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Calendar Dates

Month: May

24th School discos

28th Rm 14 Zoo Snooze
Rms 9 & 10 Botanic Gdns

29th Rm 8,8A Botanic Gdns

30th Rm 13 Zoo Snooze

Month: June

1st Pupil Free Day

5th Family evening -
growth and development

11th Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday

12th Rm 18 Zoo Snooze

15th Rooms 12 & 20
Oaklands Wetlands

25th to 27th Rms 12 & 20
Narnu Farm

27th to 29th Rms 11 & 9
Narnu Farm

Staying relevant in a digital world

As technology continues to advance and our lives become more immersed in everything digital, the challenges faced by parents can often feel overwhelming.

We know that the technology is here to stay and we also know the many benefits that we can reap from the digital world. There are amazing ways we can connect and collaborate, raise awareness, create, learn and share.

We are also frequently made well aware of the dangers and pitfalls of this connected world. We hear often about the predators, the pornography, the paedophiles, the gaming obsessions, the screen-time addictions and the cyberbullying.

So how do we ensure that our kids are getting the very best that the technology has to offer whilst avoiding those negative elements? One of the best ways we can do this as parents is to remain relevant. But how do we stay relevant in a world that seems to move so fast? In a world where our kids already seem to know so much? It starts by taking the time to get to know the world your children are growing up in and work to understand the challenges they face. Because kids do face challenges and they will make mistakes. We need to ensure that those mistakes are ones they can learn from and aren't life changing.

Be the Wise ones

Children may well have a lot of knowledge when it comes to all things technical. But they are not necessarily wise like us. Now I use the word 'us' very loosely here in referring to the adult population, because anyone who has spent any time online knows there are many adults who are not wise. But generally speaking, adults have a lot more understanding of the intricacies of interactions, relationships and the complexities of human behaviours than kids do. Our kids are interacting and connecting with others in a world that is often beyond what they are developmentally and emotionally ready for. We need to help them with that.

**Pupil Free Day Next Friday
June 1st.**

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Play and interact

Sure we all love the lure of an iPad to ensure we can finish our coffee whilst its hot or get the dinner cooked uninterrupted. But if we also take the time to play and interact with our kids and their devices, we get a different perspective about what they enjoy. We get the bonus of the interactive element as well as time to bond and enjoy something together. We also put ourselves in a much better position to set relevant boundaries and help them understand those boundaries.

Listen to others and listen to your child

If your friend's child is playing a game, has an account on social media or enjoys certain websites, then there is a good chance your child does too. Just as we would play at the park or hang out at the deli where our friends were when we were young, so too our kids will hang out where their mates are playing. So listen to those parents in the playground. Listen in to which popular apps and games are spoken about in the media.

Listen to your child. Ask them what they like to do. Ask them about their concerns or their challenges. You may never keep up with every single app or site that your child visits, but if you have a good understanding of the ways kids are using technology and the sorts of things the technology is capable of, then you are in a much better position to help them use it safely and smartly.

Be open and honest about what is out there

Whilst there are times we certainly lament the passing of the good old days where screens, and social media were not such an integral part of our lives, we cannot afford to be in denial about the role technology is and will continue to play in the lives of our children. So rather than shut it down and try to avoid it, we need to be ready to have conversations that we may prefer not to have. We need to know that the average age a child first sees pornography is about 11, so we should understand that this is a very real possibility for our children. So how are we going to prepare them for that?

What conversations would we need to have if we suspect this has happened? Because we do want to make sure that the education they are getting comes from us and not from the online world itself. So seek out knowledge, interact, talk to your kids and put yourself in the best position to remain relevant to your child's world. Be the one they come to should things go wrong. Be the one they come to to share the positive experiences they have online.

Our role as parents is not to shut down the accounts and take away the screens, but rather to ensure we are giving them the skills, the understanding and the thinking to make the very best decisions every time they go online.

By Martine Oglethorpe

Martine Oglethorpe is a speaker, counsellor and educator with a passion for building resilient kids in a digital world.



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Families: Growth and Development Sessions

On the evening of Tuesday 5th June (week 6 of this term) a presenter from Kidz Biz Ed will speak to any interested families. These sessions are for children accompanied by parent(s) / caregiver(s), i.e. designed for children and adults to attend together. It will be held at Glenelg PS in our library. We ask for a \$5 donation per family group to partially cover costs; the school will pay the remaining cost. There is no need to book; simply turn up on the night.

