



Glenelg Primary School



14th December 2022

Term 4, Issue 3

Calendar Dates

December

16th – Assembly at 9am

16th – Last day early dismissal
- 1.30pm

January

30th – School resumes – Term
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Thank you to all

Dear Glenelg Family and Friends

The 2022 school year draws to a close in a matter of days. We would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their support and patience across the year as we navigated a tricky start to school with COVID remote learning and then showed strength and resilience dealing with a range of challenges, including the extended building works as the year went on. We are sure that through these experiences we have all become stronger. I would like to acknowledge the effort of all staff to **always have the children's interests as a priority.**

With pride and a tinge of sadness we farewell our year 6 Graduates at tonight's ceremony, dinner, and dance. These students have been our leaders throughout the year and have contributed to the success of many activities while being positive role models to our younger students. This same group has also worked with teachers to **design the "New-look" Graduation** format based on their needs. I wish to thank all our graduates and their families for what they have brought to our community over their time here and wish them every success in their new schools.

For other students who are moving to new schools in 2023 we wish you and your family all the best with the move and trust that you will take your positive Glenelg Values with you.

To all our community we wish you a safe happy and relaxing summer break and all the best for 2023.

Governing Council:

Special thanks go to the 2022 Governing Council. I wish to acknowledge all the behind the scenes work of this dedicated group of parents. Thank you to Layla Pagac as Chair and Tim Doughty as Treasurer for your work. Plans and ideas for 2023 are already formulating and I encourage any of our ongoing parents to consider being involved. Special thanks to Layla Pagac and Melissa Lachenicht for their time on GC, concluding now with their youngest child moving to High School.

Principal: Shane Misso

Deputy Principal: Anthony Fischer

Assistant Principals: Malcolm McArdle, Ryan Parsons, Bobbie Beswick

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From the Principal continued...

Staffing News:

At the end of every year we farewell some of our current staff and prepare to welcome others in the New Year. I would like to announce the following:

- Anna Kennedy is returning to her previous role at the Pines Primary School
- Mel Loveday has secured an SSO position at Warradale Primary School
- Jules Henty-Smith is taking leave for 2023
- Luke Braithwaite will be taking PE and 1 day in the classroom
- Matt Bannister (Assistant Principal – Effective Pedagogy)
- Nat Reed will commence as our Autism Inclusion Teacher (1 day per week)

We will farewell:

- Malcolm Mc Ardle who will be retiring after 14 years at GPS
- Julie Veroude and Annette Mansell will be taking leave in 2023, planning their next steps.
- Mel Arnold, Renee Sawyer and Laura Dyke will all be on maternity/parenting
- Jenni Schoo (canteen) moving to another local role
- Lisa Pietrus who will be retiring after 19 years at GPS

We thank the following teaching staff for being part of our team this year and wish them well in 2023: Hannah Burns, Glen Colla, Fiona Hinkley, Phoebe Wittwer-Smith, Gerard McCheney

Several of our SSO staff are still waiting for confirmation of employment in 2023. Once finalised this will be shared in the first 2023 newsletter. We thank all our SSO staff for the work they do to support the students and staff.

In 2023 we will start with 23 classes, from Reception to year 6. We will maintain all our permanent staff and welcome / welcome back the following short-term staff to the GPS team:

Amy Blackmore (yr2/3), Anita Rosser (yr3), Elissa Lindegreen (yr5), Kelly Rivett (Media Arts/Visual Art), Beth Tamm (Yr 2), Patrice Crowder (yr 2), Tash Introna (Yr 3), Nhada Larkin (Yr 6) and Viv Dichiera (Yr 6).

Redevelopment Project 2022/23

After several delays, the building works will continue over the summer break and well into term 1 2023. Over the holiday period works on the Glenelg Oval Upgrade will also commence and continue well into term 1. The area around the school will continue to be quite busy.

Volunteers

With all the initial restrictions at the start of the school year we have not had the pleasure of all our volunteers being on site. This improved over the year and it was wonderful to have volunteers back assisting with class programs and supporting special activities such as excursions. To all those that have supported the school this year and are ready to do so again in 2023, we thank you very much.

Parent and Friends

Thank you and congratulations to all, the members of parents and friends. This year has been a huge success with increased membership, and the running of several highly successful activities across the year. Special thanks to Tara Cousins for her outstanding leadership as Chairperson. The Toilet Door project will continue in 2023 supported by the funds raised this year. Across the year P&F have raised over \$11,000 through all their volunteer-driven initiatives – an outstanding effort!

