



Glenelg Primary School



Date 29th February 2024

Term 1, Issue 2

Calendar Dates February

27th - NAPLAN practice test

29th - Year 3 Surf Safety

March

1st - Year 3 Surf Safety

5th & 6th - School Photos

7th & 8th - Year 4 Surf Safety

11th - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

12th - Pupil free day

13th - 22nd - NAPLAN -
Years 3 & 5

20th - Year 5/6 Festival
Choir rehearsal

21st - Harmony Day

25th - 28th - Parent/Teacher
interviews

29th - Public Holiday -
Good Friday

April

1st - Public Holiday - Easter
Monday

2nd - 5th - Parent/Teacher
interviews

Absence SMS Number

0428 670 286

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payment method is*



From Leadership

At Glenelg Primary School, we are committed to giving our students the best opportunities to learn and grow, especially when it comes to reading. As a staff, we are focussing on the Science of Reading and have been making changes to the way we teach spelling and phonics. This work is in line with the Department for Education's advice on the 'Phonics and Spelling Scope and Sequence' as well as evidence-based 'Explicit and Systematic Phonics Instruction'.

Learning to read is an essential skill for success in school, to function in society, and to experience the joy that reading brings. Phonics instruction teaches the relationship between letters and sounds.

We focus on students learning the skills to 'crack the code' of the alphabet and the speech sounds of English. To crack the code, children must first learn to identify, decode, and blend the sounds in words before they can understand the meaning of the text. Our phonics teaching follows a sequence from simple to complex sounds.

Whilst much of this work happens at school, you can support your child in learning to read by assisting them with the following things when they read:

- Track your finger under the word and say each sound that the letter or letter string represents, blending the sounds as you go. /l/ /igh/ /t/ /b/ /oa/ /t/.
- Once your child has blended the sounds together and says the word, prompt them to read it again fluently. If they cannot blend the word, tell them the whole word.
- Echo read - say small phrases and sentences and the child echoes back.
- Choral read - read together at the same time.

For more information on how we are making these changes at our school, please see the communication sent out via SeeSaw today.

From the Leadership Team.

Principal: Shane Misso

Deputy Principal: Anthony Fischer

Assistant Principals: Matthew Bannister, Ryan Parsons, Bobbie Beswick

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Introducing our 2024 Senior Student Leaders

Senior Student Leadership Team

Well done to all Year 6s who made a speech in front of their peers at the end of 2023. Despite significant nervousness from many candidates, the students were able to articulate their main points well and learned many skills through the election process. Unfortunately not everyone could be successful, with only 8 positions and many more candidates. Congratulations to the successful students below who were officially announced at the very end of 2023 and again at an assembly early in 2024 as our Senior Student Leaders for 2024.

Senior Student Leaders for 2024

Sophia C
Kylee C
Piper H
Morgan K
Zac Le P
Kirana M
Lexi S
Emmanuel Z-W



Introducing our 2024 Sports Captains

Late in 2023, all 2024 Year 6s were invited to make a speech to their Year 4-6 peers before a vote by students to select their preferred Sports Captain for 2024. It was great to see the large number of students willing to stand for election. Each of the four House Teams has two Captains and two Vice-captains. Congratulations to all 16 elected students; they were announced to their peers at an early 2024 assembly.



Buffalo (**Yellow**) - Captains: Sophia & Liam, Vice Captains: Emma & Sully

Colley (**Green**) - Captains: Annie & Leo, Vice Captains: A'an & Chester

Holdfast (**Blue**) - Captains: Lani & Sully, Vice Captains: Mishka & Jasper

Moseley (**Red**) - Captains: Summer & Toby, Vice Captains: Skye & Jade

First Nation Student Leaders

It promises to be a big year for our three Year 5 First Nations students. As we have no First Nations students in Year 6 for 2024, our Year 5s – Scarlett D, Seth H and Sage W - pictured below – have stepped up to take on the roles of First Nations Student Leaders. They have already helped the Year 4s in Room 21 learn the first line of an Acknowledgement to Country in Kurna language and every week they help organise our First Nations Education Group. They will take on increasing responsibilities as the year progresses – sharing culture and language throughout the school and representing our First Nations community at Glenelg Primary School.



