



2nd December 2020

Term 4 Issue 5

Calendar Dates

December;

3rd – performing arts assembly

4th – School closure day

8th – Year 7 Graduation

11th – Last day of Term 4
Early dismissal
1.30pm dismissal

Final Good News Letter of the year

2020 has been a year of challenges balanced with great success as our school staff and students worked through the pandemic. We would like to thank all the families for their continued support during this time, even when the restrictions meant you missed out on some of your favourite aspects of the school calendar. With optimistic eyes we see the current situation as “For Now and Not Forever”.

We would like to wish all families a wonderful summer holiday break and hope that as restrictions ease you can enjoy time with families and friends recharging, and preparing for the new school year.

The staff of Glenelg Primary School

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Seeds in Space International Space Project

What'll happen to the Wattle at Glenelg Primary School?

The Year 2/3 students in Miss Rivett's Room 11 class are excited to announce that their entry into the Seeds in Space program with One Giant Leap Australia Foundation was successful. So our learning is headed to space!

Golden wattle seeds are being launched into space to spend six months living on the International Space station and upon returning will be sent to the school for use to grow and complete science experiments with. The project is a collaboration with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and supported by the Australian Space Agency with only 150 schools and community groups Australia wide being selected for this learning adventure.



"It's one small step for a kid, one giant leap for the wattle!" – Lorcan S., Year 3 student

"We are really excited that we got chosen out of all the schools that entered. We want to see if the plants grow better after going to space." – Phoebe B. & Charlotte B., Year 2 students.

The seeds are due to be launched by NASA into space this Sunday 6th December at 3am in the morning (if all goes to plan).



Special Assembly

Tomorrow we will be hosting a Special Assembly for all the students and staff to celebrate a year of successful learning resilience and confidence under very trying circumstances. Class teachers will be sharing "clips" of class performances on SeeSaw or the class Facebook Page. We encourage all families to have a look. We will also be having a Special Lunch provided by the canteen staff and volunteers.

Unfortunately there will be **no opportunity for parents to attend due to current COVID restrictions.** Please check your class digital platform to see your child's performance.

Children's University

Due to steadily reducing numbers of children participating in Children's University over the past years and the challenges of 2020 we have decided to place Children's University in recess for 2021. We believe the financial resources and human effort required would be better focused on core programs in the school impacting on more children. We have commenced negotiations with the CU team to explore alternative options for families keen to continue. At this stage no viable option has emerged. We will keep families informed of progress in this matter.

Class Placement 2021

After an extensive process class placements for 2021 have been finalised. Overall numbers and numbers at each year level dictate the structures and flexibilities we can offer. Every child's learning needs have been considered in this exhaustive process to build what we believe will be well balanced learning teams. Today your child had the opportunity to gather in their 2021 class group, connect or reconnect with friends and where possible meet their new teacher(s). Please check your child's bag for a letter with specific details and a copy of an activity they did in class.

School Banking 2021

Glenelg Primary will cease school banking from the end of this year. As ratified through Governing Council the promotion of one financial institution over others was not congruent with the school values. This same thinking has driven the Victorian Governments ban on school banking programs in all public schools. We trust that families will continue to promote saving practices with their children as a future life skills. Financial literacy and understanding will continue as part of the Australian Curriculum at age appropriate levels delivered as part of the Maths program.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated group of volunteers who have supported the program over a number of years and hope that they will continue to support the school in other roles.

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.

Reports will be available on Monday 7th of December and will arrive in your inbox during the day.

If you believe that we do not have an up to date email address please contact the front office staff. We encourage all families to check their email accounts and clear any unwanted messages.

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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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 if you have any questions!

Thank you, Kelly Lockwood – Director

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ThankED gives you the opportunity to celebrate and thank public educators who make a difference every day, as well as those people who work in support of them.

Consider thanking a Glenelg Primary School staff member for their work, by following the link below

www.education.sa.gov.au/ThankED

Volunteers

Despite the restrictions and chaos of 2020 community volunteers continue to provide support to the school in countless ways. While many of our regular volunteers have not been able to attend the way they normally do we wish to recognise your commitment in 2020 and in previous years as a key feature of Glenelg Primary's success. In 2021 we can only hope that there will be more opportunity for involvement and our volunteers will be back in full force.

