

Glenelg Primary School











March 6th 2019 Term 1 Number 4

Calendar Dates

Month: March

6th-7th Year 4 Surf Safety

8th Pupil Free Day

11th Adelaide Cup Day

13th-14th Year 3 Surf Safety

20th Easter Presentation

21st Harmony Day/Casual Day

28th SAPSASA Diving

29th SAPSASA Swimming

25th - 5 April Parent/Student/Teacher interviews

Month: April

1st-3rd Rm 12 & 20 camp

8th-10th Year 5 camp

12th End of term 1 2.30pm dismissal

Home Learning

As a leadership team we had the opportunity to attend a Department for Education Literacy Summit last week. One of the guest speakers from the USA, Professor Doug Fisher, talked to us about home learning and the rich learning that can come from children working on literacy tasks at home.

He described the need for children to be consolidating their learning at home on tasks that compliment what they have been doing in the classroom. That means your children should be working at home on things they have been doing in the classroom very recently and using the skills and knowledge they have developed with their teacher to apply their learning and practice the skills they have just learnt.

Doug Fisher described some tasks as 'shush and colour' learning – pages where children fill in the sheets and make it look good, and said the learning in those situations was superficial. He encouraged everyone to develop deep learning practices; to be less concerned with covering a huge range of tasks and only just touching on a wide range of things, and to be more concerned with spending more time on deep and authentic learning tasks.

Home learning is an opportunity to do some of that deep learning in perhaps gathering information for an oral language task, developing a project on a task and spending time every night engaged in reading. The following slides were shared by Doug and we thought meaningful to share with you. They focus on reading and the outcomes of supporting children in reading at home to promote your child's learning potential.

This could be reading with your child, reading to your child, giving conditions that promote them reading on their home and perhaps sharing with you what they have read and what they have deduced from that reading. They could be reading a prescribed reading book, a library book, a magazine, a novel of their choice, the newspaper – they just need to be reading. His statistics in the slides are real and have come from deep research that he has been involved in. The statistics really reinforce the need for children to read daily to develop their skills and understanding – at home, at school, at work as we grow older.

Reading ability can be a measure of our success and therefore something that teachers emphasise and give daily practice to developing.

STUDENT A

- 20 MINUTES PER DAY
- EXPOSURE TO 1,800,000 WORDS PER YEAR
- SCORES IN THE 90TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS



STUDENT B

- 5 MINUTES PER DAY
- EXPOSURE TO 282,000 WORDS PER YEAR
- SCORES IN THE 50TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS



STUDENT C



- 1 MINUTE PER DAY
- EXPOSURE TO 8,000 WORDS PER YEAR
- SCORES IN THE 10TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS

These statistics, whilst alarming, reinforce our school policy on home learning. That is reading every day for every student – Reception to year 7. Reception to year 2 sometimes have tasks that support their literacy learning but reading is the main focus. Year 3-7 have varying amounts of time with tasks across 4 nights to reinforce the deep learning in the classroom.

Author Visit

Award-winning author Jacqueline Harvey is coming to Glenelg Primary School on Wednesday 27th March! Our Year 3-5 students will be treated to the author's incredible book talk, full of spy activities and creative writing inspiration.

Any GPS student can pre-order any Jacqueline Harvey book through the Library and it will be signed by the author.

** Please order through the Library before THURSDAY 14TH MARCH **

Kensy & Max series (suitable age 10-13 years) \$17 per book (3 books in series)

Alice-Miranda series (suitable for age 9-13 years) \$17 per book (17 in series)

Clementine Rose series (suitable for age 7-11 years) \$13 per book, or 3 for \$20 (14 books in series)

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Check out the book trailer below:

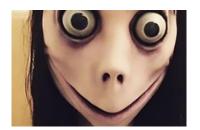
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVqUwEbTBSc

MoMo Parental Online Alert: What you Need to Know!

WHAT IS MOMO? This is supposedly an online game that challenges children and teens to interact with an image known as MoMo. The game sends the viewer dangerous and disturbing requests which may be linked to several deaths (suicide) around the world. Most disturbingly is that it has been linked to targeting children's games such as Fortnight and Peppa Pig. The image of MoMo was an art work that was never meant to be a part of the sinister game it is now being used for. Investigations are being linked to this and we encourage all of our families to ensure their online security is up to date.