NAPLAN testing

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) gives a snapshot of how students across Australia are learning and provides schools and the government with information that can assist with strategic directions. It also provides families with another source of information about how students are performing in Literacy and Numeracy on the day of testing.

Students in Years 3 and 5 at GPS will participate in the NAPLAN tests in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so. You can reassure your child that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program and remind them on the day to simply do their best.

Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests, how to use the online platform and provide appropriate support and guidance.

Ryan Parsons, NAPLAN Coordinator



Who do I talk to?

If Parents/Caregivers have any queries, concerns or information about students they need to discuss, please make contact with your class teacher via email or Seesaw to arrange a mutually suitable time to talk. Please remember that teachers are unable to respond to emails and Seesaw messages during lesson time, however they will respond to you in a timely manner.

If Parents/Caregivers have general queries or information please contact the Front Office on 8295 3943 and speak to our friendly Front Office staff.

Did you know that each year level teacher has a leader as their line manager? If you still have questions after speaking with the class teacher, continuing questions you may have can be provided to the line manager (see below) for consideration.

Glenelg Primary School are committed to the learning and safety of all of our students and we encourage communication between school and families.

Receptions and Year 1s – Bobbie Beswick

Year 2s and Year 3s – Matt Bannister

Year 4s and Specialists – Anthony Fischer

Year 5s and Year 6s – Ryan Parsons



School photos – reminder

School photos will take place on Tuesday the 6th and Wednesday 7th of March.

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or collect an order envelope
from your school office



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School photos – Timetable



Gleneig Primary School – School Photo Timetable

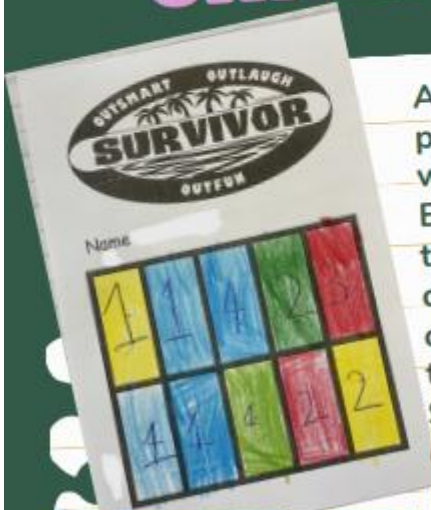
TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2024		
Time	Class	Room number
9am	Year 6 - Viv Dichiera	36-06
9:15am	Reception - Carolyne Mudie	29-RE
9:30am	Reception - Jas Surplice	30-RE
9:45am	Reception - Sharon Delean	28-RE
10am	Year 2 - Luke Braithwaite	10-02
10:15am	Year 2 - Laura Searle & Sandra Mezzini	09-02
10:30am	Year 1/2 - Amy Blackmore	06 – 01/02
Recess	10:40am – 11:10am	
11:15am	Year 4 - Tom Gale & Jason Saxby	19-04
11:30am	Year 5 – Katrina Jenkins	16-06
11:45am	Year 5 – Steve Bice & Damon Read	15-05
12pm	Year 6 - Julie Hughson	33-06
12:15pm	Year 6 - Nick Papageorgiou	35-06
12:30pm	Year 2 - Mandy Schetter & Laura Dyke	08-02
Lunch	12:50pm – 1:10pm	
1.35pm - 2.20pm	Sibling Photos - Year 6 sibling photos priority	

