



# Glenelg Primary School



## Calendar Dates

7th June 2023

Term 2, Issue 2

June

Week 6

Thursday 8th

School Disco

Receptions 12noon

Yr 1-3 - 5.30pm-6.30pm

Yr 4-6 - 7.00pm-8.00pm

Parent Cyber-Safety Session

7.00pm-8.00pm

Friday 9th

**Pupil Free Day**

Week 7

Monday 12th

**Public Holiday**

Week 8

Monday 19th

Enrolment Information Session

6.00pm

Thursday 22nd

R-2 RAA Street Smart Incursion

Week 9

Thursday 29th

R-2 Moon Radio Hour Incursion

July

Week 10

Wednesday 5th

NAIDOC Donuts (Order via QKR)

Friday 7th

R-6 Wellbeing Incursion

**Final Day Term 2 - 2.30pm**

**Dismissal - Casual Day—**

**Gold coin donation**

**Absence SMS Number**

**0428 670 286**

## External School Review

Last week we hosted an external review panel, consisting of a Review Officer and 2 Review Principals at Glenelg Primary. The review looked at how our Teaching practices, Leadership practices, and Conditions for learning operate in combination to support and lift student achievement across the school. The panel was impressed with the professional connectedness of staff across the school, the levels of understanding of students about their own learning, and the high expectation of learning progress and behaviour across the school. Professional innovation and consistency across year levels were evident plus a culture of continuous improvement and collaboration in Professional Learning Communities.

A more detailed report will be finalised over the coming weeks and later this year it will be added to the school website for public viewing. The information received and directions provided will support all staff in our School Improvement Journey.

I would like to thank all the parents that offered their time to be part of the review and congratulate the students and staff involved on their honest and insightful contributions toward supporting continual improvement at Glenelg Primary School.

## New CCTV Cameras in Operation

The new CCTV cameras installed over the holiday break are now fully operational. This improvement provides video coverage 24/7 and focuses on key areas around the school where we have entrances or places students/after-hours visitors might gather. In the last few weeks, this has proved invaluable to clarify events both during and outside of school hours. The security fence project is in the final stages of refinement. Additional time has been required to incorporate design improvements focused on the Diagonal Road entrance to provide greater safety.

## Out-of-School Hours Sports Survey

We would like to gather as much information about the school community's need for Out of School Hours Sport and how it has been operating. This survey welcomes input from all families, not only those currently involved in OSH Sports. If you have a little bit of time to complete the survey, the collated information will be valuable to help chart our next steps. The survey will be sent out in coming days.

**Principal:** Shane Misso

**Deputy Principal:** Anthony Fischer

**Assistant Principals:** Matthew Bannister, Ryan Parsons, Bobbie Beswick

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## Payments for excursions and special activities

Thank you to all the families who have been diligent and courteous with making payments on time. This has been very supportive of the many processes that need to take place before we conduct an activity. We aim for all additional activities over \$10 to have a minimum 3 week payment window, providing time for families to make payments by QKR, cash or card. [More expensive items like camps will have a multiple-week payment window to allow time for saving or part-payment plans.] We need to remind families that late payments will not be accepted by the teacher or the admin staff.

## Redevelopment Update

Works continue around the school. Additional shipping containers for temporary storage are popping up like mushrooms but are only required short-term. The new lift on the main building is progressing with all internal mechanical work soon to be finalised. Refurbishment of the library has commenced, new shedding is being constructed on the eastern boundary and earthworks are underway for our paving and landscaping. If the weather is kind to us over the next 2 weeks things should look rather different by the end of Term 2.

### **\*\*Pupil Free Day - Friday 9th June\*\***

School will not be open to students on Friday. Please ensure that you have made alternative arrangements for your children. OSHC will be available on this day. Make a booking with Happy Haven OSHC to secure your spot.

