



Glenelg Primary School



13th December 2023

Term 4, Issue 3

Calendar Dates

December

Week 9

Friday 15th

Final Assembly from 9am

**FINAL DAY TERM 4 - 1.30pm
DISMISSAL**

January 2024

Tuesday 23rd

**2024 Receptions Playdate
9.00am-10.00am**

Week 1

Monday 29th

**TERM 1 - School Resumes
for all students**

Absence SMS Number

0428 670 286

**Our preferred pay-
ment method is**



And that's a wrap....

Dear Glenelg Family and Friends,

The end of the 2023 school year is only a few days away. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on a wonderful year and share some confirmed information about 2024. Your contributions and support as a community have been well received and we thank you for your input in making Glenelg Primary School into the great place it is. I would like to acknowledge the effort of all our dedicated staff who always have the children's interests as a priority.

Tonight we formally farewell our 2023, Year 6 students at our Graduation ceremony, dinner, and disco. These 108 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. 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 2024 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 2024.

Shane Misso



****Final Day Term 4 - 1.30pm Dismissal****

OSHC will be available from 1.30pm on this day. Make a booking with Happy Haven OSHC to secure your spot.

Principal: Shane Misso

Deputy Principal: Anthony Fischer

Assistant Principals: Matthew Bannister, Ryan Parsons, Bobbie Beswick

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Department for Education

Governing Council

Special thanks go to the 2023 Governing Council. We wish to acknowledge all the behind the scenes work of this dedicated group of parents. Thank you to Andre Small as Chair and Tim Doughty as Treasurer for your work. Plans and ideas for 2024 are already formulating and I encourage any of our ongoing parents to consider being involved.

Staffing News

This year we are in the enviable position of retaining many of our current staff into 2024. There are however some farewells and welcome backs amongst our team.

We farewell:

Sunny Mashei, Brodie Lake, Lachlan Davidson, Sam McIver, Kelly Lockwood, and Mary Stevens who will all be off to other opportunities in 2024. We wish them well. Elissa Lindegreen will commence maternity leave in early 2024.

Jules Henty-Smith has decided to retire during her leave this year, concluding 16 years at Glenelg Primary. Jennifer Woodbridge will be retiring after a long career in education and 21 years at Glenelg. We wish Jules and Jen all the best in the next part of their journey.

We will welcome back:

Mel Arnold in her PE role; Tom Gale and Laura Dyke will both return to teaching roles. Trea Schache will be returning to our office Admin team commencing in January.

Nihongo News

We can hardly believe it, but the Year of the Usagi (Rabbit) is nearly over!

To finish off this year, our grade 3s and 4s finally had their chance to make and eat "onigiri" (rice balls) as an end of term celebration after seeing the year 1/2s and 5/6s have their turn earlier in the year.

Meanwhile, our reception classes tried their hands at "shodo" (Japanese calligraphy). They had been learning some words for body parts so we had a go at writing "me" (eye) or "mimi" (ear) in kanji. It was a bit tricky but we think they did a pretty good job as you can see!





2023 Concert - The Classics

Wow! What a great night we all enjoyed on Wednesday 29th November. While the huge Tuesday downpour the day prior forced us to change venues to the school COLA, it turned out to be a fortuitous change. The student participation and engagement levels were magnificent and the energy levels that all our families created were wonderful. Seeing the students, staff and thousands of family members dancing and singing together was such a testament to our school community.

A huge and special thank you to Jo Brus and Jess Vincent. We are very lucky to have these two highly-skilled teachers who worked tirelessly throughout 2023 to have the children 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 as well as the magnificent P+F 'pink team'. It was a great example of the whole community working together to ensure all students have amazing experiences.



Thank You

PARENTS AND FRIENDS



For all of the amazing effort and dedication you put into helping organise such wonderful schools events.

- Welcome Back Morning Tea
- Mother's Day Stall
- School Disco
- NAIDOC Week Donuts
- Sports Day Stall & Raffle
- Showcase of Learning BBQ
- Father's Day Stall
- Easter Gifts
- School Fete
- EOY Concert Raffle
- Year 6 Graduation
- Glenelg Xmas Pageant

Premier's Be Active Challenge

This year, we had 347 students complete their Premier's Be Active Challenge, achieving 60 mins of physical activity five days a week for at least four weeks. Glenelg PS also achieved the top 50 schools in South Australia for the large number of 10-week challenge participants, rewarding us with \$1000 to put towards new equipment for students.

On Tuesday 21st November our Sports Captains and Senior Student Leaders represented GPS at the presentation ceremony with the Minister for Education, Blair Boyer MP. The student leaders participated in come and try sports events with some of SA's best sports teams including soccer, rugby union and circus skills, along with students from others schools across South Australia. Sonny and Sienna accepted the award from the Minister in the official presentation ceremony.

All GPS students were presented with their medals at the Week 6 assembly. Special presentations were made to the Champion (4th year), Legend (5th year), Hall of Fame (6th year), Be Active for Life Bronze (7th year) and Be Active for Life Silver (8th year) achievements.

