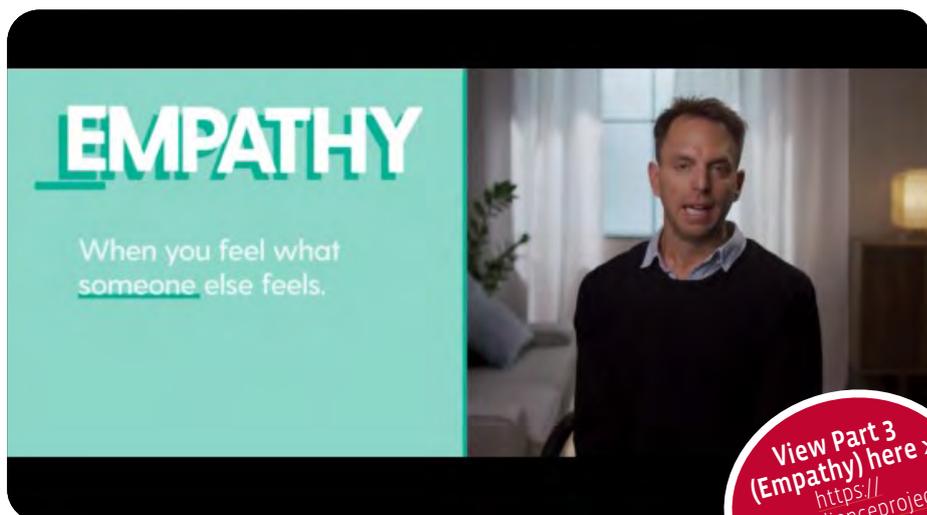
Studies show that when young people have empathy, they display:

- More classroom engagement
- Higher academic achievement
- Better communication skills
- Lower likelihood of bullying
- Less aggressive behaviours and emotional disorders
- More positive relationships

(*Harvard Graduate School of Education*)

Here's an activity to practice empathy and kindness:

- Reflect on someone in your life who could benefit from an act of



View Part 3 (Empathy) here >
<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub-hugh/>

kindness today. It could be a friend who would love some affirmation about their work, your pet who deserves an extra treat, or a family member who would love a phone call or text message.

- Make a plan for who you are going to give an act of kindness to, and what you are going to do.
- If you want to add accountability to your plan, share it with someone and encourage them to do the same thing.
- Follow up with each other in a few days time, to ask how it went!

Sources: *Psychology Today*, *UC Berkeley*, *Greater Good Science*



For mental health resources and support information, visit The Resilience Project's Support Page.

Adam Lewis,
 Assistant Principal Student Development

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BOARD VACANCY

We have a new vacancy on our College Board. We strongly encourage our parents and caregivers to consider nominating either yourself or someone else for this position!

For more info, or to nominate, please [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE NOMINATION FORM](#)

Nominations should be emailed to our Executive Officer Danielle Richardson at danielle.richardson@gleeson.catholic.edu.au before 5pm, 8 April 2022.

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TAG + TESTING

ALERT

Many students (around 200!) did not access the service recently offered at school to test and tag their device chargers.

Families are reminded that device chargers must be tested and tagged if brought to, and used at, school.

OUR YEAR OF SERVICE CONTINUES...

Last year for our Year of Service we worked to support a number of organisations which in turn supported people in need both locally and overseas. This year in our Year of Empathy we are continuing the great work of students and staff from last year. A reminder of each year level focus is below and we look forward to continuing the amazing support from last year:

Year 7: Stationery items. The South Pacific School Aid (SPSA) is a South Australian charity which distributes recycled educational material to schools overseas. Some of the countries targeted include Botswana, Fiji, South Africa, Myanmar and Tonga. Year 7s are asked to donate stationery items (for school students overseas) into the donation bin inside the Micah Foyer

Year 8: Cans 4 Kids Project focuses on using proceeds from recyclable materials to fund projects in schools overseas. Last year the coastal area of Mumford in Ghana, was supported through fencing, some construction and environmental support to make the area sustainable for the community there. Donating cans and items, the funds from which contributes to their work. Year 8s please donate by recycling cans and plastic bottles through our Recycle Bins found around the College

Year 9: Donations of clothing and tinned food for the annual Vinnies Winter Appeal. Please donate into the labelled donation bin found inside the Micah building foyer

Year 10: Focus is supporting Vinnies drive to collect toiletry items for families in need. Please donate into the labelled donation bin found inside the Micah building foyer

Year 11 and 12 students will be invited later this term to volunteer their time on a Friday afternoon to help make soup for Vinnies (Elizabeth) during Terms 2 and 3.

