



GPS Newsletter Term 1, Issue 2 2026





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Welcome to Week 5! It's incredible how quickly this term is moving, and the energy at Glenelg Primary is truly inspiring. Our fantastic start to the year has only been possible thanks to the commitment and enthusiasm of our teachers, students, and families. Learning and activities are in full swing across the school, with vibrant classrooms reflecting our strong sense of community.

We are especially proud of how everyone is embracing our new school values. These values guide everything we do, shaping our daily interactions and helping us grow together. As we

continue to bring these principles to life, we see every day what it means to say, “We are Glenelg.”

We hope you enjoy this newsletter’s stories and updates, and are as excited as we are about the many wonderful things ahead.

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Term 1 - Diary Dates

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
				01	02	03	Events
04	05	06	07	08	09	10	

February

- *Wed 25th Assembly at 2:20pm*
- *Thu 26th & Fri 27th - Year 3 Surf Safety*
- *Thu 26th Information and Enrolment Session / Tour at 9:30 am*

March

- *Tue 3rd & Wed 4th School Photos*
- *Thu 5th & Fri 6th March - Year 4 Surf Safety*
- *Mon 9th Public Holiday*
- *Week 7 & 8 - Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN*
- *Wed 18th Assembly at 2:20pm*
- *Tue 31st Sports Day*

April

- *Eight days in Weeks 9 and 10 - Parent/Teacher interviews*
- *3rd Easter Friday (regular 3:15pm dismissal time on Thursday 2nd)*
- *6th Easter Monday (school recommences Tuesday 7th at 8:45am)*
- *Fri 10th Last Day of Term 1 (early dismissal at 2:30 pm)*



Save
the
Date

Enrolment Offers for July 2026 Intake



Glenelg Primary School has sent official enrolment offers to families who registered a child for a July 2026 start. If you have a child due to begin in July 2026 and have not yet registered, please contact the school as soon as possible; it is not too late to enrol.

If you know of a family member or friend who is still considering their options, we encourage you to invite them to contact the school regarding enrolment. Use the link(s) below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/AUwHQSqUza> <----- direct link for expression of interest

<https://www.glenelgps.sa.edu.au/enrolment/admissions/> <----- more details

2026 Information Sessions for July 2026 and January/July 2027

In 2026 we will be conducting three Information Sessions for families interested in July 2026 or January/July 2027 enrolment. Anyone is able to attend a session – please simply RSVP to the e-mail address below. During a session you can hear from all school leaders, ask any questions you have and enjoy a tour of the school. Each session will last for approximately one hour.

- Session 1 – Thursday 26th February, 2026 at 9:30am
- Session 2 – Friday 29th May, 2026 at 9:30am
- Session 3 – Thursday 20th August, 2026 at 9:30am

If you would like to attend a session, please RSVP by e-mail at DL.1017.enrolments@schools.sa.edu.au

FROG: Our New Communication Platform

This year, Glenelg Primary School has transitioned from Seesaw to FROG, our new communication system for connecting caregivers, students and teachers. The ability for caregivers to message their child's teacher directly was activated a few days ago.

Connected families are now able to initiate direct conversation with teachers via the 'chat' function.

If you have not yet set up FROG or are having any trouble accessing it, please contact Michelle in the Front Office. She will be happy to assist you and ensure you have access to all important school communications.

We appreciate your patience and support as we transition to FROG at GPS. We are confident this platform will enable clear, timely communication between school and families.



NAPLAN - Parent & Caregiver Information

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3 and 5 sit each year. It is the only national assessment that all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

Please see the link attached below for information about NAPLAN in Weeks 7 and 8. The link contains key information for parents and carers, including translated information.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>



The Department for Education in schools, early childhood education and care services policy states that 'all children and young people in the department's preschools and schools will access the approved child protection curriculum.'

The KS:CPC teaches children and young people to recognise abuse, tell a trusted adult, understand what is appropriate and inappropriate contact and ways of keeping themselves safe.

For more information, please follow the link that takes you to the Department's website. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/curriculum-and-learning/early-years/keeping-safe-child-protection-curriculum-information-parents-and-carers>



Attendance Matters!



At Glenelg Primary School, we aim to give your child the best education available. We also know that when your child attends school every day, they:

- are more likely to stay on track with their learning
- can join in social activities
- are more likely to build strong friendships
- learn positive life skills
- can receive support and services when needed.

