



23rd September 2020

Term 3 Issue 6

Calendar Dates

September;

23rd – Senior Choir Sing
2020

24th – Senior Choir
Brighton Secondary
concert

25th – Year 7 Cinema End
of Term Celebration
Last day of Term; Early
Dismissal 2.30pm

October;

12th – Pupil Free Day

13th – First day of Term 4
for students

15th & 16th – Year 3-5
Author Visit

19th – 23rd – Book Week

23rd – Year 6-7 Author
Visit and Book Week
parade

26th – Chess State Finals

28th – Junior Choir
Minifest Paringa Park
Primary

Sports Day

Students were so excited during Sports Day on Wednesday. The children had a great time with active participation all day, even taking into account the 'difficult to predict' weather conditions. The level of sporting engagement was fantastic, with the focus very much on participation rather than elite performance. We were able to complete about 90% of the program, with just one shower near lunch, and another right at the end. We all shared the frustrations with COVID-19 impacts meaning we weren't able to have spectators this year.

Results from the day:-

4th Buffalo (yellow) – 280

3rd Holdfast (Blue) – 285

2nd Colley (green) – 286

1st Moseley (Red) – 290

The professional photos taken on the day won't be available until next term, but below is a selection of photos taken by various staff members. The student leaders of Moseley will have the opportunity to address the whole school at this week's assembly.



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2021 classes – opportunity to provide information

We have now started working on the process for making 2021 classes. To help us accurately construct classes, please let Trea know in the Office as soon as possible if you intend to leave Glenelg at the end of 2020.

Leadership and teachers use their knowledge of students and the specific needs of the children to place them into the best possible balanced and productive learning environment. While there is no guarantee that students will be placed 'with best friends', students will be placed in classes with familiar others that they learn well with. This year we will be using specialist software to assist us to make the classes for 2021. This software has many advantages, but because it is new to Glenelg this year, it won't contain any 'historical information'. Accordingly, there is no 'parent information' supplied to us in previous years that can be taken into account this year.

Parents are able to write a short letter about their child's educational needs for next year. This is not a time to request a particular teacher but a chance to inform us of any relevant information in regards to your child's learning situation or placement. With a school as large and complex as this one, we are not able to make promises about children being placed with particular teachers or in specific situations. Please e-mail the school at

dl.1017.info@schools.sa.edu.au

or address a letter to Shane Misso and mark it 'Private and confidential'. **If you do write a letter or e-mail, please include your child's first and last name and their 2020 Room number.** Letters must be passed to Front Desk staff at school by the end of week two next term, Friday 23rd October, for consideration, and e-mails must be sent by that same date. Please do not 'have a word with a teacher' to provide information – a written letter or e-mail is the only way we can accept information.

In an ideal world, we would only have straight classes in each level. However, varying numbers of students at each year level make this impossible in some situations. The DfE industrial agreement states that we are only funded for 1 teacher for every 30 students per class in Years 3-7 and 26 students in R-2 classes. As is the case every year, we will have to consider how we structure 2021 classes to meet our obligations within the financial resources we are given and the numbers of students at each year level.

Early dismissal this Friday

A reminder that the final day of Term 3 – Friday 25th September – is a 45 minute early dismissal at 2:30pm. We trust that students have a refreshing two-week break, and that if possible, families have the chance to do a bit of travel within South Australia, whether it's in the form of a day-trip somewhere close by, or perhaps a longer break in regional areas of SA.

Writer's Award

Congratulations to Mahtisa from Room 19 and Sebastian from Room 20. They were the winners of the Writer's Awards in Week 8. Mahtisa displayed excellent editing skills – she wrote some good sentences, but took the time to review her work and insert additional adjectives to make her work even better. Sebastian wrote a persuasive piece about endangered safari animals and he wrote his argument with passion, and also included a quote from an expert and backed up his reasons with some data. It was clear to see Mahtisa and Sebastian have both been concentrating on their individual writing goals to become more proficient in writing – well done to both writers.



Special Person's Stall

Thank you so much to all the wonderful volunteers who displayed great organisation and flexibility to arrange this stall amongst ever-changing COVID-19 restrictions. Our great volunteers helped our students purchase a gift for a Special Person on Thursday, 17th September. It was a great success and the smiles of the children were really heart-warming. We hope lots of Special Persons enjoyed the gifts.



SWiFT Phase 2

On Wednesday 16th September, Glenelg Primary School became the first metropolitan school to have SWiFT Phase 2 installed. SWiFT is the acronym for Schools with Internet Fibre Technology.

The DfE Network Technologies program will deliver a managed service, in partnership with Telstra, Cisco Systems, Palo Alto Networks, and Saasyan to maximise the performance, security, and control of network infrastructure.

The SWiFT program will assist schools in the best practice management of their online and internal systems by:

- replacing core infrastructure and edge routers in schools
- installing a centrally managed platform with proven scalability across thousands of schools and users
- advanced internet filtering and internet management tools
- effortless reporting for network security and performance
- support for student wellbeing, cyber safety, and welfare alerts.
- 4G backup of the Internet connection

Reliable internet is a foundation, to enable staff to embrace the tools they need, to deliver world-class education and 21st-century learning to prepare our students for jobs in the future.

Paul Lendrum
Assistant Principal



In the two photos (L-R) are Zoran Jokic (GPS ICT SSO), Shane Misso (Principal – partly obscured), John Fassina (Telstra), Paul Lendrum (ICT AP), Farrukh Iqbal (DfE SWiFT), Michal Linden (DfE SWiFT) and Brad Jackson (Palo Alto).

It was a tight squeeze in the ICT / Communications room, but all staff and students at school are really happy to have great ICT infrastructure that 'simply works'.

Most of us never see the huge amount of great work that Paul Lendrum is always arranging and organising for the school, but we are reminded when people from other schools come to Glenelg and comment on the amazing connectivity, speed and seamlessness that GPS staff and students have become accustomed to.

First day of Term 4 is Tuesday 13th October

A reminder that the first day of school for students is Tuesday 13th October. Staff will be doing training with new curriculum resources on Monday 12th. Happy Haven are open on the Monday for people looking for care arrangements for children.

Book Week Parade – Friday 23rd October

Book Week will now be held in the second week of Term 4, having been postponed earlier in the year. Students at GPS will be involved in a range of activities, culminating in a Book Week parade on Friday, 23rd October. At this stage, families are still unable to attend assembly-type events. There will be more details about Book Week early in Term 4. This year's theme - **Curious Creatures, Wild Minds** - invites us to celebrate the world of real and imaginary creatures that books allow us to discover. For the Book Week parade, students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from their favourite books.

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