



# Glenelg Primary School



November 6th 2019

Term 4 Number 21

## Calendar Dates

### Month: November

6<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Production

8<sup>th</sup> R/1 Assembly

R-2 Outdoor Classroom

11<sup>th</sup> Performing Arts Showcase

22<sup>nd</sup> R/1 Assembly

26<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Morning Tea

28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Camp

### Month: December

5<sup>th</sup> School Concert

6<sup>th</sup> School Closure Day

11<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Graduation

13<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Year

1.30 pm dismissal

Dear parents and care givers,

As always, this term is certainly flying by and we are already almost at the half way mark. Teachers are busy writing reports for the end of 2019 while still maintaining engaging teaching programs, and we are still finishing the classes for 2020. The Finance Committee and Governing Council will soon be finalising the 2020 draft budget. There is always so much to do.

All staff at Glenelg are very proud of some recent data that shows significant gains across the entire school in terms of academic progress as measured through NAPLAN, PAT testing and other Department / internal testing measures.

Of course, Term 4 is also the time for celebration and in this newsletter you will find information for the end of term concert. It promises to be another night of fun and entertainment and we hope that you have already marked December 5<sup>th</sup> into your diary as a date of significance for your child and your family.

Kind regards, Anthony, Malcolm, Bobbie, Corey, Paul and Liana.

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## Students leaving (except Year 7 students)

If your child will not be returning to this school in 2020 could you please inform either Tracy or Lynette in the front Office as soon as possible? This information is vital for 2020 classes and other school planning/decisions.

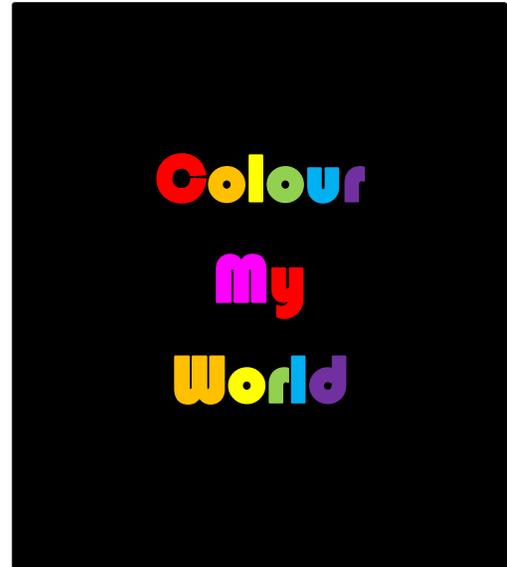
# Last Day of term Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm dismissal

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## End of year performance

This year's performance will be on Thursday 5th December from 6.30pm to around 8pm. We are having the concert on the Glenelg Football Oval this year again. All students will have a class item to perform. It is an expectation that all students are involved. The children will sit with their teachers on the grass area next to the stage. We request that parents do not sit/stand on the oval area near the stage so that all can see. If your child has a reason that they will not attend please inform your class teacher immediately as the choreography is currently being finalised. There will be further details in the next newsletter. We will not be selling 'gold seat' tickets in 2019. Part of the front row of the grandstand will be reserved for special guests and helpers but all other seats in the entire grandstand will be available for everyone on a first come, first seated basis.



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## Aussie Stars

Lights, camera ... action!!

The Year 7s worked extremely hard rehearsing for the production, Aussie Stars. They had performances on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, a matinee performance for the classes and an evening performance. All children did an outstanding job and thank you so much to Ruth, Cynthia and Tom for their huge efforts over many weeks. There should be a full report from a student reporter in the next newsletter.



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## Volunteer Morning Tea



Glenelg Primary School would like to say thank you to all of the volunteers who assist at the school. These people have completed an extensive process to be able to volunteer and give up their own time to support our staff and students. To say thank you we would like to invite these volunteers, who will each receive an email, to join us on Tuesday 26th November, from 10:45am – 11:25am in the staff room for morning tea.

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## Writers of the Week

### Mousey's Big Day

"I miss basketball" said the little mouse, "But I love having the time of my life, chilling in the pool. Plus, we can shoot hoops on the cruise. It's really fun! But since May 3, I haven't ever thought about my mouse friends and I've got heaps of missed calls from them but I haven't even answered one."

When I was going to my cabin I saw a note that said "Please open." It was right in front of my cabin, so I was assuming that it was for me. When I opened it, it said "We miss you, come back please! We have been losing all our games. You need to help us win. We can't do it without you."