### **\*\*Public Holiday - Monday 12th June\*\***

## Updated Sun Protection Policy

The GPS Protection Policy has been updated after a recent review. The changes have been reviewed and approved by Governing Council. The key changes are:

Hats will be worn each day in Terms 1, 3 and 4. Previously it was only Terms 1 and 4.

Hats will also be worn in Term 2 on any day when UV exceeds 3.



To assist with knowing on any given day which Term 2 days require hats, a new UV meter always appears on the student daily notices for classes to access each morning. We will be informing all students at tomorrow's assembly and we will have a few weeks of 'Grace period', i.e. reminders and assistance for students to learn and understand the new arrangements

The full, updated policy will soon be available on our website at:

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

# Sibling Enrolments

Do you already have a child at GPS and another child starting in 2024? Please **complete a Registration of Interest now** for your 2024 Reception child.

Enrolling a sibling is easier than enrolling your first child, but standard forms and official enrolling processes are still required. Please visit the link below to complete the Registration of Interest. If you have any questions, please speak to Dani in the Front Office.

<https://glenelgps.sa.edu.au/enrol>

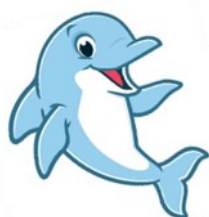
## OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) Information

At the 15<sup>th</sup> May Governing Council meeting, after lengthy discussions, Governing Council members decided to renew Happy Haven as the GPS OSHC private provider for another three years – 2024 to 2026. The thoughts and opinions of Governing Council members mirrored the recent OSHC family survey results.

Ella, the director, was commended in particular for her excellent leadership. Parents were highly satisfied about most aspects of Happy Haven's service, along with definite frustrations about the current lack of places available due to staffing shortages. Happy Haven provided information to Governing Council about a range of staffing strategies they have put in place to address staffing shortages.

## New Building Names

During the Week 4 assembly, students from Room 19 explained the new building names. Temporary signs have been put up around the school. These temporary signs have pictures, English and Japanese. We plan to have the permanent signs also display Kurna language equivalents but these were not available when making the temporary signs.



In 2022 our 'finding building names' process involved all classes suggesting and then voting on an overall theme via Kids' Council. The theme of Sea Creatures was most popular. After that, all classes brainstormed an exhaustive set of Sea Creature choices. Subsequently, the final six most popular choices were all decided by students / families in a series of votes.



Previous name of building	New name of building
Main building	Shark
New building (Front Office, staffroom etc)	Seahorse
Rooms 30 / 31	Turtle
Diagonal	Dolphin
New Year 6 building (closest to football oval/northern)	Penguin
New Year 6 building (southern)	Starfish

# School Times - Arrivals and Departures

Just a quick reminder to students and families about the following times and opening hours for our school.

## Mornings (AM):

Our school grounds are open to students from 8:30am each morning. Staff are not on duty before this time, so please don't arrive until then. Students should arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:45am so that they are ready to walk into their classroom when the 8:45am music goes. This is a time for students to walk into their classroom, set themselves up for the day and complete any morning tasks required of them, before attendance is taken at 8:55am.