Why every day counts

Education is essential for the growth and development of children and young people and their learning, wellbeing and future life outcomes.



When your child misses

they miss weeks per year

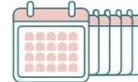
and years over their school life



1 Day a fortnight = **20** Days a year = Over **1** year missed



1 Day a week = **40** Days a year = Over **2.5** years missed



2 Days a week = **80** Days a year = Over **5.5** years missed



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Department for Education

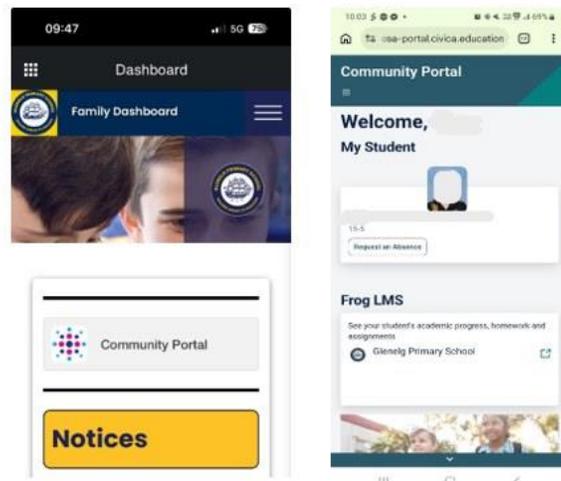
Student Absences



We do however know that life happens, kids get sick and unplanned events arise. If your child is absent from school, please notify the school through following the following steps:-

1. Open the FROG App
2. Go the Dashboard
3. Locate the Community Portal icon – click – this will bring your child’s details – press "request an absence".

OR contact the front office on 8295 3943. Please note the old SMS contact number no longer works.



Upcoming School Photos



All classes will have their class photo taken on either Tuesday, 3rd March or Wednesday 4th March. Please see the schedules below to find when your child/ren are having their photo taken.

Please ensure that students are in full school uniform, including white, black or blue socks only. It is preferred that any excessive jewellery or hair accessories be removed.

Click on the images to make them larger, if needed.

School photos - Tuesday 3rd March 2026 (Week 6)

9.00am	Receptions – Sally Ringvall / Bethany von Doussa
9.15am	Receptions – Cynthia Moir / Bethany von Doussa
9.30am	Receptions – Sharon Delean
9.45am	Year 2/3 – Kirsty Hayes
10.00am	Year 3 – Tash Introna
10.15am	Year 2 – Laura Searle / Sandra Mezzini
10.30am	No photos at this time
RECESS	10.40am – 11.10am
11.15am	Year 4 – Matt Rose
11.30am	Year 5 – Katrina Jenkins
11.45am	Year 6 – Liana Coorey
12.00pm	Year 6 – Nick Papageorgiou
12.15pm	Year 6 – Viv Dichiera
12.30pm	Year 6 – Julie Hughson
LUNCH	12.50pm – 1.30pm
1.35pm – 2.20pm	Start Sibling Photos

School photos - Wednesday 4th March 2026 (Week 6)

9.00am	Reception – Carolyn Mudie / Helena Kyriacou
9.15am	Year 1 – Emily Burns / Anita Rosser
9.30am	Year 1 – Kate Harper / Anita Rosser
9.45am	Year 1 – Jas Surplice
10.00am	Year 1/2 – Amy Blackmore / Mandy Schetter
10.15am	Year 2 – Jess O'Neill
10.30am	No photos at this time
RECESS	10.40am – 11.10am
11.15am	Year 4 – Nat Reed
11.30am	Year 5 – Tom Gale
11.45am	Year 5 – Jason Rose
12.00pm	Year 3 – Mel Arnold / Mandy Schetter
12.15pm	Year 3/4 – Stephen Bice / Elissa Lindegren
12.30pm	Finalise Sibling Photos (if needed)
LUNCH	12.50pm – 1.30pm
1.35pm – 2.20pm	Finalise Sibling Photos (if needed)

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Parent - Teacher Interviews



There will be eight days for parent-teacher interviews in Weeks 8 and 9 of this term, with one day (Tue 24th March) specifically set aside for late meetings. There will be communications sent out in the coming weeks with information about times and dates, how to make bookings etc, using an online 'School Interviews' system.