Mousey started crying from those amazing words. So he ran to the pilot's space and he said "Can we go back to Adelaide? My friends miss me!"

But the pilot said "No way. We get paid for this and there are heaps of others that are staying". So he said no. Mousey got really angry and jumped on the wheel and CLASH! They started fighting. It didn't end well.

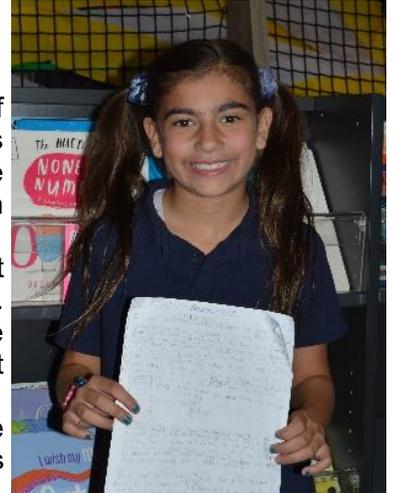
They kept on fighting until the pilot grabbed Mousey by the stomach and threw him right at the window. Mousey slid down, tears falling down his face.

When the pilot saw the tears he said, "Come on buddy, let's head back".

When they got to the airport Mousey said "Thanks" and gave him a hug. Mousey jumped out, but he was too small and he landed in the ocean.

The pilot got a life jacket and threw it into the ocean. Mousey caught it and swam to safety. When he was safe Mousey called his friends, and they picked him up.

By Tamia Merrell Room 8



### Magic Fills the Air

Most stories start with once upon a time or on the weekend. But this one has a little tweak in it.

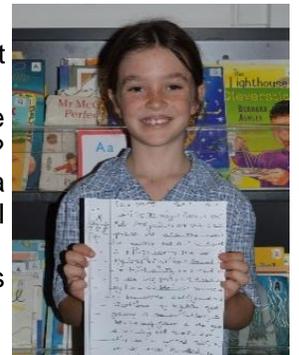
Bing bong! The bell went. My long brown hair striped to the back of my neck, tied up in one long ponytail. It was boiling hot, I couldn't wait to take off my long-armed cardigan and school dress. My big brown eyes glistened in the sun. Suddenly I saw a bright sparkle in the grass, it was big and blue. I went over to it. I turned it over, it was an animal! It looked like a deer with little wings. I checked to see if it was alive – I touched it. Just then it flew into the air, its little wings fluttering and tiny antlers glistening.

"Hi," it said in a squeaky little voice. "My name's Barnie, I'm a fly-amil (short for flying animal)."

I looked around me, I was standing in a little cabin, the rocks around me were purple and it was freezing cold. I held my cardigan tight. Where was I? There was a big rock pool that connected onto the sea, it looked like a volcano, I looked up. A little hole showed the moon. I knew one thing, I wasn't in the schoolyard anymore.

Suddenly the floor started to shake, rocks fell, lightning struck! What was going to happen to me? What was I going to do?

By Eliza Laslett Room 11



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## Performing Arts

# Glenelg Primary presents the 2019 Performing Arts Showcase



Venue -: Brighton Secondary School, Concert Hall  
Date -: Monday 11th November 2019  
Time -: Concert 7:00 - 8:00pm  
(Students to arrive at 6:30pm and doors open at 6:40pm)  
Tickets -: Free, all welcome but you need a ticket  
(tickets available at the Front Office – get in quickly, not many left!)



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## Room 16 Science Report

Mr Wright, a well-respected teacher, has had many students who are now busy pursuing a successful career. One of these ex-students is Tara Garrard. Tara is a mycologist. This means she studies fungi, specifically mushrooms. Mushrooms grow off something called mycelium. It looks like a tiny spider web and single cells of mycelium are called hyphae. Tara lets small strands of mycelium grow onto biodegradable matter such as sawdust. When the mycelium has grown all the way through the organic matter that was chosen (turning it white in the process), the substance is moved to more humid conditions where it is given plenty of light in order for it to grow.

Soon miniscule mushrooms begin to sprout off. Within the next few weeks the tiny mushrooms grow to their full size.

In order for us to understand fungi we need to understand the main aspects of healthy soil. First there were the physical components such as added sand or water. Next there were chemical additions, these cause reactions and make changes to the soil's composition.

Last but not least there are biological components such as fungi in the soil and other micro-organisms. There are also bigger organisms contributing to the production of healthy soil, these are called macro-organisms.