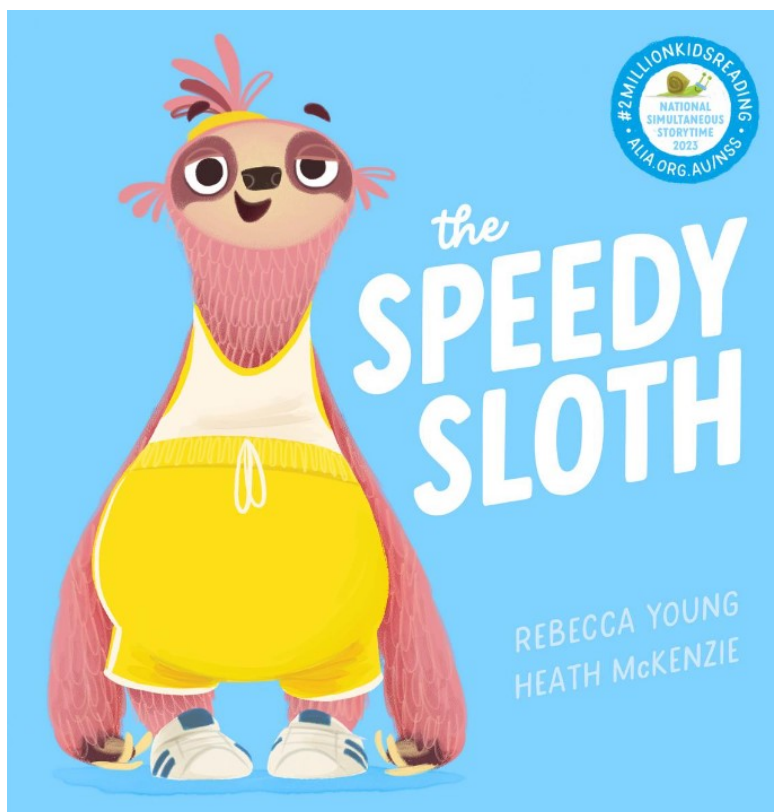
## Afternoons (PM):

Students are dismissed at 3:15pm and are given 15 minutes to make their way off school grounds. Students and families are reminded that our school grounds are only open (and staffed) until 3:30pm.

\*The only exceptions to these rules are for those students enrolled in OSHC.

If you could please assist us in adhering to these timelines, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
Staff and Leaders at GPS.



## 2023 ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 all of the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students gathered together in the hall to participate in the 2023 ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime. Every year, a picture book, written and illustrated by Australian authors is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, homes and children's facilities all over the country and the world!

This year over 2 million children participated. This year's book is called The Speedy Sloth and is written by Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie. We enjoyed listening to the story and we understood the moral of the story is to be persistent and try our hardest, even when things seem difficult. The story is available to watch online and is also available to buy in shops. Thank you to all the staff and students for joining in.

## Enrolment Information Sessions

We have the two below Enrolment Information Sessions coming up soon - please pass on the information to others you think may be interested:

**Monday 19th June, 6.00pm-7.00pm**

**Wednesday 26th July, 9.30am-10.30am**

This is a great opportunity to hear from school leaders, ask questions and have a tour of the school. Please share these details with family and friends that may be interested in enrolling their child.

RSVP to [DL.1017.enrolments@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:DL.1017.enrolments@schools.sa.edu.au) or call the Front Office on 8295 3943 to indicate your preferred session date and the number of people attending.

**\*\*NOTE - Glenelg Primary School no longer has a Capacity Management Plan and can usually accept out-of-zone enrolments\*\***

## Year 6 Leadership Day

In Term 1, the Year 6 students and their teachers participated in a range of leadership days. The focuses of these sessions was on collaboration, communication, empathy and leadership skills. These sessions were to prepare us with skills to be leaders and role models in our school to our peers.

On the last day of Term 1, all of year 6 went to the beach to do a sand sculpture competition. Some sculptures were krakens. Others were turtles. Some were even sharks! We had subway which was very good. My favourite part of the whole experience was when we all started the build. It was so fun because we decided to add details and changed parts of the build to make it work. First place went to the orange tribe with their hermit crab. Second place purple tribe with the big squid, a shark, and a starfish. Third place was gold tribe with the kraken destroying Atlantis. – Patrick K.



## Year R-2 Water Safety

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students recently enjoyed a week of water safety skills at the SA Aquatic Centre. Year 2s from rooms 6, 7, 16 and 20 practised survival skills for a range of emergency scenarios like entering deep water safely, towing someone to safety, floating in deep water and using survival stroke to swim longer distances in a life jacket. The younger students enjoyed fun activities like searching for sinkies in the bottom of the pool, swimming laps and playing fun games. Everyone one had good time learning important life skills that can help protect their life.