Year 5 Surf Safety Excursion



Last week, our Year 5 students participated in the Department for Education's Surf Education (Surf Ed) program, gaining valuable knowledge and practical skills to stay safe at the beach. The classes attended Glenelg Beach, and over two days of on-beach sessions, students learned from Surf Ed instructors about recognising hazards, interpreting surf conditions, basic first aid, identifying rips, and responding to emergency situations. They practised safe surf entry and exit

techniques and developed confidence in open water, all under careful supervision and safety guidance.

The program not only taught essential physical skills but also highlighted the importance of awareness, responsible decision-making, and personal safety when at the coast. Our Year 5s demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm and cooperation — well done to all! Thank you very much to our teachers as well as the wonderful volunteers who assisted on both days.

Thank you also to the Glenelg Surf Life Saving Surf Ed instructors for providing such an engaging and informative experience. Year 3 students will participate in Surf Safety this week, with Year 4 students to follow next week. We wish them all the best for their upcoming sessions.





JP Swimming Week



The Junior Primary Swimming Week will be held from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May (inclusive). We now have confirmed bus and lesson times for all JP classes. Please also see the next item below regarding volunteers.

With a ratio of one adult per six children required during swimming week, we rely heavily on our wonderful volunteers to make this program possible. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Group 1: Rooms 27 + 28

- Depart school on bus: 9am
- Lesson starts: 9:30am
- Lesson ends: 10:15am

- Bus departs pool: 10:40am

Group 2: Rooms 26 + 29

- Depart school on bus: 9:45am
- Lesson starts: 10:15am
- Lesson ends: 11am
- Bus departs pool: 11:25am

Group 3: Rooms 3 + 6

- Depart school on bus: 10:25am
- Lesson starts: 11am
- Lesson ends: 11:45am
- Bus departs pool: 12noon

Group 4: Rooms 4 + 10

- Depart school on bus: 11:10am
- Lesson starts: 11:45am
- Lesson ends: 12:30pm
- Bus departs pool: 12:45pm

Group 5: Rooms 5 + 9 + 12

- Depart school on bus: 12:30pm
- Lesson starts: 1pm
- Lesson ends: 1:45pm
- Bus departs pool: 2pm

Volunteers



We love volunteers at Glenelg Primary School. Soon, we will be seeking many volunteers to support our exciting learning activities and excursions throughout the year. For example, we required volunteers to accompany classes to Surf Safety in Term 1, and will need many volunteers to assist with JP Swimming Week at the start of Term 2.

To become a volunteer at Glenelg Primary School, there are several steps to complete in order to obtain a 'Pink Badge' and act as an official school volunteer. If you already hold a 'Pink Badge', please check whether your documents may be expiring soon.

Volunteers must:

- Hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) through the Department of Human Services (please note, this process can take six weeks or more)
- Complete a GPS Volunteer Pack
- Complete the RRHAN-EC Mandatory Notification Fundamentals course online

- Complete an online Volunteer Induction

If you are interested, or need further information or assistance, please contact Deb at the front desk.

Thermometer Competition

Our 2026 Thermometer Competition is now open, giving all Glenelg Primary School students the chance to share their ideas and help us reach our playground fundraising goal. The competition is open to all students and is not mandatory. Each student can answer five questions about links to our school values, their thoughts around fundraising, and their hopes for new playground equipment. Students should complete the entry form themselves, with family members able to assist younger students of course. Any entries should be returned to the box near Mr Fischer's office by Thursday 12th March (Week 7). There will be one winner per year level, each receiving a \$30 Dymocks book voucher. Parts of selected entries may be featured in our newsletter, and winners will be announced at an upcoming assembly.



Governor's Civics Award Recognition



Glenelg Primary School is proud to announce that our Year 5 Civics & Citizenship program, "Our Democracy in Action," has been recognised as the State Winner of the 2025 Governor's Civics Award for Schools. On 18 February, Year 5 teachers Ms Katrina Jenkins and Mr Jason Rose attended the award ceremony at Government House, where the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, presented the award.

The highlight of the program is Democracy Day, where students campaign, vote, and count ballots in an Election Day simulation, supported by our local MP and school volunteers—complete with a popular democracy sausage sizzle. This hands-on experience builds student confidence, leadership, and civic responsibility, as echoed by positive testimonials from students and families.

