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Term 4 Issue 4

## Calendar Dates

**November;**

**December;**

3<sup>rd</sup> – performing arts assembly during school day – no family audience, sadly

4<sup>th</sup> – School closure day

8<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 Graduation

11<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Term 4 - Early dismissal - 1.30pm

## R-7 Wellbeing Incursion: Indigenous Culture for Kids

During weeks 6 and 7, all students in our school attended have/will be attending an incursion run by Trent Hill. These sessions are about Aboriginal Culture by an experienced, qualified Aboriginal Cultural Guide; Trent Hill. Trent also runs the Bush Food Trails at the Adelaide Botanical Gardens.

Trent provided a general introduction to Aboriginal Culture where children could see the various traditional artefacts and learn about seasonal movements, roles of men, women and children and the diversity of Aboriginal people. Trent shares valuable insights about totems and Dreaming Stories. Our students have been thoroughly captivated and clearly appreciate hearing Trent's knowledge about the land and ways to respect the land we live on.



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**Assistant Principals:** Malcolm McArdle, Paul Lendrum, Bobbie Beswick, Corey Mudie,

Congratulations to Ilektra (Room 8A) and Georgie (Room 2) for their passionate persuasive texts. They were acknowledged at the assembly on November 5. Ilektra argued strongly for more investment in space exploration and Georgie made a powerful plea for the protection of our oceans and beaches. They wrote in a lively and engaging style and used research to back up their arguments. With their well-chosen words and clear structures, they both made very convincing champions for their causes.



## COVID -19 UPDATE

The rapidly-changing information about lockdowns and how it affects school is the reason this newsletter has been delayed. The most recent information we have received was sent to us at **1:43pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**, and is pasted below. We will endeavour to keep families informed with any further developments.

***The Premier today announced that schools and preschools will reopen to all students on Monday 23 November.***

***As a result our school will be open and operating as normal.***

***We will not be offering an alternative home-based learning program.***

***OSHC will operate as usual.***

***As the Chief Public Health Officer said, just because the hard lockdown is being lifted does not mean that the risks associated with COVID-19 have passed. As a result we will minimise the number of people coming and going from our site.***

***Wherever possible, please drop and collect your child at the gate and maintain the appropriate physical distance from other adults.***

***More information on excursions, events and sporting activities, and use of masks will be available soon.***

***Thank you very much for your support over the last couple of days. We look forward to having your child back at school on Monday.***

# Capital Works Redevelopment Program

The \$7Million dollar redevelopment program for our school continues to progress at pace. Friday 6 November was a full day of consultation and review with the team from JPE Architects, SENSUM project management and key stakeholders including students, teachers and senior staff. From this process a range of possible development options were explored and refined. The more popular options are being investigated in more detail with a focus on remaining in budget and delivering the most contemporary learning spaces possible. The project will be a combination of new building works and refurbishment of spaces in the current main building. The project will replace classes and offices currently housed in the GLA Block (year 1) and provide 2 additional learning spaces, disability access to all areas of the school, STEM leaning spaces, consolidation of admin services and better centralised access to services for all parents and community.

As images and concept drawings are developed we will share these in the newsletter and create a space on our website to track the process. This is a hugely exciting opportunity for the school and Glenelg community with funding like this rarely seen schools over previous years.

## Kindy/Pre-school transition to GPS

We were really excited to have all the 2021 Reception children and their families join us on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November for their first transition visit. Children had the chance to experience school in the Diagonal Building while parents heard lots of information and had the chance to ask questions. We look forward to welcoming the 2021 Reception children back for two more visits on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## Parent Engagement Survey

Thank you to the over 200 families that contributed to the official Department for Education online survey in term 3. The collated results have just started to come through with more specific comments and details due to be released in the coming weeks.

Glenelg Primary school has matched or exceeded positive responses to all areas of the survey in comparison to state data. This is something to be very proud of. Some of the very high performing areas for Glenelg Primary include; People respect each other, Teachers and students treat each other with respect, I feel like my child is important, I receive enough communication from the school, I know what standard of work is expected of my child and the school encourages parents to help students learn. Communication methods are an area for improvement and simplification. Parent-teacher interviews were rated the most popular however were missed due to COVID. Electronic communication rated as the next most popular. To support this we will be streamlining our processes, assisting all families to be digitally connected to the school with information going straight to your phone or computer. This term we are sending your child's final report to registered parent/guardians via email. This will ensure that you are the first to read your child's report and provide you with the opportunity to share their report with extended family and friends anywhere in the world.

