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Welcome to the 2021 School Year

Dear Families and Friends

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our Glenelg families and friends back to the 2021 school year. We hope that everyone has had a restful holiday period. We look forward to seeing all our students, new and continuing, ready to launch into a year of powerful learning and individual growth.

To the approximately 100 new students and families we extend an extra special welcome and trust that Wednesday 27th January will be the start of a fabulous school experience at Glenelg Primary School.

COVID-19 Update

Restrictions and COVID-Safe practices around our school will remain very similar to last year until we have further notification and advice from our SA Health consultants. Due to being a very large school, entry into buildings, classrooms and areas such as the library is currently not possible for family and friends. Due to large numbers, parents and friends will not be able to attend assemblies or many other in-school activities at this stage. Families will be kept informed of events through our Seesaw App.

We now have a school **QR COVID-Safe check-in code** that everyone would be familiar with using. Code stations are available at the front office and uniform shop for parents to check-in as required. Sanitiser units are also in key places where visitors can enter.

We ask that all families respect the Physical Distancing requirements of 1.5meters between non-family members and remind parents that until further notice **ONLY** Students and Staff are to enter the main building and classroom areas. Where possible parents are kindly encouraged to "Kiss-and-Drop" their children at the gates as we did for a lot of last year. Please keep yourself and others COVID-Safe by not congregating in the yard or around the gates, providing free access to all of our students.

For older children they will be able to take themselves to class and for our Receptions and Year 1 children, teachers will be available in the yard near their rooms to meet students over the first week. Parents of new reception students can hand their child to the class teachers and meet members of the leadership team in the yard outside their classroom areas, exactly as we did for the transition visits late in 2020. The first few days may be tricky for some until we get back into routine, with school staff there to assist wherever possible.

Thank you to all families for an overall smooth start to the first day of the year. Your support and patience when managing such a large number of people was much appreciated. It was great to see that the new-found independence and courage of all our young people Reception to year 7. Improvement feedback from families has been received and will be incorporated into our start-of-year processes.

To receive the newsletter via email, subscribe to the Glenelg Primary School list, by sending a new email to: listserv@lists.schools.sa.edu.au with a message body of: Subscribe GlenelgPS (Leave the subject line blank).

Seesaw Communication App:

In 2021 Seesaw will be utilized as our whole school communication format. Using just the one communication tool should centralise all information and take away the need to check several sources. Seesaw is a secure communication tool allowing the sharing of information, images, video and more to only registered and invited members. **All classes** will be using this tool to post information and share student work. This year specialist teacher and many extra-curricular groups will also be using Seesaw to get communications straight to your mobile device. Whole school communications will also be sent to you using Seesaw so all families that are registered receive accurate and timely information. The more families that connect immediately, the more efficient the process will be.

Uniform Shop:

The uniform shop is available Wednesday and Friday mornings for those families requiring fittings or to view second hand items. QKR is our online payment app and the preferred payment process. Welcome to the popular world of internet shopping. Simply order and pay on-line and the uniform items will be processed and delivered to your child's classroom to wear or bring home.

QKR On-line payment App

Please download the QKR app onto your mobile device or computer. This app will allow you to pay for Materials and Services Fees, Uniform, Excursions, Order student lunches (up to 2 weeks in advance) and much more, all at a convenient time for you. Current users will need to **Update** their details including the 2021 room number to be able to access the features.

Save the Date:

Meet the Teachers / Acquaintance Night - Tuesday 2nd February 5:30-6:30. The format of our 2021 Acquaintance Night will be different to previous years, allowing a less formal opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, specialist teachers and visit different learning spaces. There will be some COVID-Safe procedures in place to control the number of visitors in each room and keep families circulating.

- Families attending will only need to **COVID Check-In** once at one of the many stations located near entries and under the COLA on the night.
- Classroom learning areas will be restricted to **15 visitors at any time** (excluding current students). *Families might need to wait a few minutes for space to be available and we ask that once you have seen the room and met the teacher you move onto your next destination to keep things flowing and allow others to enter the area.*

Please stay tuned for further Seesaw posts from your child's class for more room specific information.

Welcome back and have a wonderful year.

Kind regards.

Shane Misso

Principal