Our advice continues to be:

Monitor your child's online activities and discuss what to do if something is frightening or inappropriate online. Reports can be made directly to the Police.



If you or someone you know needs help, contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or the Kids Helpline on 1800551800.

MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGE

Thank you to the families that have either paid their school fees, entered an instalment plan or applied for school card.

Unless you have signed a pay-by-instalment plan (and made the first payment), or are awaiting school card assessment, school fees are overdue. Payments can be made via the Qkr app, credit card over the phone, or at the payments window open 8:30-9:30 Monday to Friday. Please contact Amanda Jackson to discuss pay by instalment options as soon as possible if this is your preferred option.

Governing Council Nominations

The Governing Council at Glenelg Primary School is a hard working group of parents and staff who work collaboratively to provide a quality learning environment for your children. Its members are responsive to any issues that arise and their role is to determine the views of our local community with regards to the educational needs of the school. The Governing Council advises the Principal of these views and needs.

We have 6 places open and we are now calling for nominations from members of the school community to stand for Council for a two year period. Some of the current members whose term finishes will not be seeking re-election. Meetings are for about 2 hours (7.00pm-9.00pm) twice a term. Nomination forms and further information are available from the Office.

Nominations are to be forwarded to Rae Taggart and are due by Tuesday March 12th, 2019. There will be an election of people at the AGM on Monday March 18th, 2019. We encourage parents to get involved and stand for election to Council.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the school for the 2018 financial year is on Monday 18th March at 6.30pm in the staff room. We will have students reporting on what they did, leaders reporting on school achievements and the Governing Council reporting on their achievements. This meeting is NOT to second people to different roles, so please come along and hear about the great things that happened in our school during 2018 and vote on the new people to be added to the Governing Council to guide our school and manage the finances for 2019.

Harmony Day

March 21st is Harmony Day. Once again our school will be celebrating this and inviting the children to wear casual clothes with some orange. This date will be the first of the casual days for the Kids' Council this year. They will be deciding on the charities to be working for at the next meeting. Please support your children to be in orange (the traditional colour for Harmony Day) and bring along a gold coin donation for charity.

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Secondary schooling open days





Open Day Wednesday 27 March 2019 4.00pm-5.30pm and

6.00pm-7.30pm

267 Daws Road, Pasadena SA 5042

igniting inquisitive imagination

Principal's Tours

Tuesday 9 April 2019, 9.00am-10.00am Thursday 16 May 2019, 9.00am-10.00am Friday 14 June 2019, 9.30am-10.30am

Please phone 8152 6800 or email dl.0975.info@schools.sa.edu.au to register your interest





Plympton International College

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 27th March 2019 College Tours 9:15am and 2:00pm

Plympton International College provides a high quality education from Reception to Year 12

We welcome families to experience our College community

21A Errington St, Plympton 5038 Phone: (08) 8297 0488 www.plymptoncollege.sa.edu.au



Vacation Care

The Vacation Care program for the holidays in April has just been released by Happy Haven. The link here provides you with access and how to book in.

https://www.happyhaven.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Glenelg-April-2019.pdf

Parents and Friends

Parentsand.Friends877@schools.sa.edu.au www.facebook.com/GlenelgPandF

upcoming events

LITTLE LIBRARY

WHEN: Thursdays 9.00-9.15am

WHERE: OSHC room

Come along and join in the fun.



Little Library is an interactive experience filled with music, rhyme, stories and games for your little ones 0-5 years.

MOTHERS DAY STALL



Thursday May 9th 2019 – all gifts \$3

On Thursday May 9th from 9.00am until recess time, all classes will be visiting the stall (located under the COLA) so that each child has an opportunity to purchase a gorgeous gift for their loved ones. – all gifts are \$3

If you can help serve at the stall, even if it is only for half an hour, we would greatly appreciate it.

NEXT MEETING

Meetings are open to all parents to join. You are MOST welcome. Our next meeting is in the staffroom at school on Thursday April 4th at 6.30pm. Come along and enjoy a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat.