Dr Sue Knight,
Deputy Principal



2022 ADELAIDE RELAY FOR LIFE > Saturday 9 April

Gleeson College will be taking part in the 22nd Adelaide Relay for Life on Saturday 9th April. Relay for Life is a community event where students participate in teams of 10-15 (with a teacher as a team leader) in a relay-style walk or run to raise funds for Cancer Council SA.

The event brings the community together for a night of fun, entertainment, celebration and remembrance. The 2022 Adelaide Central Relay for Life will be held at SA Athletics Stadium, Mile End (formerly SANTOS Stadium) from 2.00pm on Saturday afternoon.

Due to the current restrictions in school settings, Gleeson College will no longer be staying overnight at the event and instead finishing between 9-9.30pm.

Relay for Life offers an inclusive way for our senior students to engage with the Catholic ethos of the College through an active and engaging outreach opportunity that is undertaken in the service of others. There is still time! To register your interest in attending the event, please speak to Miss Feleppa, Mr Librino, Mr Camilleri, Ms Freeth or Miss Keatch.

Olivia Keatch,
Key Teacher: Gifted Education Support



If you would like to donate to a Gleeson Team please follow the link here:
https://secure.fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/SPageServer?pagename=relay_search&searchType=getTeamsByInfo&input=gleeson



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CONGRATULATIONS

Apprenticeship

JAXON HANNA

Congratulations
Jaxon on gaining your
apprenticeship with
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Congratulations Jaxon on gaining your Electrotechnology Apprenticeship with PEER!

Year 12 student Jaxon completed a Certificate II in Electrotechnology whilst in Year 11 through the training organisation PEER at our One+ Campus in 2021. Jaxon was recently offered the opportunity to continue into the Certificate III in Electrotechnology as an employed apprentice of PEER, which he has chosen to accept in a full-time capacity.

We wish Jaxon all the best on his future pathway towards a career as an electrician.

If you would like to know about the flexible pathways available at Gleeson College, head to our careers website at gleesoncollegecareers.com.au or contact Mr Thomas Blake via email at thomas.blake@gleeson.catholic.edu.au

STEM SOCIETY LEARNS ABOUT THE GROWING DRONE INDUSTRY



Technology is fascinating, it makes our lives easier, and every aspect of our 21st-century life depends on it. Future innovation combined with technology will streamline how we live, and STEM Society students are experiencing first-hand the fantastic use of drones.

Did you know Coles has announced it's launching a pilot program to deliver groceries to your doorstep using drones? It's the first major supermarket in Australia to offer this unique service.

To replicate this real-world use of technology, we gave our fifteen teams a drone kit consisting of an iPad, Tello EDU drone, launchpad and a mission to complete. The first mission involved coding the drone to fly autonomously from a launchpad and reach a destination in the fastest time.

Our second mission was based on search and rescue operations. We created an obstacle course where the drones would fly through, take photos, and land back at the base.

We certainly saw a lot of teamwork in action. As the photos show, everyone is engaged either as drone pilots, drone spotters or supporting the team timing or coding the next mission. Congratulations to all our STEM Society teams, and we look forward to our next Game of Drones session!

Melissa O'Loughlin,
Science + STEM Coordinator



PIXEL PERFECT > 'Screens, Social Media + Your Daughter'

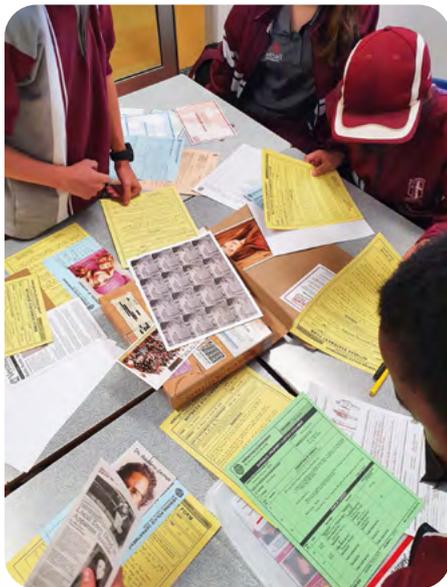
In this webinar, Dr Justin Coulson (expert and host of Channel 9's Parental Guidance) and Jocelyn Brewer (psychologist and founder of Digital Nutrition) answer your most vexing questions regarding tween and teen girls and their screens. Themes will include: The never-ending, incessant use of screens (and why "turn it off" is not going to cut it), What social media is doing to our girl's body image and wellbeing, Cyberbullying and how to set boundaries around screens that work for you AND her.