It was a cold and windy week, but our resilience and persistence shined as we learned new skills and routines to independently organise ourselves and become responsible for our own belongings. Thank you to our amazing volunteers and SSOs for their help.



# Year R-2 Water Safety



## Thank You Traffic Monitors!

The winter season is nearly upon us and all our wonderful Traffic Monitors are already facing duties in the rain. We thank them for their commitment to keeping us all safe at the crossings, in the nice weather, but especially in the not so nice weather.



## Dream Big Festival

To celebrate the Dream Big Children's Festival, students have been electing to come into Open Studio at break times to decorate the letters of Dream Big with their hopes, dreams and passions for our world. Dream Big is the largest children's festival in Australia and oldest children's festival in the world. Check out their artwork in the library windows.







## Reminder - School Disco

Thursday Week 6 – 8th June

- Receptions from 12 noon (Hosted by Senior Student Leaders)
- Years 1-3s, 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Years 4-6s, 7pm – 8pm

\*\* Tickets WILL be available to purchase at the BBQ tonight for any students that have missed out.

**Please note: To ensure all students arrive and depart the school grounds safely on disco night, we request that your child is dropped off and collected by a parent/caregiver under the COLA. Staff will escort students between the COLA and the disco inside.**

**BBQ will be available from 6pm near the COLA**

**\$3.00 Sausage, bread & onion**

**\$2.00 drinks**

## Acknowledging Reconciliation Week at GPS

Last week we joined people from across Australia acknowledging National Reconciliation Week 2023. This year's theme was 'Be a Voice for Generations'. The theme encouraged us all to be a voice for reconciliation in everyday lives – where we live, learn, work and socialise. We were urged this year as Australians to use our power, our words and our actions to create a better and more just Australia for all of us.



**KAURNA**  
COUNTRY

Here at Glenelg Primary School, we acknowledged Reconciliation Week 2023 by starting to learn some simple Kurna language in our classrooms. From Week 5, right through until Week 10 (NAIDOC Week), we will be learning how to say simple words

and phrases. Over the next few weeks, ask your child what words or phrases they have learned.

Ngaitayla (Thank you).

Aboriginal Education Team at GPS.

# 2023 Term 2 Fundraiser

## The Vinnies Winter Appeal Food Drive

This term, Kids' Council have elected to support St Vincent De Paul (Vinnies) by collecting items that help those most in need during the cold, winter months.

We would like to encourage families to bring in item(s) to support us in helping others. Many of these items listed can also support Youth Vinnies and the women's' shelters who have a shortage in providing foods and supplies for young people and women who are most in need of our support.

### **Please consider adding something to your next shopping list such as:**

Ring Pull Tuna, Chicken, and Salmon

Cup Noodles

Muesli Bars

Le Snack

Chips and Biscuits

Up & Go and fruit juice boxes

Sanitary supplies and toiletries



### **Please do NOT bring these items in as Vinnies have a surplus of the following:**

Baked beans

Canned spaghetti

Soups

Canned vegetables including tomatoes, corn, lentils, beans etc.

Thank you for all your help and support in this time of need!

Please give your goods to your class teacher and our Student Senior leaders will collect and prepare for the collection at the end of the term.

## **Casual Day - Last Day Term 2**

**Friday 7th July 2023 - 2.30pm dismissal**

Students are welcome to wear casual clothes on the last day of Term 2 for a gold coin donation. We encourage students to wear a beanie and/or scarf to recognise those doing it tough this Winter.

Gold coins collected will be donated to St Vincent De Paul.

## BEBRAS Challenge

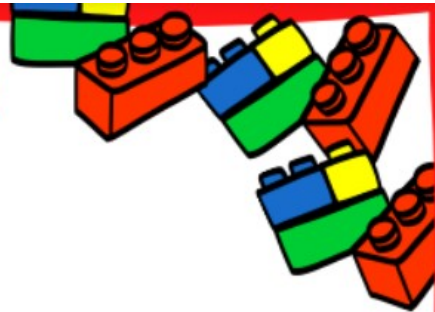
The Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge is a problem-solving challenge that quizzes students with increasingly complex questions. In May, our Year 3 to 6 students, and some Year 2 kids from the Year 2/3 class, participated to stretch our brains. A lot of students received awards for their amazing efforts and achievements. – Rosa T.