Next, Tara elaborated on fungi in the soil. When roots penetrate the soil the fungi sense that they are nearby because of a chemical that they release and the squirm around until they get close enough to nibble on the roots. Not only do they nibble the root network but pinch it, this means that the plant cannot get the water past it and eventually dehydrates to the point of death. Tara showed us how the fungi devastated the plant healthy roots with paper streamers that she twisted to represent pinching. These little critters go by the name of 'nematodes'. There are also many above-ground fungal infections such as one that thrives on wheat, it turns the grain black and then they are not first class harvesting material.

In a quick summary of Tara's visit, there are many fungi floating around everywhere but the ones underground are especially interesting to me. I didn't know that there was such a vast variety of living things in soil. It's incredible!

By Emilia, Room 16.



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## Parent Portal

As we approach the end of the year we will again publish the End of Year Reports into the Parent Portal. This will be a similar process to that from the Mid-Year Reports.

This term will be the last one where we print a paper copy of each student's report. From 2020 all reports will be published and available in the Parent Portal. Parents will be able to view, save and print a copy as required and have a file of their student's progress. This will also save considerable time and resources for the school.

If you have not yet registered for the Parent Portal please contact the front office staff or email our Assistant Principal, Paul Lendrum, [paul.lendrum235@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:paul.lendrum235@schools.sa.edu.au) who will be able to forward instructions on how to register and a family access key. You need a valid email address to be able to set this up. If needed, more than one parent or care giver can register. Over 300 of our families are already using the Parent Portal which gives real time data on attendance, daily notices, newsletters and reports.

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## Chess News

Our chess program for 2019 concluded with our top 12 players participating in the state finals. It was particularly difficult to choose our team this year as we have so many skillful chess players. A big thank you to Luke, Alexandria, Kayla, Darcy and Mitch who were reserves and ready and keen to play. Glenelg won the silver trophy. Burnside Primary School were again just a bit too good and they took the gold. Congratulations to their team who always play in the spirit of fair play.

Evelyn was the star for our school once again. After winning gold medals in terms 1, 2 and 3 in our school tournaments, Evelyn went on to win gold at the girls' only competition. Evelyn has now won the top girl at state and completed a clean run by also winning the gold medal for overall winner at state. Evelyn competed against the top 100 students in South Australia to do this. Evelyn is a very modest student. She is more interested in supporting her team mates than taking personal glory.

All our players ended up in the top 50% of players. Ashton L, Billy W, Archie, Rithic and Emilia all scored 6 wins. We say goodbye to several Year 7 students who have been the backbone of our chess group for many years. Abdul Matin, Billy W, Slavi and Rithic have now played their last tournament for Glenelg. Archie also heads off. Archie introduced many of his classmates to chess while back in Year 2 and 3. Many of our chess players can thank Archie for a great start in chess. They have all represented our school with distinction. At each tournament, other teachers comment on the great sporting attitude that the Glenelg students display.  
Peter Wright



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## Pastoral Care

This term the school is collecting food items to support organisations that distribute Christmas hampers and toiletry packs. These hampers are then passed on to homeless and disadvantaged people in the local area. Many of these people may not receive anything for Christmas except one of these hampers which include treats and basic needs. Each Year level has been allocated items to purchase and then be placed in boxes in the library starting from Week 5 and ending in Week 8. So to help share the joy of giving and caring for others at Christmas please find the food list below and on the GPS facebook page.

Thank you for your support.

**Rec, Yr 1 and Yr 2** – Toothbrush, tooth paste, potato or corn chips, Savory biscuits like Shapes, plain, cream or chocolate biscuits

**Y3, Y4 and Y5** – Shampoo and conditioner, small bottle of Cordial, 1 litre long life milk or fruit juice, cake mix, chocolate bar/block, jar pasta sauce and pasta

**Y6 and Y7** – Deodorant, soap, small long life custards, self-saucing puddings, Christmas pudding, tin of turkey, spam or corned beef, pkts lollies – no candy cane



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## Scientists in School

On the first of November 2019 Dr Ingo Koper and some of his university students {their names are Jordyn, Maddi, Michelle, Sonal and Telia} visited room16 as a part of the Scientists in Schools program. Dr Koper has been coming to Room 16 for 7 years. The aim of the Scientists in Schools program is to show that not all scientists wear lab coats, have frizzy hair and blow things up. And it certainly works. Our topic in science this term is "Change." The students and Dr Koper did three experiments all based on change.