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FASHION PARADE DOOR PRIZES DRINKS & NIBBLES

\$20 per person includes a glass of bubbles

Please pre-purchase your tickets before the event from the Front Office or the P&F Committee

STALL HOLDER APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

We are now seeking expressions of interest for 8-10 businesses to host a stall at our ladies night.

Cost: \$25 per stall plus the donation of one product for lucky door prizes.

Cost Includes FREE entry for 1 person.

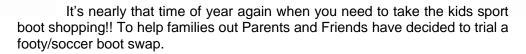
Further information is available on the application form.

For any enquiries or to submit your application form email Nicole: nicolevon@dodo.com.au To receive the newsletter via email, subscribe to the Glenelg Primary School list, by send listserv@lists.schools.sa.edu.au with a message body of: Subscribe GlenelgPS (Leave the



Winter Sports Boot Drive

WHEN: Friday March the 29th from 3:30-4pm under the School COLA.



Bring in your last season's footy/soccer boots and swap them for a second-hand pair from another family.

All boots need to be cleaned and in good condition. Please put in a plastic bag with your child's name and room number by Wednesday the 27th of March and deliver them to the front office.

Then come along on the 29th to pick a 'new' second-hand pair.

Stuart Reid Author visit

On 1st March, **school reporters Flynn and Mas** had the opportunity to interview author Stuart Reid. (Sr stands for school reporter and Sre stands for Stuart Reid.)

Sr: How many books have you sold in your lifetime?

Sre: Over one hundred thousand

Sr: Why should people read your books?

Sre: My books are very funny, they are gross in a humorous way

and are good for all ages

Sr: What ages are your books recommended for?

Sre: If a parent reads the chapter book to you then it is for 5-7years old, and if you read by your self, the book is for 8-

12year olds.

Sr: Besides you, who is your favourite author?

Sre: My favourite kid author is Roahl Dahl and my favourite adult author is

Lee Childs

Sr: Are you planning to make a movie or show?

Sre: I would love to, but I don't know anyone in the showbiz industry

Sr: What did you do before books?

Sre: Well I actually wanted to be a journalist but I pushed trollies and eventually got promoted to manager, and then I moved to be the manager of a big hotel company, and then I still wanted to write books,

so here I am!

Sr: What motivates you to keep writing?

Sre: I love to inspire kids to read and that keeps me writing

Sr: Do you have any advice for young writers?

Sre: Write and just practice writing whenever you can.



And there you have it, don't forget to check out Stuart's Curious George books and keep reading!

SURF SAFETY 2019



The year 5's in rooms 2, 3, and 4 went to Glenelg beach on the 28th February and the 1st March to learn about surf safety.

They left to go to the beach at 9:15 and when they got to the beach they discussed :

- what they had to be aware of in the water such as dangerous animals
- where your allowed to be in the water

After that they grabbed their boards and paddled around in the water as a warm up activity. Once they got out of the water they set up a game called flags. You have to grab the flag as quickly as you can before the other person gets it!

Then the kids got back into the water and swam around with the people in their groups. They were swimming around in the water for a while and then they got out and ate their recess.

After that all the groups played a teambuilding game where you make an object with the boards with a time limit. This gave all of the students a good opportunity to get to know their class mates a bit better, and most of the kids thought it was a really good to learn and practice to co-operate with group members and make



a couple of new friends. A bit after that they played some more group tasks which they had a lot of fun doing. After that they got back into the water and learnt some swimming strokes which they could use in the future if they were in trouble in the ocean. Then it was lunchtime and kids had a nice lunch with all their friends for about 45 minutes.

After lunch the year 5s did some races and read a book about all the dangerous animals, rips, currents and waves, and how to stay safe in the ocean. Then they jumped back into the water played some more fun and exciting games. Once they got out the water they had some equipment they could play with for the next half an hour as a free time.

Once they had finished playing in the water, they started heading back to school with their gear and teachers. On day 2 they read the rest of the book about



animals, sharks, waves and rips and they did a few safety drills and a few more fun and exciting activities throughout the day. This experience helped all of the year 5s to learn about safety at the beach for themselves and others.

> By School Reporters, Mikayla and Tiana

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Community News