For more information and/or to view >

<https://www.happyfamilies.com.au/shop/product/pixel-perfect>



GLEESON STRETCH PROGRAM ENRICHING STUDENT LEARNING



In Week 8, the Gleeson College Stretch Program officially began with its first after-school session.

The Stretch Program is a curriculum enrichment opportunity offered to nominated students within the College. The Stretch Program supports students from all year levels to develop their abstract thinking ability, curiosity and creativity.

The program began this week with students brainstorming different areas of interest and then getting to know other members of the program as they attempted to solve an 'Unsolved Case File'. Throughout the year the program will allow students to work together to develop their collaboration skills while expanding their broader knowledge and wider thinking.

Olivia Keatch,
Gifted & Talented Key Teacher



LET'S GET STARTED!

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YEAR 7 FAITH + LIVING > SAPOL Presentation on Online Safety



On Wednesday, our Year 7 students gathered together to listen to members of our South Australian Police talk about the importance of keeping yourself safe whilst online.

After the presentation, held in our Dame Roma Mitchell Centre, there was a Q&A session, and our Year 7s asked many relevant and appropriate questions.

The presentation included:
 Setting your internet accounts and apps to private for your best protection and talking about the importance of NOT trusting anyone that you don't know on the internet.

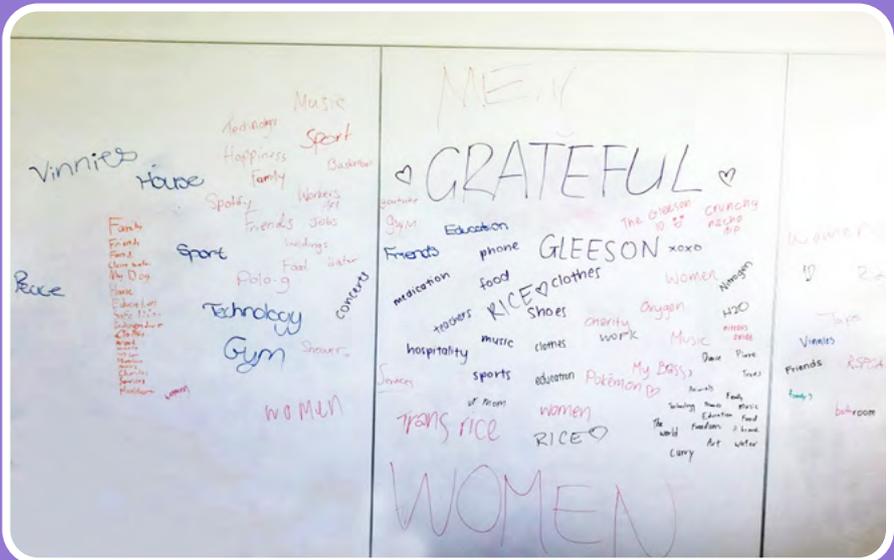
SAPOL showed many videos and examples of real-life situations that have occurred with students of similar age when on the internet.

This was a very informative and relevant presentation for our students.

Emma Rogers,
 Fyfe Middle School Leader



STAGE 1 FAITH + LIVING > Youth Ministry Class Create 'Wall of Gratitude'



On Monday, the Stage 1 F+L Youth Ministry Class started The Resilience Project. Our first lesson focused on the theme of 'Gratitude' and not taking the little things for granted.

After watching the video, Hugh discussed the living conditions in India and the mental health issues faced by his sister.

The Year 11s created a 'Wall of Gratitude'. As stated in Psalm 118:24 "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Maria-Luisa Cambareri,
 Year 11 Faith + Living Teacher

YEAR 12 CHILD STUDIES > Settlers Farm Breakfast Club Tick of Approval!



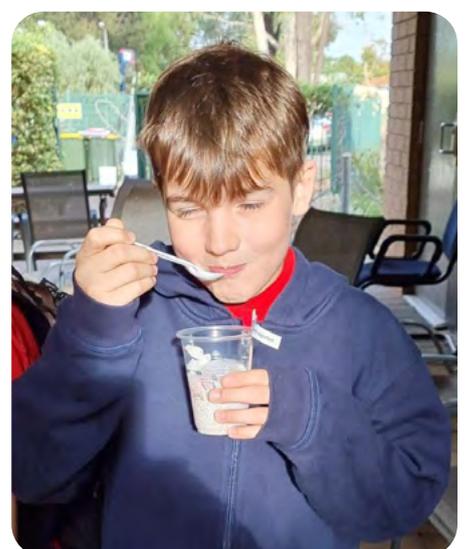
Check out the awesome article below and photos published in Settlers Farm R-6 School's newsletter last week! Thank you for the opportunity Settlers Farm!

