One of the key areas that we are investigating as a staff is the area of growth mindsets. We need to empower students to seek challenges and risk making mistakes – the core principles of a growth mindset.

In the world of fixed mindset students, grades measure how smart you are or how much potential you have in any particular subject. The growth mindset alternative is to view grades as formative feedback that tells you how well you have met the learning goals, and whether you need to work harder or change your strategy. But few kids can do this on their own, in a context where everyone else – even parents and sometimes teachers – are treating grades as an end in themselves, with significant consequences attached to them. They need our help to create a context where assessment is informative and motivating, not judgmental and scary.

Did you ever wonder why students will persist in playing video games for hours, “dying” multiple times before they reach their goal? In a video game, students are motivated by earning points, but they don’t get discouraged when they fail. If only they brought that same spirit to what they learn at school! Of course many video games also have exciting graphics and interesting story lines. Most importantly, video games involve skill, challenge, and incremental progress – without the threat of permanent failure or negative judgements from others.

As teachers write reports at the moment they will be reflecting on assignments they have given throughout the year so far. They have used rubrics in kid-friendly language and exemplars to help them understand and own their learning goals. This way, students can feel empowered to focus on learning rather than the evaluation – one of the key components of a growth mindset. Tasks that require you to actively recall and produce knowledge lead to greater learning than those that involve reviewing and recognition. So students will be asked to explain their reasoning and use of relevant facts as part of the assessment. It is important to measure mastery rather than task completion so we work on ‘not yet’ to support students. The growth mindset is catching so we encourage everyone to model it, teach it, and recognise it explicitly every chance you get. Praise your children for their strategies and improvement, not for perfect performance, to focus them on the learning process.

Many of the ideas here have come from James Anderson’s “From Not Yet to What’s Next”. On the first day of next term, July 25th, the staff will be working with James in a full day workshop. His ideas to support every child to learn and every teacher to have an open mindset and encourage challenges and risk taking is a key part of the learning program for staff this year.
Bring a friend to chess
We have had a good response to our “Bring a Friend to Chess” afternoon. It will be held in our hall this Friday 27 May. If you are attending, please arrange to meet the person who has invited you near the hall anytime from 1:45 pm. We will finish at 3:00 pm to allow time for our class to pack up. Please email me if you have any questions.
peter.wright173@schools.sa.edu.au

2016 Material & Services Fees (School Fees)
Thank you to all Parents and Caregivers who have paid their child/ren’s 2016 Materials and Services. These fees should now be paid unless you have made arrangements and signed an agreement to pay part-time instalments. Government legislation enables schools to pursue overdue accounts from the end of Term 1 onwards.

School Card Grant application forms (if you are eligible) are available at the school. Please note that you need to renew your School Card application each year. The school card rebate for a full year is $229.00 which comes off of your Materials & Services Charges and does not cover anything else such as camps, excursion and incursions.

We have a range of methods for payments:

- If you still wish to pay in instalments please come in and see me and fill in and sign an agreement form
- EFTPOS or Credit Card payments by mail, phone or in person
- Cash, Cheque, money order in person or by post
- Or you can arrange for us to take out an allocated amount from your Debit or Credit Card until the fees have been completed.

If you have any questions or queries about your fees, please feel free to talk or phone me at any time on 82953943 or email me on dl.1017.info@schools.sa.edu.au and mark the email attention Colleen.

Thank you

Colleen Wortmeyer

SAPSASA BASKETBALL for Year 6/7
Glenelg will enter 1 boy and 1 girl team in next term’s SAPSASA Basketball championships to be held at Marion Stadium.

Coach Required: - The girls team are in desperate need of a coach, so if there is a willing volunteer who is available to hold a few practices and be free
Library Opening

On Wednesday June 1st at 9.00am we are going to have the official opening of the library. The Minister for Education and Child Development, the Hon Susan Close MP will be cutting the ribbon and declaring it open. It is a really exciting space for children to come and research or just to sit and enjoy a book. We hope that you will be able to pop in soon, either on Wednesday morning or soon after, and see the work that has been done. Certainly Jane and Karen, the library staff have worked very hard to get the books back on show and to encourage classes to come through. The staff of the school would also like to sincerely thank the Governing Council for their support and for their budget management to help it happen.