End of Year School Concert Fun



What an amazing concert last week – such energy and a wonderful community atmosphere. It was thrilling to see the students so engaged and performing so enthusiastically. The parent feedback was very positive – thank you. It was great to see so many families sharing the special evening with the children and enjoying the show.

Special thanks to Jo Brus and Jess Vincent; it's a credit to them that all students were so engaged with not only their on-stage performance, but also joining in massaoke-style for the whole concert. Well done also to all staff involved with rehearsing students throughout Term 4. It was a great example of the whole team working together to ensure all students have the best opportunities.





Autism Inclusion Teacher 2023

Dear Families

The Department for Education is appointing an Autism Inclusion Teacher in every public primary school (including reception to year 12 schools) from 2023.

The Autism Inclusion Teacher will:

- provide support to fellow educators on how to best support and educate autistic students
- drive improved practice relating to autism that works for their school.

It is anticipated that Autism Inclusion Teachers will first build their own teaching expertise, knowledge and understanding of autism through engaging in formal learning offerings and participation in the Autism Inclusion Teacher networks. To improve knowledge and practice across the school, Autism Inclusion Teachers will then be encouraged to share their learnings and resources with their colleagues to utilise in teaching autistic children and young people in their own classes.

We have completed the selection process of identifying and appointing our school's Autism Inclusion Teacher.

Natalie Reed has been successful and will bring her classroom and student support experience to the role, commencing 1 day per week from term 1 2023. The Autism Inclusion role will complement the current Student Support programs

This is an exciting opportunity to enhance the support we provide to autistic children and young people at our school.

Visit the Department for Education website to find out more about [improving support for autistic children and students](#).

PE Week

PE week is celebrated between the 14th- 18th of November. Our week was full of fun activities that involved our House Captains, a visit from the 36ers and a Staff Vs Students netball game.

On Tuesday, the 36ers came and run a skill session with 30 students, then in front of the whole school 10 players represented Glenelg in game against the 36ers. Glenelg was very proud to put together a strong team of boys and girls who had competed in SAPSASA basketball events earlier in the year. They played very well against the talented 36ers players and were cheered on by spectating peers and students from GPS. Students also had the opportunity to get autographs from players after the game.



PE Week continued...

On Wednesday, House Captains played a game of netball against a staff team comprised of Teachers and SSO's. The Staff team were very determined to put on a show and shine against the students. The House Captains played to the best of their ability, playing for fun and learning along the way. Spectators cheering for both teams, it was a fun atmosphere and a good opportunity to promote PE week.



Be Active Challenge

Congratulations to the students who completed the Premier's Be Active Challenge this year. These students recorded their 60 minutes of activity, five days a week for a minimum of four weeks. This supports the goals of a healthy active lifestyle.

This year at Glenelg we had:

- 178 Bronze Medallists (1st year completing the challenge)
- 64 Silver Medallists (2nd year completing the challenge)
- 19 Gold Medallists (3rd year completing the challenge)

Special mention to Lexi S. and Jude N. who received a Champion medal for completing the challenge for their 4th year.

We look forward to increasing the number of medallists next year.



Student Home Internet Program



The student home internet program can provide internet access to students who do not have reliable home internet, so they can continue to learn and study at home.

Find out more about the program and how parents and carers can apply by visiting <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/student-home-internet-program>

Sensory Garden

Two weeks ago the Year 2 classes took part in planting our new native Sensory Garden space with the help of Daniel, the groundsman. We received a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant to assist us with creating this learning space. This project was student initiated by Year 2/3 students in 2020 to develop more outdoor learning spaces.



Kiss and Drop Zones

A reminder about the importance of safe driving and behaviour in the kiss and drop areas at school. This is to not only for the safety of Glenelg Primary students but also the wider school community. Thank you for your understanding.



Year 4/5 Holdfast Choir

On Wednesday 23rd November, the year 4/5 Holdfast Choir shared their joy of singing at the Murray Mudge Residential Care Centre and to families and passers-by in Moseley Square, Glenelg. The smiles on everybody's faces were as bright as the beautiful sunshine.