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2024		
Time	Class	Room number
9am	Year 3 – Jess O’Neill & Anita Rosser	11-03
9:15am	Year 1 – Kate Harper & Beth Tamm	05-01
9:30am	Year 1 – Emily Burns & Beth Tamm	04-01
9:45am	Year 1 – Lynne Baldwin & Beth Tamm	03-01
10am	Year 3 – Tash Introna	22-03
10:15am	Year 4- Matt Rose	18-04
10:30am	Year 3 - Kirsty Hayes	12-03
Recess	10:40am – 11:10am	
11:15am	Year 4 – Bernie Smith & Cynthia Moir	21-04
11:30am	Year 4 – Nat Reed & Damon Read	20-04
11:45am	Year 5 – Jason Rose	14-05
12pm	Sibling Photos	
12:15pm		
12:30pm		
Lunch	12:50pm – 1:10pm	
1.35pm - 2.20pm	Sibling Photos (if required – may all be finished on the Tuesday)	

Year 5 Survivor Challenge

SURVIVOR CHALLENGE

YEAR 5



As part of our 'Sailing Ahead to Success' program, the Year 5 classes took part in a two-week Survivor Challenge.

Each day, classes were randomly split into four teams and presented with a task that required classmates to 'outwit, outplay and out-cooperate' their opponents to earn points for their team.

Some challenges required speed and precision, others focused on concentration, memory and persistence. All tasks required participants to work together as a team and communicate with each other.

Here are some photos from some of the challenges...



Governing Council Report

Our Governing Council met for the first meeting of 2024 on the 12th of February at 6.30pm. The Council meet a minimum of two meetings per term to consider local issues, allocation of resources and strategic matters for the school. The Council were provided a very detailed report from the school leadership on issues for noting, discussion or decisions, including; staffing for this year, building works, completion of the upgrades to COLA, installation of the new fence, the school improvement plan which has looked at writing and the teaching of functional grammar, key focus areas for wellbeing, information technology use in the school, enrolments for 2024, and the uniform policy. A finance update was provided by the Treasurer. The Council also has several subcommittees that undertake work and bring items of attention to the Council for consideration.

- Canteen committee items included financial position of the canteen, use of departments school's mark-up tool, depreciation of equipment and engagement of staff/volunteers.
- OSCHC committee will meet in Week 5, however discussion regarding the critical incident at the end of 2023 and confirmation of representation from Governing Council to the committee took place.
- Parents and Friends committee updated us on activities that they are considering holding in 2024, with further information to come after their next meeting.
- After hours sport committee is yet to convene for 2024 but an update was provided on registrations for this year and the necessity to find coaches and helpers.

The Council also approved the proposed dates for the school closure dates for 2024. Our next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on 18 March 2024. This is your opportunity to come along to meet your Governing Council members, or if you are interested in being a parent representative on the Council, please register your interest via a nomination form (available from Friday 1st March) at the Front Office. Nomination forms need to be completed and submitted according to the instructions on the form.



Governing
Council

Pupil free and school closure dates for 2024

Governing Council have now endorsed the following dates, please add to your calendars.

Term 1 – Week 7 – Tuesday 12th March (PFD)

Term 2 – Week 6 – Friday 7th June (PFD)

Term 3 – Week 7 – Friday 6th September (PFD)

Term 4 – Week 4 Monday 4th November (PFD)

Term 4 – Week 7 Friday 29th November (School Closure)

Year 5 Surf Education

During Weeks 4-6, students across Years 3-5 will be participating in the Surf Education program at Glenelg Beach. This program focuses on water safety, including building confidence in the water, swimming and board techniques, how to survive in the water and rescue others, exploration of water safety services, endurance and fitness activities.

Last week, students across Year 5 had the first opportunity to take part in the program for 2024. Thursday put on spectacular beach weather for the group and warm conditions meant that most students tried their hand at most of the water activities that were on offer. While Friday's conditions were certainly much cooler, students managed some water time, but sand and jetty activities were generally preferred.

For many students, getting on a board in the sea was a new experience for them, while for others, it was about refining a skill that they had practised many times before. No matter the skill level, it was great to see all students getting involved, learning new things and having fun!