# End of Year Academic Reports

This term Academic Reports will not be in a printed paper format. They will be published in the Parent Portal and also emailed home to families and caregivers. This is now common practice in most schools.

If you believe that we do not have an up to date email address please contact the front office staff.

If you have not registered to access the Parent Portal please email directly to our Assistant Principal for instructions and a family key.

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## SAPSASA Golf Experience

### My SAPSASA Golf Experience 2020

#### Day one

As I arrived at Westward Ho golf course, anxiety hit me like a truck. I started to shiver in fright because I knew I had to make my parents and my golf club proud. It was the one day of the year where I had to exert my talent in the highest potential, it was SAPSASA state finals.

I began practicing immediately. I started on the large putting green to get an understanding of the greens at Westward Ho because all greens are different. At this moment of time I had 45 minutes before I started, so I decided to use that time extremely wisely on the driving range to warm up my swinging techniques. At twenty past ten I stopped practising so I could walk to the tee block for my tournament beginning.

When I stepped up to the tee box to take my drive, confidence flooded my body. 'Ding!' I took my shot and it was a great shot, straight down the fairway. I ended up finishing the hole with 5 shots. After a couple holes, I wasn't doing too great. After the first half of day 1, I wasn't confident of qualifying.

It's the second half of day 1 and I'm really annoyed at myself because of my not so great playing on the first hole on the second half. I got 6 which was alright then the second hole came and I got a devastating 8 which made me so upset. At this moment I wanted to quit because I thought I wasn't going to get in.

A couple holes passed by and I was consistently getting 5's until the last two holes I got a par and on the last hole I got a 5. I'm still so happy that I got that par because that's what made me ever so slightly qualify. I got 34<sup>th</sup> place on Day One with 73 shots.

## Day two

On day two I was playing extremely well, until the 7<sup>th</sup> hole. Then I got a couple double bogeys that led up to me getting a wonderful par on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole. This put me in a good mood. I then got a par on the 13<sup>th</sup> and played well for the rest of the day. Overall, I got 98 and finished 22<sup>nd</sup> on the day. This improvement from last year performance made my parents proud.



Thankyou,

Brandon van den Berg

## Vacation Care Program

The Happy Haven Glenelg OSHC Vacation Care Program is now available! Please access the document included with this email to see all the fun and exciting activities we have planned over the Christmas break. Bookings can be made via Fully Booked!

Remember, any children between the ages of 4 and 12 can attend our program and it is a great way for those new Receptions to get familiar with the school grounds. Please call Kelly on 0416 796 542 or visit [happyhaven.sa.edu.au/Glenelg](http://happyhaven.sa.edu.au/Glenelg) if you have any questions!

Christmas Gift Appeal: This year we are continuing our annual 'Giving Tree', with gifts being donated to The Smiths Family Christmas Toy and Gift Appeal. If you are able to, any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be placed under the Christmas tree in the OSHC building. Some ideas include, board games, stuffed toys, Lego, Arts and Craft sets, dolls etc... All gifts must be donated by COB Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of November. Thank you, Kelly Lockwood – Director

## War on Waste at GPS

The Student Senior Leaders are currently presenting their War On Waste project with all classes to address our waste problem. We need everyone to use less packaging and put their rubbish in the bin.

Please help us by choosing a day or two a week to pack a 'nude food' lunchbox. The more we do this, the better our school will be and we can save the planet. **#healthymindhealthybody-eatnudefood**

**Wipe out Waste**  
[www.wow.sa.gov.au](http://www.wow.sa.gov.au)

**Pack food in reusable containers.**

It's estimated more than **9 million** ziplock bags go to landfill from SA schools EACH YEAR. Laid down, that's enough to go from Adelaide to Ceduna and back!



## Canteen News



The Canteen will be collecting donations of Animal Food for the RSPCA. If you are able to, any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be placed under the Christmas tree in the Canteen.

By donating to your state or territory RSPCA, you will be contributing to the care of animals in their shelters, and to the prevention and prosecution of animal cruelty through our Inspectorates.