Beachfront Hub Concert Band

On Thursday 24th November, all year 4 - 6 students were treated to a performance by the Beachfront Hub concert band. We congratulate our own Glenelg Primary students who were involved -:

- Sara G – flute
- Indi F – flute
- Francine M – flute
- Rhys E – saxophone
- Brodie B – saxophone
- Ari R – trumpet
- Elijah W – trumpet
- Rachel L – percussion
- Loki F – percussion
- Kelsey H - trumpet

At the concert, students received information about many of the brass, woodwind and percussion instruments. Students in years 5 and 6 in 2023 have the opportunity to receive free lessons on one of the featured instruments. More details can be found at <https://music.brightonss.sa.edu.au/im-beachfront-hub> or by contacting Sue Asser by email at Sue.Asser329@schools.sa.edu.au



Wheels Day

On Friday 25th November the Reception community took part in Wheels Day. In our Science topic this term we have been learning about how things move. We had fun exploring movement together with our bikes, scooters, skateboards, prams and toy vehicles.



Year 3 Poetry

The children in room 9 have been learning about writing poetry. Below is a collection of 'holiday' and 'flower' themed poems.

Sunflower Haiku, by Yom

Hot, bright, yellow sun
Yellow grass and crunchy leaves
Like a sunflower.

Holiday, by Keira

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!
On New Years Eve we will light
fireworks and gaze at the moon
Let's hug, let's play, let's have so
much fun
I love all the celebrations
Dozing very late
Always loving, always playing
Yay! Tomorrow more hard work, but
let's wait for next time!



Flower, by Ryan

Fine, beautiful colours on the
ground
Lovely stems poking up into the sky
On the surface of the mountain,
colours shine
Wind blows on the fine, green stems
on the surface
Extra ordinary, beautiful colours
sparkle
Right weather for colours to shine

Holiday, by Zara

Happy people everywhere
On Christmas we spend time
together
Loving every bit of the day
Inside having fun with my friends
Dreaming about all the fun. I can't
wait!
About spending time together
Yay! We are almost there!



Year 3 Tie Dye

Room 9 celebrated the end of year by tie dyeing a T-shirt! How colourful do we look!



Parents and Friends

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On behalf of the P and F Committee I would like to thank the Glenelg Primary School community for their support throughout the year! This year money we have raised has endorsed Jess Royans to begin our toilet door project which we are so excited to continue with next year! A huge thank you to all those who have helped us throughout the year by selling raffle tickets, donating prizes, cooking sausages, running the stalls, we couldn't do it without you!

This year we assisted in:

Sports Day raffle & Merchandise selling

Helping the Easter Bunny provide eggs for all GPS students

Mother's and Father's Day stalls

Election BBQ with Triple MMM

BBQ at GPS Open Night

2nd hand Uniform sales

Participating in the Glenelg Pageant

End of Year Concert Raffle & Kiwanis BBQ

Providing Ice Cream Van for Year 6 Graduation

Assisting at Year 6 graduation

We also look forward to providing the Reception families coffee and morning tea on the first day of school to welcome them to the Glenelg Community at 9am.

With many more exciting ideas to come for 2023, we would love for more volunteers to join us! Please email parents.friends277@schools.sa.edu.au if you are interested in volunteering with us next year- the more volunteers, the more events we can organise!

Merry Christmas and a safe holiday break to you all.

Tara Cousins & the P and F Committee





THANK YOU

To all the Families and Teachers who joined us in the 2022
Glennelg Christmas Pageant we say Thank you!



Special thanks to Raffle Prize Donations from:

Draw Prizes

1. Service Voucher and Bottle of Wine
Ultra Tune Glenelg

2. \$100 Event Cinemas Gift Voucher
O'Neill Data & Electrical

3. \$50 AFL Max Voucher
Learn for Less Driving School

4. Intensity Hamper Worth \$100

5. Intensity Birthday Party for 10 People

6. \$100 Voucher for Oyster Bar Glenelg

7. Gin Tasting for 2 at Threefold Distillery including a Bottle of Shiraz Gin

8. \$30 Dymocks Voucher & Lounge Suit
Samantha Plush

9. Temptation Sailing Voucher for two including Drink and Platter

10. Two Hour House Clean
Karly's Cleaning

11. Sugar Candle Melts Gift Pack

12. Gin Tasting for Two at Threefold Distillery
Hayley Challen

13. Scentsy Consultant Product Gift Pack
Jeanette Wood

14. Tupperware Consultant Product Gift Pack
Amanda Williams

15. Body Shop Consultant Gift Pack
Amanda Williams

**16. Port River Dolphin and Shipwreck Cruise for
Two Adults and Two Children**

Big thanks to...



Once again a big thank you to Jess Royans for her beautiful artwork.

Follow Jess @birdsneestsforhair on Instagram!