Premier's Be Active Challenge

This year was the first time in nine years that Glenelg Primary School participated in the Premier's Be Active challenge. We successfully had 119 students complete the challenge with six students receiving a silver medallion and the other students all receiving bronze medallions.

Well done to the following students who received a silver medallion:-

Charlize D. (Room 11), Lewis L. (Room 20), Elyssa I. (Room 8), Luke S. (Room 3), Zara H. and Beatrice N. (Room 8A)

To complete the award students recorded an hour of physical activity each day for 4 weeks or 10 weeks encouraging them to get moving and be active for our health. Some students even completed the challenge back when they were Learning At Home showing that being active isn't confined to playing sport. Did you know yoga, frisbee and even vacuuming is considered being active?

It would be fantastic to see more students completing the challenge next year to earn a Bronze, Silver or even Gold medallion for getting moving.

- Kelly Rivett (Be Active Challenge Coordinator)

Learn to Speak Robot in the Commissioner's Digital Challenge!

This year we had 27 students in our school participate in the Learn to speak robot challenge.

The Learn to Speak Robot Challenge is a coding and computational thinking challenge for children in South Australia. That is hosted by the Commissioner for Children and Young People. The challenge, in its second year, helps students encourage our students to learn the skills to be bold thinkers to create out-of-the-box solutions which is what our future requires.

"What I learnt on learn to speak robot challenge was that I learnt how to code stuff to get from place to place. What I also learnt was that when a character needed to get to something you could drag moving boxes into your working space and then when all the movements are sorted out, you can press start and the character will eventually start moving. That's what I learnt on learn to speak robot." – Mikal E., Year 3

"I learnt that coding is not that challenging and complicated as it sounds. I also learnt how to make things move and follow different codes. It was also cool to figure out how to code and discover different things about coding." – Jayden H., Year 3

Well done to the student who completed the challenge in 2020.

Outdoor Classroom Day

**OUTDOOR
CLASSROOM
DAY**

2020

On Friday 6th November, 12 Junior Primary classes participated in 'Outdoor Classroom Day'. The day is a global movement to inspire and celebrate outdoor play and learning, at home and at school. On Outdoor Classroom Day itself, which has two dates each year, teachers celebrate with a special day outdoors for their class. At Glenelg Primary School, all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes, plus Ms Rivett's Year 2/3 class decided to take part in the event. The teachers planned different activities that involved the students in a whole day of outdoor learning. Students enjoyed participating in the following outdoor experiences: Stick Weaving, Mandala Patterning, Reading and Book-Making, Water-Painting, Leaf and Bark Rubbing, Collaborative Chalk Mural, Clay Creatures and Mindfulness Colouring.



The day was an absolutely wonderful experience for the students, and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We had such positive feedback from the students about the day, which made all the effort worthwhile!

A big thank you to all of the teachers involved, as it was such a fantastic day, and it was fabulous to see all of the classes and students outside when you were walking through the yard. They were so engaged with each of the activities and really enjoyed the opportunity to experience new things!

Miss Carlyne

After Hours Sport

This year despite all its challenges, we were still able to have just under 400 children participate in Summer and Winter Sports programs. It is terrific to see so many kids keeping fit, learning new skills and making friends.

Sports we offer here are Basketball, Cricket, Football, Hot Shots Tennis, Mini Roos Soccer, NetSetGo Netball, Competition Netball, Soccer, T Ball, and Volleyball. All the information for each sport is on our school website under the "For Parents" tab.

Please give some consideration to coaching or team managing your child's team next year. Without your support we simply cannot nominate our teams to play. Working with Children Checks are required for all coaches/managers. Please email trea.hentysmith767@schools.sa.edu.au to get yours started if you don't have one, it does make the start of next year much easier. There is no cost.

A huge thank you to this year's parent coaches for your time and commitment. Your children have loved having you involved and we thank you for your time, patience and sportsmanship. Not only have you taught new skills, but it is these values and a sense of community you have passed on to the kids you have coached. We thank you sincerely.

We'd love to have you all back playing with us again next year.

Michelle Fountas



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