We look forward to increasing the number of students completing the challenge in 2024.



Colley wins the 2023 GPS Spirit Cup!

We had a whole-school competition in 2023 that went for the whole year. It was called The Spirit Cup. The Spirit Cup is an award to recognise people doing the right thing and is all about Courage, Commitment and Collaboration. The Spirit Cup gives us public recognition and credit. It also gives the four house teams a second chance to win a competition during the year, even if they didn't win on Sports Day.



Some things we both won Spirit Cup points for this year were handing in our Premier's Be Active sheets, helping pack up after a PE lesson and volunteering to put chairs away after a meeting. We also got points for taking equipment out to Sports Day early in the morning.

Thank you Mr B for organising the Spirit Cup this year.

Eliza L and Sonny W, proud captains of Colley.

THANK YOU TO

Our Amazing Volunteers



Your support throughout the year has an enormous impact on our school community. It is with your invaluable assistance that we've been able to enrich the lives of our students through excursions, swimming lessons, classroom support, nurturing gardens, school barbeques, table tennis matches, a well-run canteen, successful fundraising efforts, outdoor sports, and harmonious choir performances. We are deeply appreciative of your efforts in creating a better educational environment for our students.



Thank You Alan!

GPS volunteer Alan at 82 years young competed in the Australian Masters Games Table Tennis in Adelaide last month. He competed in singles, doubles, mixed doubles and teams events, coming away with a medal in every event!

We are very lucky at Glenelg Primary to have volunteers like Alan. Every week on Tuesdays & Wednesdays Alan comes in before lunch to set up table tennis in the hall for our Year 4-6 students to use, providing coaching and tips along the way. Some weeks our students even get to challenge the ball machine!

Thanks Alan for your time and effort given to our GPS community every week!



Congratulations Andreas!

Many GPS students created beautiful Christmas cards in a recent competition organised by Stephen Patterson MP, local Member for Morphett. Lots of children from many other schools entered the competition as well. We are very excited that Andreas was the proud winner. Stephen Patterson MP came to a recent assembly to officially congratulate Andreas. It was a surprise to Andreas and when he heard his name called out, he was thrilled. It was wonderful to see his parents also attend the assembly. Congratulations Andreas!!



Festival Choir

On Wednesday 6th December, the Year 5/6 Festival Choir were invited to sing at the Adelaide Railway Station and the Mortlock Library. We sang for an hour at each venue, with the opportunity in-between to tour the State Library. We visited the Circulating Library, the oldest cultural building on North Tce, built in 1860. The Spence and Mortlock wings were also fascinating, opening our eyes to what is available to the public. It was a fabulous way to end the year, sharing some Festival, Massaoke and Christmas songs with the appreciative passing audience. Sharing the joy of singing with community will be a special memory for all of us.



Holdfast Choir

On Monday 11th December, the Year 4 Holdfast Choir experienced sharing the joy of singing with their local community. Residents from the local Murray Mudge Residential Care Centre, parents and friends, plus passing shoppers responded with rousing applause and big smiles. What a wonderful way to end what has been a joyous year of singing. I can't wait to hear them audition next year to be in the Year 5/6 Festival Choir. 😊



GPS Strings Students Shine

Our wonderful Year 3 - 6 Strings students, under the leadership of Instrumental teacher Sandy, held 2 concerts on Tuesday 5th December. The first was to all Year 2 students, who were shown the options of learning a violin, viola or cello as Year 3s next year. (They also received a form each to discuss the opportunity with their parent - due back to Ms Brus by Thursday 14th December, 2023)

In the evening, family and friends were treated to hearing the progress of all students, including the accomplished Year 4 - 6 String Ensemble. Thank you so much to Sandy who provided these opportunities for students and families. 😊 🎻





Thank you

FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2023

A look back at our events for 2023

*Toilet Door Project - thanks to GPS Mum Jess Royans from
Birdsnest for Hair*

Mothers Day, Fathers Day & Special Persons Day Stall

Welcome to 2023 Morning Tea for all new families to GPS

Teamed up with the Easter Bunny at Easter

School Disco

Glenelg Primary Community Fete

Showcase of Learning BBQ

Sports Day Raffle

Sports Day Merchandise

Glenelg Christmas Pageant

Massaoke Raffle

Stay Tuned for a Special Surprise for our Graduation Class of 2023

**Have a Safe and Happy Christmas and we will see you all
again with some amazing events planned for 2024!**

**Thank you to the Wonderful Local Businesses for your
generous donations to our Massaoke Raffle**

Ultra Tune Glenelg - Learn for Less Driving School - O'Neill Data & Electrical - Caruso's
Fruit and Veg Glenelg - Lisa's Lolly Cakes - Cookie Vibes by Hayley - Bendigo Bank -
Nutrimetics - Dymocks Glenelg - The Studio West Beach - Daisy Mae Hairdressers - The
Warradale Hotel - The Highway - The Source Bulk Goods Glenelg - Bay Newsagent