Parents provided permission for their kids to participate. Students worked independently or in some cases as a team. This year we had 225 Yr 3-6 students participated out of the 252 who signed up. There were easy (6pts), medium (9 pts) and hard (12 pts) complexity questions to answer and you could earn up to 135 points. Our highest achieving students only missed one or two questions on the assessment. – Patrick K.

Bebras is an international initiative aiming to promote Informatics and Computational Thinking among students. We congratulate all our award winners on their achievements.



## BRICKS 4 KIDZ



**In Week Four, the Year Three classes participated in the Bricks 4 Kidz incursion. We were all excited to have the opportunity to work in the new learning space in the Seahorse building! Students followed instructions from a Lego presenter to build go-karts using Lego while exploring how gears work. It was such a worthwhile session. Take a look at what the students created.**



# Genius Hour at GPS



This year, students in Year 6 get an opportunity to be involved in Genius Hour (also called Passion Projects).

This initiative gives students an opportunity and platform to look at the big-wide-world around them and explore their own unique interests. As a learning model, it promotes inquiry, research, creativity and

self-directed learning, in a supported environment. In the one hour that is dedicated each week, students are in control. They choose what they study, how they study it, and what they produce or create as a result.

There are 6 steps to Genius Hour: Inspire, Wonder, Question, Learn (research), Share, Reflect. Depending on the Success Criteria of the particular class, 'sharing' (step 5) is carried out in different ways.



In the latest round of Genius Hour projects, Room 2 shared their fascinating and informative projects in a 'market-square' style theme. They welcomed their Buddy Class,

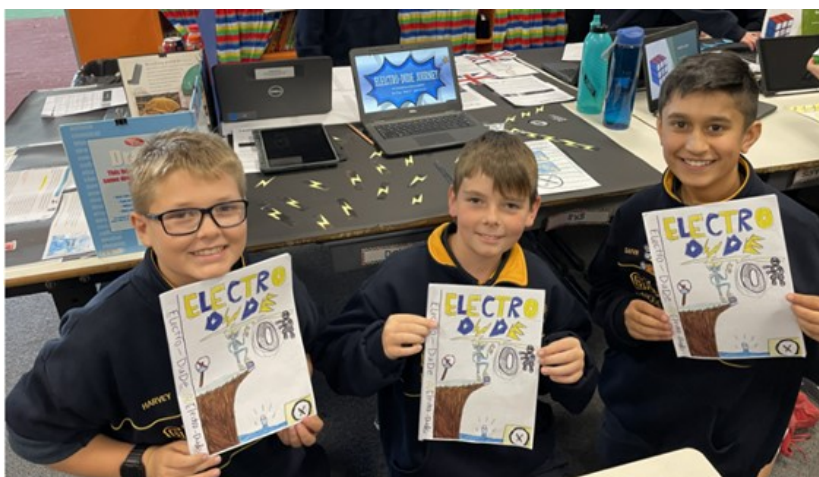


Year 6 peers, teachers, leaders and parents in an open afternoon where they got the opportunity to discuss, explain, and showcase their 'products'. The presentations included a little bit of everything from exploration into living things, care for the environment, and proposals to companies for new products or ideas. There were investigations into

popular and current fads and fashion, and even research and exploration into coding.



Our Year 6 students across the cohort continue to apply themselves to produce quality work, especially with their Genius Hour projects. We congratulate them on their efforts and look forward to what they achieve for the remainder of the year in this space and across the Curriculum.