Inspirational Speaker

On Monday the 16th of May, Lachlan a mindset talker, came to talk and share his cancer story with us. He made us feel grateful for what we have and sad at some times too. He told us to always believe in our dreams and to always see the positive in bad times. He shared a quote with us going like this:

‘When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at will change’.
This is a great message for life.

He set goals for himself when he went through cancer to run the city to bay the following year. He has now completed this goal. His cancer is now dormant but he does go back to Brisbane for regular check-ups.

By Erin and Charlie 
School Reporters

Growth Mindset Parent Workshop

James Anderson (an inspirational speaker)
June 9th 2016
6.30-8.30pm

Brighton Secondary Performing Arts Centre
Ring the office on 8295 3943 to reserve a place
Growth and Development Family Sessions

Glenelg Primary School will be hosting a Growth & Development Family Evening on Tuesday 28th June 2016.

The sessions are conducted by Kidz Biz Education and are designed to be fun, informative and easy to understand. These highly interactive sessions will provide students and their parents / care providers with an introduction to basic personal and social development education; traditionally known as the ‘facts of life’. Sessions are facilitated in a manner that is not conducive to an awkward or threatening environment.

There will be two sessions run on the evening and the topics covered in each are:

Session 1: ‘Where Did We Come From?’ (Suitable for reception to year 4 students)
- Myths about where babies come from
- Conception/fertilization
- 9 months of foetal development
- The birth process

Session 2: ‘What’s Happening To Us?’ (suitable for year 5 to 7 students)
- Puberty (Physical and Emotional)
- Body image and media influences
- Parent issues

The duration of each session will be approximately 50 minutes:
Session 1: Commencing at 6.40pm and concluding at 7.30pm
Session 2: Commencing at 7.40pm and concluding at 8.30pm

At the end of each session, a list of recommended and age–appropriate books for both students and parents will be provided or alternatively they can be downloaded from the Kidz Biz website www.kidzbiz.edu.au

A donation of $5 per family to cover the cost of the sessions would be appreciated at the door.

Under 11s Soccer

If your child was born in either 2005 or 2006 and would like to join our Under 11s soccer team, we would love another couple of players. Please email michelle.fountas173@schools.sa.edu.au and we will get a nomination form home to you via the classroom.

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Catchup COFFEE Club - 9th June
Looking for that coffee fix?! Please join us on THURSDAY 9th JUNE from 9am at the Glenelg Club Bistro to meet some new school friends in a friendly, casual atmosphere over a cuppa. All welcome – plenty of room for the younger kids in the playroom too 😊

Family Portraits - 27th August
Advanced Life Studios are offering a special deal to all GPS families - a family portrait photo session on Saturday 27th August. For just $20 you will receive a 10"x13" colour portrait plus a wallet size and keyring. Bookings essential – spots are limited. Information on how to book and pay online will be sent home with each student in Week 5.

How can I find out more?
Stay tuned on our Facebook page for all our upcoming events and reminders about school activities - www.facebook.com/GlenelgPandF

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To receive the newsletter via email, subscribe to the Glenelg Primary School list, by sending a new email to: listserv@lists.schools.sa.edu.au with a message body of: Subscribe GlenelgPS (Leave the subject line blank).

Community News

Seaview High School Homestay - Hosting an International Student is a wonderful opportunity to learn about other cultures and make lasting friendships. Short term or long term placements required urgently. For more information please contact 8377 8025 or dl.0893.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Whale Time – Playtime Festival – Sunday 29th May at Warland Reserve, Victor Harbor from 10am – 4.30pm. Cost $5 per person, includes live performances, rock wall, rides, bouncing castle, craft workshops and free entry to the SA Whale Centre. www.whaletimeplaytimefestival.com.au

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