6:40pm Where Did We Come From? (Reception to Year 4)

7:40pm What's Happening To Us? (Year 5 to Year 7)

School discos - Thu May 24th

We will hold a disco at school in week 4 on Thursday May 24th. Children love these discos and they are a lot of fun. Senior Student Leaders help run the reception disco. We have had to increase the entry price of the two older discos by \$1 to cover the cost of the professional DJ, but he's so fantastic we're sure you'll understand. \$3 is still a bargain.

Receptions at 12 noon; entry \$3, incl. small drink + chips

Years 1-4 at 4.00pm-5.30pm; entry \$3; drinks, chips \$1; glo-sticks \$1 for 2

Years 4-7 at 6.00pm-7.30pm; entry \$3; drinks, chips \$1; glo-sticks \$1 for 2

Year 4s can choose either disco.

Sports Report

A fantastic start to the year saw us with 160 students playing sport for our school in Summer. We had Basketball, T-Ball, Kanga Cricket, Rising Stars Cricket, A Grade Cricket and Volleyball with many kids even playing two sports! Not too many matches were affected with hot weather which was terrific, and some great feedback here from our kids with how much fun they had and how their games were going. Here's a picture of our "Glenelg Sevens" team, who successfully reached the final and came away with Silver. Two other Glenelg teams also reached the final to come away with Silver medals.



Well done to all teams across all sports for your efforts and sportsmanship in proudly representing our school. We'll see your summer teams come back in Term 4.

Winter Sport report to follow soon.

Michelle Fountas

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ANZAC DAY

During the holidays, the Senior Student Leaders, Rebecca, Lola, Phoebe, Alex, Seth and Cooper, with the addition of Matthew, attended the 100th ANZAC Day Service on Wednesday 25th April, in Moseley Square, Glenelg. This Service was to commemorate the soldiers of Australia and New Zealand who fought in the First World War.



It was a very special ANZAC Day because it was 100 years since the Second Battle of Villers Bretonneux. This Battle was extremely important because the village was near the French town of Amiens. The French town was a base for the allies where they stocked up on ammunition and rations. The Battle officially started at night on 24th of April and ended in victory for the allies on 27th April. This came high price as 1200 Australian Diggers died and 1273 were injured.

The Service started at 5:30am and ended at about 7:00am. The Service included a march, which was led in by bagpipers, prayers and readings. The bugle played the Last Stand. We also heard speeches from important members of the community, including Stephen Patterson. Towards the end we laid a wreath along with the other members of the public.



By Rebecca and Phoebe, Senior Student Leaders

R-2 Swimming

In week 3 of term 2 the reception to year two students went to the SA Aquatic Centre to help better educate themselves in water safety.

Harriet and Amber from Sharon's class said they had a lot of fun and would definitely like to go again. They got on the bus in the morning and came back on the bus just before lunch time.

They really enjoyed it and their fun moments will definitely be in the school magazine this year.

By School Reporter Jayden

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Science Workshops

Monday and Tuesday this week the year 7 attended the Mobile Science Workshop in the hall. Monday morning, we watched a show which demonstrated forces and physics. At the show there were many experiments and educational lessons. For the rest of Monday and Tuesday the individual classes participated in a workshop. The six experiments were based around aspects including: magnets, pulleys, loop-the-loop, dynamic carts, pendulums, and inclines. These experiments were fun and taught us a lot about forces. Last term the year 7 classes were learning about forces, this science workshop was a good way to wrap up this topic. We learnt a lot at this workshop and was a fun way to learn about physics.

*By School Reporters
Katherine and Caitlin.*



NAPLAN

Last week was NAPLAN. This is a nation-wide test which all year 3, 5, and 7 students take part in. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program of Literacy and Numeracy. There were 4 tests throughout the week. Language conventions and writing on Tuesday, reading on Wednesday and Maths on Thursday. We all get the results back next semester.

This is what Lila in year 3, Lailah in year 5 and Callan in year 7 thought of it....

Lila: it was a bit nerve-wracking but exciting as it was my first time doing it. I thought it went well. My favourite one was Language Conventions.

Lailah: I felt nervous but I thought it went well. My favourite test was the Reading Comprehension.

Callan: I didn't feel nervous, just calm. It went OK and it wasn't as hard as I thought it would be. My favourite test was the Reading Comprehension because we had practised that a lot in class.