We would like to thank the Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club and their instructors for facilitating the Surf Education program again for us this year. We would also like to sincerely thank our volunteers who escorted us to and from the beach on both days. Your support enables us to offer these experiences for our young people and for that, we are very appreciative.

Thank you, Year 5 teachers.



The Commissioner's Digital Challenge

Each year since 2022, Glenelg PS has taken part in the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Digital Challenges. It is a free curriculum-aligned online resource for schools to help Educators teach children and young people computational, design and systems thinking skills.

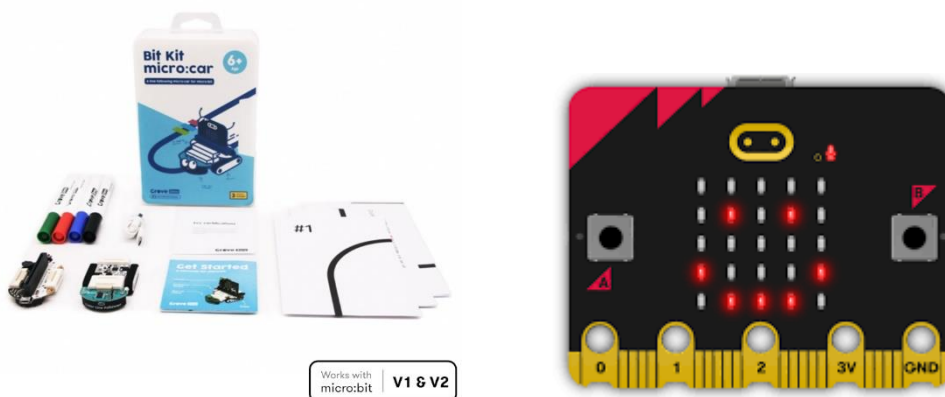
Many students across the school undertook the challenges with their teachers, learning coding, computational thinking skills and designing 3D objects, amongst other skills. Each year, we submit a response from one student for each challenge as part of our entry.

In 2023, we won third place! Grace K and Shelby S from Mr (Matt) Rose's Year 4 class wrote:

"I loved this coding dance party because of how much free creativity it gives us to play around and have fun. It teaches us how to code and learn but have fun at the same time. I think this is an amazing program to teach us coding and technology. I would enjoy doing this coding more often. I learnt how to code a dance for a monster. "



Third prize was a digital prize pack from Grok Learning, who specialise in technology in education. The pack contains digital technology teaching resources, posters, stickers and two Microbit prizes worth around \$400!



Well done to everyone who participated and we look forward to continuing our digital technology journey at Glenelg Primary.

Canteen

Sushi Tuesdays

March 12th

March 26th

April 9th



The canteen will be trialling Sushi Tuesdays during term 1. Sushi will be available to order via OKR

The options will be: -

Chicken & cucumber

Corn egg omelette

Tuna & avocado

Vegetarian Tofu & cucumber

Cut off for Sushi orders will be the Monday prior @ 9.00am on QKR

NEW – Gluten Free - Cornflake Cookies



\$3.50 each

You can now order the Ham and Pineapple Pizza without the Pineapple!



You can also order Croissants without ham!



Parents and Friends

parents.friends277@schools.sa.edu.au

Please feel free to contact us with any questions that you may have about the Parents and Friends Committee. New volunteers are always welcome.

Community News



Brighton
Secondary
School

Open Night

Thursday 7 March

We invite you to register to attend one of the two information sessions, each starting with a Principal's Address in the Concert Hall.

Discover our wide range of offerings, our special interest programs and tour our purpose built middle school facilities.

6.00pm - 7.00pm or 7.15pm - 8.15pm

Register to attend at:

<https://www.brightonss.sa.edu.au/open-day/>



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Hamilton Open Day
20th March, 2024

- You are invited to join us on Wednesday 20th March 2024
- College Tours by appointment at: 4:30pm, and 6:00pm.
- Please call 8275 8300 to book a tour.



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