



Calendar Dates

May;

27th – 3rd June – Reconciliation week

June;

31st May – 2nd June – SAPSASA Netball Year 7

2nd – 4th – SAPSASA Netball Year 6

9th – Volunteer Training

9th – SAFM Breakfast Broadcast

10th – SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival

11th – Pupil Free Day

14th – Queens Birthday Public Holiday

16th & 17th – Monarto Zoo Year 4

21st – 23rd – Yr 6 SAPSASA Football

23rd – 25th – Yr 7 SAPSASA Football

23rd – Reception – Yr 3 Wellbeing Incursion

28th – Chess Tournament

July;

Yr 4-7 Wellbeing Incursion

Week 5 of term 2 already!

Where does the time go? This “Good Newsletter” is packed with information and great GPS success stories.

Congratulations to Layla Pajac, who is the 2021 Governing Council Chairperson. Governing Council is made up of dedicated and giving parent volunteers, is very future focused and always looking to achieve the best for all families while ensuring governance of procedures and practices are adhered to at all times. See who are your parent reps in the article that follows.

Our students are really a role model to us all. Just getting on with doing their best socially and academically despite all the disruptions of 2020 and the consistent challenging news about other communities that seems to fill our news feed. Excellent achievements in BEBRAS Australia, State Gymnastics, NAPLAN confidence, whole school wellbeing, SAPSA cross country, and an increasing number of senior students gaining selection in specialist secondary school programs. While the final announcements are still to be finalised the proportion of GPS students already notified is outstanding, a complete list will be published in our next newsletter.

Students are not the only big achievers. Thank you to all our volunteers for your unwavering commitment, persistence and patience during ever changing times. Thank you P&F for the spectacular Mother’s Day Stall, growing volunteer support and commitment to the canteen and now the exciting news about SAFM Breakfast with Bec, Cossie, and Lehmo broadcasting from our site! Great positivity and recognition for GPS.

Go Team GPS!

2021 Governing Council

Layla Pagac – Chairperson

Layla has been part of the Glenelg Primary community for 13 years with 3 children attending the school, currently 2 daughters one in year 7 and one in year 5. For the past 4 years Layla has been an active member of the Governing Council (GvC) holding positions as Assistant Chairperson and a position on the Out of School Sports subcommittee. As the Chairperson Layla supports our GvC members, in joint responsibility with the Principal, to perform the following functions:

- Involve the school community in the governance of the school to strengthen and support public education in the community
- Participate in setting the broad direction, vision and strategic plan and policies of the school
- Determine policies for the school including policies for the safety, welfare and discipline of students.
- Determine the application of the total financial resources available to the school
- Monitor and review the Site Learning Plan
- Report to the school community and the Minister for Education on the strategic plan, the finances and operational plans of the school, including the Council's operations.

Governing Council Members 2021



Top row Left to Right – Layla Pagac, Elissa Lindegreen, Kelly Rivett, Anthony Fischer, Shane Misso, Jane Kendall, Julie Hughson

Bottom row left to right – Nicole von der Borch, Adin Sabic, Melisa Lachenicht, Jacob Edgar

Absent – Tracey Hull

Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge

In Term 1, twenty-eight students participated in the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge. Bebras is an international initiative aiming to promote Informatics and Computational Thinking among Year 3-12 students and facilitated by the CSIRO.

Computational Thinking is a set of skills that underpin learning within the Digital Technologies classroom. These skills allow students to engage with processes, techniques and explore the possibilities of using digital systems to solve various challenges within society. Glenelg PS did well having two students achieve Credit awards (over 65% correct) and eight students achieving a Merit Awards (over 50% correct) in the Year 5 category.



Congratulations to State Gymnastics Team members

Congratulations to Charlie H. in Room 11 who in the holidays became the State Champion in Trampolining. Congratulations as well to Chloe S. in Room 11 who won first in her Aerobic Gymnastics division at the State Championships and is competing in the National Development division in Aerobic Gymnastics.

Both students have gone on to compete in Queensland at the Australian Gymnastics Championships as a representative of the South Australian team. Charlie won Silver Medal at the nationals and Chloe successfully qualified for the Australian National Development squad in Aerobic gymnastics.

We are very proud of you both!



NAPLAN 2021

NAPLAN is done and dusted for 2021. Over two weeks we did 1195 tests in 56 sessions across 11 classes. The students in years 3, 5, and 7 took up the challenge in what to some could have been a new experience. This was the first year we did it online. Our IT network and Internet connectivity coped well and the tests went mostly without any problems. We will look forward to the results later in the year.

Paul Lendrum
NAPLAN Coordinator



Volunteers

Glenelg PS staff will be conducting two information/training sessions for people interested in becoming volunteers at our school. If you are already a registered volunteer, you don't need to do any re-training, you just need to ensure that your WWCC is still valid.