By School Reporters Poppy and Saraya

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Beanies and scarves

The Kids' Council last year had a discussion about scarves and beanies for the cold weather. After discussions in classrooms and checking with Department of Education protocols, it was decided that scarves were a danger when playing outside, on the equipment or in PE activities and should not be added to the school uniform. Beanies however were seen as an option in the cold weather to help keep the head warm.

This was discussed with Governing Council this week and we are now sourcing beanies for student to wear in the cold weather. They will be navy blue only. We will let everyone know when we have them in the uniform shop for purchase.

Also discussed was JoJo Bows. These are large bows that children wear in their hair. If the bows are in navy blue or yellow they are allowed at school, otherwise, they are not school uniform and can't be worn.

The final item of headwear discussed by council was the wearing of cat's ears and other fancy things. Once again these are not school uniform as they are not in school colours. We seek your support to not allow your children to wear these at school.

All items worn in the hair need to be in school colours of navy and yellow.

Netball results

** YEAR 4 TEAM **

Thursday 10/05/18 - Glenelg PS defeated St Leonards @ AWAY
6 - 2

Thursday 17/05/18 - Glenelg PS defeated Brighton PS @ HOME
11 - 1

** YEAR 5/6/7 TEAM **

Wednesday 09/05/18 - Glenelg PS defeated SPW AQUA @ HOME
30 - 4

Wednesday 16/05/18 - Glenelg PS defeated Clovelly Park PS @ AWAY
40 - 10

An outstanding effort by all players!

Dr. Koper in Room 16



Dr Koper visited the Year 5 students in Room 16 as part of the Scientists in Schools program. The children constructed solar cars as part of their study about Light and Colour. Georgia and Luke show their model. Unfortunately we had a downpour, so we had to test the cars with a lamp in class.

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Free Positive Parenting Program



Do you sometimes find you have questions about your child's behaviour and development and not quite sure where to turn?

- Positive Parenting (Triple P) teaches simple and practical strategies to confidently tackle parenting challenges
- aimed for parents of children aged between 3 and 12

Please join us for three FREE sessions where we will discuss and learn strategies relating to:

- **Positive Parenting**
- **Raising Confident and Competent Children**
- **Raising Resilient Children**

Light refreshments will be provided

When: Friday 12.45 – 2.45pm; 15 June, 22 June, 29 June

Where: Brighton Over 50's Social Club, 376 Brighton Road, Hove

To book: Contact Ellen Jezierski – 8229 9963 or ejezierski@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Everyone is welcome to join us for these engaging and informative sessions, however bookings are essential

Happier families. Better relationships. Successful kids.

These seminars are delivered by the Department for Education's Positive Parenting Team



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Pastoral Care Worker - Alison Reidy



Hi to you all.

Previously I have mentioned to the school community about parenting guides that Parenting SA have available on their web site. These guides provide practical support and advice on over 60 subjects from Sibling Rivalry, Sleep Disturbance, Toilet Training to Blended Families and Grief and Loss. There are also guides to support Aboriginal families and for migrant communities in the following languages Arabic, Dari, Dinka, French and Swahili.

I have recently set up in the Junior Primary area a display stand with a selection of these guides. These guides are free to everyone and will be replenished as needed and with different topics. You can see the full range to read or download on www.parenting.sa.gov.au.

Regards Alison



Community News

Adelaide Cobras FC - JUNIOR FOOTBALL ACADEMY for Boys & Girls

Enhance your technical skills and ability with specific skill based training, designed to develop your football skills; all whilst learning and having fun! \$150 per each junior for 12 elite training sessions. Includes an ACFC training top and shorts.

The Academy will run every Tuesday night from Tuesday 12 June to Tuesday 28 August. Time: 6:30pm to 8pm Location: Weigall Oval, Urrbrae Terrace, Plympton

To register please contact Junior Co-ordinator Paul Kanakaris on 0402 900 840 or Vice President Paul Soteriou on 0417 853 310.

Parking issues

We know that parking is an issue, as always. Please continue to use Williams Avenue for very brief drop-offs/pick-ups, and the Glenelg Football Club car park. There are also a few spaces available on some roads. Of course, we must all follow road/parking signs. Some poor practice by a few drivers of late include stopping on Diagonal Road to let children out, which is highly unsafe and blocks traffic, as well as parking in business car parks such as the petrol station and IGA centre. Recently we've had police and council strictly enforcing laws and regulations, and we would hate to see a child injured through any traffic incident.

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