The first experiment was making a "lava lamp." We put one drop of food colouring into a cup with vinegar so it looked cooler. Then we put some oil into the cup with the vinegar and the oil kind of floated on top of the vinegar. Now I know that sounds weird but there's actually a very good reason for this. The oil is a lot lighter than vinegar so the oil molecules are more far

apart than the vinegar molecules. Then the students added some bi-carb soda and then the vinegar started bubbling. The bubbles were CO<sub>2</sub>. CO<sub>2</sub> is the stuff that you breathe out and its molecule is one-part carbon and two parts oxygen.

The next experiment was making Oobleck which is a non-Newtonian fluid which is neither solid nor liquid. Let me explain. When you slowly swirl it then it acts like a fluid but if you hit it with a hammer then it's as solid as a brick wall. We put bi-carb soda in a cup and slowly added water and stirred it till it was basically impossible to continue to stir it and then as easy as that you've made Oobleck.

The last experiment was called changing colours. This one we weren't allowed to participate because it was a little dangerous. So anyway, the Uni student doing the experiment got some indicator, put it into neutral water and slowly added some sodium hydroxide which is basic. She shook it till it turned blue and slowly we watched as it turned red because of the oxygen was getting to it.

All in all, I really enjoyed it and am really thankful that we can

have this amazing experience which not many people can experience.

Ilja



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## Remembrance Day

Monday 11 November 2019 marks the 101st anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Glenelg Primary School will observe a minute's silence in memory of those who have died or suffered in war and peacekeeping and humanitarian operations.



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## Sports News

This week you will see our Summer Sports Registration form for 2020 come home.

A registration for summer sport in Term 1 is also a registration for Term 4 in 2020.

Please complete the form and send back with payment to the front office. Unfortunately we can't accept your child's form without payment but if you need an extension, please speak to our Finance Officer in the front office. Payment is available in person, via the Qkr! App or over the phone.



Registrations are due Monday 25th November. New students next year along with our new Reception students will be an exception to this date and may submit their forms by Week 2, Term 1 next year. ALL OTHER CURRENT STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR FORMS BACK BY THE 25TH NOVEMBER HOWEVER. This is to allow us time to find our coaches and have them complete their volunteer applications where applicable.

Coaches - We Need You! We are always on the lookout for new coaches and your children do love having you involved. Please tick the box of the help you are able to provide. Without a coach for each team we are unable to submit them into their competitions. (Volleyball is an exception to this as Volleyball SA provide staff at the venues to assist).

Sports for Term 1 and 4 (for all boys and girls) are: Basketball, Cricket, T-Ball and Volleyball (for Yr 4/5 and Yr 6/7 only). Please always read the Team Sports Information Booklet online before nominating which sports your child will play: <https://www.glenelgps.sa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Term-1-and-4-2020-Summer-Sport-Information.pdf>

Our online Information Booklet contains all the ins and outs of times/days of play/uniform/costs/ages etc.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact Michelle [michelle.fountas173@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:michelle.fountas173@schools.sa.edu.au)

Sport in Term 1 2020 starts in Week 3.

Thanks everyone! Michelle Fountas

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## Parents and Friends Quiz Night

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[www.facebook.com/GlenelgPandF](http://www.facebook.com/GlenelgPandF)

Glenelg Primary Parents and Friends presents you our Quiz night for 2019.

Tickets can be ordered via the QKR! App or the front office. When ordering don't forget to add your table captain. This will allow us to set so you can find your table. If you would like to come but do not have a group buy you ticket and we will make a group for you.

Theme: Music Era  
Dress yourself and your table to win prizes!  
Questions are general knowledge (not just music)

Tables Max 10 people  
\$25 per ticket and includes Entry  
3 platters per table, savoury/antipasto, cheese/fruit and sweet treats.  
Please message



<https://www.facebook.com/GlenelgPandF/?ref=bookmarks> with any special dietary requirements and we will do our best to cater.

Drink on arrival

Drinks will be available at the bar. Strictly no BYO

Bring your gold coins for some fun games between rounds!

Please remember this is a CASH ONLY event.

If you have any other questions please message  
<https://www.facebook.com/GlenelgPandF/?ref=bookmarks>

### Christmas Raffle

A reminder that tickets and monies are due back to the front office by no later than Friday 29th November (next Friday) – we appreciate your support in this fundraising activity. See attached for the great range of prizes on offer and visit our Facebook page for more details.

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