On Wednesday 9 March, Year 12 students from Gleeson College cooked a selection of delicious breakfast items for our Breakfast Club. The students are enrolled in Child Studies and are currently researching the importance of a healthy breakfast on health, well-being and learning.

Students were treated to cafe-quality food with selections including chia puddings, muffins, pancakes, apple snack bars, omelette wedges and quiches! The food was snapped up and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Some staff may have also sampled a sneaky treat or two! All items were healthy, nut-free, and clearly labelled with ingredients for dietary considerations.

It was a wonderful opportunity to support the Year 12 students in their learning, and accept the generous donation of food to support our Breakfast Club. Food brings such joy! Enjoy the pictures.

Nicole Blackmore,
Deputy Principal - Settlers Farm R-6 School



SPECIALIST NETBALL PROGRAM > Sessions with Natalie Bode

Australian Netball superstar Natalie Bode (nee von Bertouch) led Skills Sessions and Leadership Presentations with our Year 7- Year 9 Specialist Netball Program students in Weeks 7 and 8!

The exceptional centre-court specialist made 76 senior appearances for Australia between 2004 and 2012, winning Gold medals at the 2007 and 2011 World Netball Championships (the latter as captain), and was also was our inaugural captain of the Adelaide Thunderbirds in the ANZ Championship!

Natalie, who was highly-rated for her leadership skills at both domestic and international level, shared her knowledge and experiences with our students, including tips on nutrition, leadership and culture, and how to be the best team member. Students got to brainstorm about what makes a good leader and if they have people in their life who show these attributes. Students also engaged with Natalie in a session where they investigated everyday foods in their diets and the impacts of their food choices.

Thank you Natalie for sharing your valuable expertise and knowledge with our program students.

Amy Gaedtker,
Netball Program Teacher



SPORT Badminton Report

Last Saturday morning, Ms Staffin, Mr Camilleri and Mr Corbo came to watch and coach the Gleeson Badminton Team at the Golden Grove Rec. Centre. We took on Rostrevor, who unfortunately had just seven players available, giving them a major disadvantage right out the gate.

Having three extra players on the court saw our Gleeson players joining with Rostrevor players to play the doubles rounds. Everyone played well and good sportspersonship was shown throughout the morning's competition. Overall, Gleeson won more games, giving us two wins from our first two rounds. So far we are undefeated!

If you are considering joining the Mixed Badminton Team, send an email to Ms Staffin and show up to Thursday training after school in the Golden Grove Rec. Centre. In our next match we look forward to playing St Ignatius.

William Conroy (9 DMCUR),
Gleeson Badminton Team

GLEESON NOTICEBOARD

2022 GLEESON DIARY DATES



Term 1 2022

- 31 Mar Year 7 Excursion #1
- 1 Apr Year 7 Excursion #2
- 4 College Tour, 9.15am
- 5 Parent Teacher Interviews #1 (Phone)
- 6 Year 8 Immunisations
- 8 5-Year + 10-Year Gleeson Old Scholar Reunion
- 9-10 Relay for Life 2022
- 12 Parent Teacher Interviews #2 (Phone)
- 14 **FINAL DAY OF TERM 1 FOR ALL STUDENTS**
****EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1.05PM FOR ALL STUDENTS****
- 2 May **STUDENT FREE DAY** > Staff Professional Development Day

Term 2 2022

- 3 May **FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 FOR ALL STUDENTS**

*UPDATE > The Catholic Co-Ed Athletics Carnival has been postponed to Monday 12 September (Term 3).

**PLEASE NOTE > Diary dates are currently subject to change at short notice. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience.



Congratulations to Year 8 student Joseph Nak (8 HMKEA) who was crowned Year 7/8 Boys Champion at the 2022 State Schools Tennis Championships held last week!

Joseph was seeded Number 1 in the Year 7/8 Age Division and convincingly earned the title by winning seven consecutive singles matches, including a 9-2 victory in the Final – amazing!

Well done Joseph!

SPORT

Join Gleeson Tennis!



Tennis is a fantastic game! It helps you stay fit and active, while having fun at the same time. It tests both your physical ability and mental ability. Play with or against a friend, or a teacher, each week and represent Gleeson College. You might even get to ace Mr Lennon like I did!

Come out for a hit on Tuesday and Saturday, and you might truly enjoy tennis. Talk to Mr Lennon or Ms Staffin if you are interested.

Lily Jewell (7 FMCOO),
Gleeson Tennis Team



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UPCOMING TOUR DATES

- Wed 30 March @ 9.30am
- Wed 25 May @ 9.30am
- Wed 25 May @ 5.00pm



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