If you are not yet a registered volunteer at GPS, you need to attend one (but not both) of the two sessions below, i.e. the second session is a repeat of the first session. No need to book, just turn up; you will need to 'check-in' on arrival for COVID-19 purposes.

Wednesday 9th June, 2021 at **2pm** in the GPS staffroom.

Wednesday 9th June, 2021 at **5:30pm** in the GPS staffroom.

A lot of information and details are on our website: -

<https://www.glenelgps.sa.edu.au/for-parents/volunteers/>

Tracy in the front office (workdays Wednesdays to Fridays) can assist with questions.

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Make A Difference



Wellbeing at GPS

Our staff and students at GPS engage in various learning experiences to gain skills in building a strong sense of efficacy, self-esteem and general wellbeing. In our school, we teach strategies to self-regulate behaviours and establish positive relationships. We explicitly teach material from the *You Can Do It* programme (Professor Bernard), the Zones of Regulation (Leah Kuypers), Interoception and Kimochis. We encourage you to talk with your child about using their 'growth mindset' and use positive self-talk to explore the best problem solving tools when encountering challenging situations.

As adults, we know that depression and anxiety are escalating and that some young people are struggling with resilience. Less screen time, making time to reflect (mindfulness) and showing empathy and gratitude are vital traits in helping our children become the best that they can be.

As adults we need to ...

- Model how to manage big feelings (don't participate in their chaos)
- Problem solve with your child(ren) so they understand corrective behaviour
- Let children fail and learn to be persistent (solving problems for them will not give them the skills they need in their future)
- Limit screen time (get children to put their screens away)
- Implement consistent routines
- Make sure your child is getting plenty of exercise, rest and sleep
- Spend time each night reflecting on 3 things we can be grateful for in our day



Here at GPS all classes engage in daily Interoception after recess and lunch breaks to an acoustic piece of relaxation music.

SA-FM Breakfast Broadcast



The SAFM breakfast crew will be broadcasting directly from Glenelg Primary School on Wednesday the 9th of June. More details will be forwarded via Seesaw and Facebook closer to the date.



SMS Messaging – Student Absences



GPS now have a new SMS system for absences and the sick room. Our dedicated messaging number is **0428 670 286**. Please program this into your phone. If you wish to report a student absence this can be done via SMS to this number instead of calling the school. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NUMBER IS A DEDICATED SMS ONLY NUMBER. If you wish to call the school please call **8295 3943**.

If your child attends the sick room you will receive an SMS to advise you of this. Your child will still receive a sick note from the school with detailed information regarding their treatment so please remember to check your child's bag once they are home.

District SAPSASA

Cross Country Carnival

On Thursday 6th May, students from Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 selected from our School Cross Country Carnival, represented our school at the District SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival, held at Barratt Reserve, West Beach.

Our students were involved in 8 different races according to their age. They had to run distances of either 2km or 3km. Our team raced against multiple students from other schools within our District, including Brighton, Westminster and Paringa Primary.

From the day, students who were fast enough (1st – 6th for most age groups) were selected to represent our South West District Team, who will race against the fastest from all over South Australia, on Thursday 10th June at Oakbank Racecourse.

Congratulations to all students who took part in our School Cross Country, the District Cross Country and a big congratulations to 5 students who were selected to race at Oakbank. Well done Angus N, Ava N, Milly S, Jude M and Jett N!

Thank you to our volunteers for the day who helped with supervision and marshalling, as well as Mr Rose for his support on the day.

Great work Glenelg! Miss Arnold 😊



The Team



Canteen News

Special food day at the canteen, term 2

Tuesday 1st June, 2021

\$5.00 lunch

Your choice of the following bento boxes...

AUSTRALIAN

BBQ pork snag and tomato sauce, a vegemite sandwich and
Lamington fingers



INDIAN (vegetarian)

Tika masala lentil balls with raita and pappadams and
Gulab



ASIAN

Chicken and Asian slaw salad with prawn crackers and a
Fortune cookie



Orders can be made via QKR or at the canteen, but must be in no later than
Thursday 27th May. All order slips must be returned to the canteen

**Volunteers will be required on the day, if you are a registered Volunteer with
GPS and can assist please contact the Front Office to register your interest.**

Volunteers

Needed!



Parents and Friends

Thank you for your support with our Mothers Day Stall



THE SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY FROM THE GPS COMMUNITY HELPED US TO RAISE OVER

\$2,250



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Community News



SOMERTON PARK KINDERGARTEN

OPEN DAYS COME & VISIT US

14 May 2021, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

9 June 2021, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**We know and understand that children learn
best through play!**

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