## Festival Choir Assessment

The year 5/6 Festival Choir were recently assessed by the SA Primary School Festival of Music Deputy Conductor Mrs Cathy Lange. Assessed for 90 minutes against a rubric, they received a 'B' for accuracy & lyric knowledge, a 'B+' for expression, & an 'A' for Choral Sound, Part Singing, Dynamics, Teamwork, Presentation, Song Understanding & Musical Knowledge. Included in Cathy's General comments was "...Your voice projection, part singing and dynamics are really impressive. Excellent focus and teamwork. Congratulations Glenelg!" Ms Brus (choir conductor) and Ms Kelly (choir support teacher) were both very proud of the way students represented Glenelg PS, cementing their inclusion in the Festival of Music 2023. This will mean they'll sing at the Festival Theatre in September as members of a 400 voice combined choir. Exciting times ahead 🎵 🎵



## Wasabi Kids Japanese IncurSION

On Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, Aiko from "Wasabi Kids" visited our school. Throughout the day she put on three shows to cater for all year levels. There was a show tailored to Reception to Year 2 students, another catering for our Year 3 and 4 students, and one especially for our Year 5 and 6 cohort.

The Year 5 and 6 students went on an interactive adventure into the world of ancient Japan. They learned about the fascinating Ninja and Samurai warriors, their codes, meditations, and unique skills through comic talks, Japanese language lessons, and hands-on demonstrations. It was interesting and educational experience that had something for everyone to enjoy. Taro the puppet was certainly a favourite.



Meanwhile, our Reception to Year 4 students participated in a delightful show called "Four Seasons." They also met the charismatic Samurai Taro puppet who provided them with a lot of laughs. Students learned useful Japanese words and were immersed in the beauty of Japan's four seasons. The show featured a Japanese folktale, traditional costumes, a clever origami performance, an action game and even a whole group fan dance. It was a vibrant celebration of Japanese culture that sparked joy and curiosity among our junior primary and primary students.



# SAPSASA Football

We are delighted to share the fantastic news of our school's outstanding performance in the SAPSASA Football competition! Our talented team of young athletes showcased exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork throughout the tournament, representing our school with great pride.

We are thrilled to announce that two of our exceptional players, Jude Noble and Toby Sharpe, represented the district and demonstrated their incredible talent on the field. They emerged as true champions by securing victories in all 9 matches, resulting in them being crowned the District State Champions! We commend Jude and Toby for their hard work, sportsmanship, and dedication to the game. They have set a remarkable example for their fellow teammates and peers.



## SAPSASA Cross Country

We are thrilled to share the remarkable success of our school's participation in the SAPSASA Cross Country event. We had an impressive turnout of 35 students who participated in the Cross Country event, showcasing their athletic abilities and pushing themselves to achieve their personal best. Among the participants, we are thrilled to announce that two exceptional runners, Aiden Wiseman and Eliza Laslett, have qualified for the State Cross Country Championships on the 8th of June. This is a tremendous accomplishment, and we wish them the best of luck as they compete at the state level. Their dedication and hard work have paid off, and they have truly made our school proud.

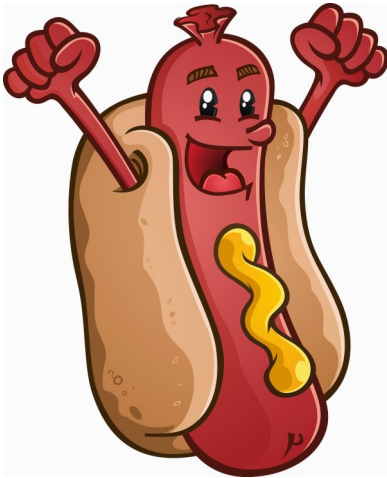


We would like to commend all the participants for their incredible efforts and their unwavering commitment to the race. Each student demonstrated great courage by giving it their all, pushing through their limits, and embracing the challenges of the course. They exemplified the spirit of sportsmanship, encouraging and supporting their fellow runners throughout the races. Their resilience and teamwork were truly inspiring to witness.





# CANTEEN



## NAIDOC WEEK FUNDRAISER

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