With the upcoming South Australian state election, Democracy Day will be held on Thursday 9 April, adding further relevance to students' learning. We recognise the outstanding work of Ms Jenkins and Mr Rose, and we sincerely thank all teachers, volunteers, students, and families for making this program a standout, memorable experience. This achievement showcases Glenelg Primary School's commitment to empowering students through authentic civic learning.

Pictured below are Ms Jenkins and Mr Rose with Blair Boyer, South Australian Minister for Education, Training and Skills, and Martin Westwell, Chief Executive of the Department for Education in South Australia.







Farewell to Leo



We have been very fortunate to have Mr Leo Okada teaching at Glenelg Primary School during Term 4, 2025, and Term 1, 2026. Leo has made a wonderful contribution to our Japanese program, working alongside Jess Sensei to deliver engaging and valuable Japanese lessons across all classes. His enthusiasm, expertise, and positive approach have enriched students' learning experiences and deepened their understanding of authentic Japanese language and culture.

Leo's final week at Glenelg Primary School will be Term 1, Week 7, with his last day on Friday, 13 March. Soon after, he will return to Japan to resume his teaching role. We will be recognising Leo's achievements and thanking him for his time with us at today's assembly (Wednesday, 25 February).

We sincerely thank Leo for his outstanding efforts and the genuine connections he has made with our school community. We wish him all the very best as he returns to Japan and continues his teaching journey.



Join Our Governing Council – Nominations Now Open

The Governing Council at Glenelg Primary School is made up of dedicated parents and staff who help guide the educational needs of our school community and advise the Principal.

In 2026, seven parent members from 2025 will continue into their second year or stand again. Council meetings are held twice a term on Mondays, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

We are now inviting nominations for a two-year term. Nomination forms are available at the Front Office and are due by Friday, 6 March 2026. Your nomination should include the name and contact details of a parent who is seconding your nomination. If there are more than two nominations, a vote will be held amongst existing council members at the AGM on Monday, 16 March 2026.

To be eligible, you must:

- Meet requirements for Working with Children Checks and RRHAN-EC training
- Not have any legal disqualifications (e.g., bankruptcy, certain convictions, barring or intervention orders, imprisonment, or removal from council)

If elected, you won't be considered a member until you have met the requirements. You will only be an 'elected person'. If you have questions about eligibility, please visit the Department for Education's Governing Councils Eligibility page:

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/governing-councils/about-governing-councils/governing-councils-eligibility>

OSHC survey

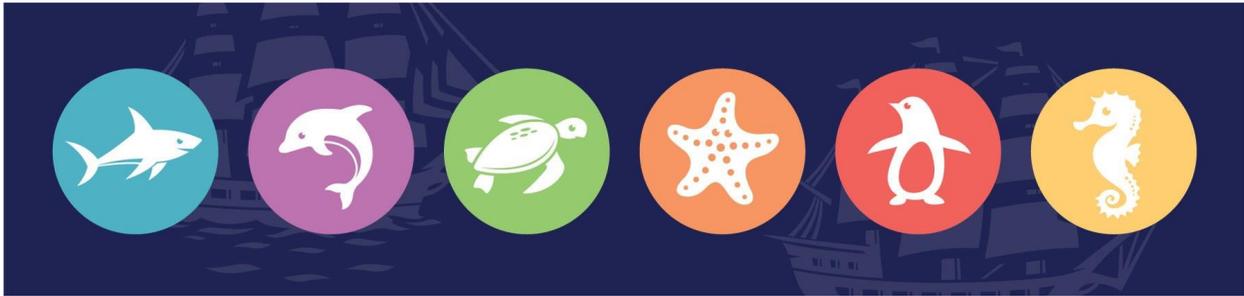


All families were emailed an OSHC survey last week. If you would like to provide feedback about OSHC and have not yet done so, here is the link again. The survey is due to close on Saturday, 28 February 2026.

<https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/n/LK0Sn83>



Sports Day – Coming Up on Tuesday 31 March



We're looking forward to our annual Sports Day on **Tuesday, 31 March** – a highlight of the year for our school community. Sports Day is a wonderful opportunity for students to be active, show teamwork, and enjoy a fun-filled day alongside their classmates.

We encourage **all children to participate**, have a go, and embrace the spirit of the day. Whether they love running, cheering, or trying something new, every child plays an important part in creating a positive and supportive atmosphere.

More information, including event times and organisation details, will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

We can't wait to celebrate this special sporting day together.

Eden Academy visit



Today, Wednesday 25th February, we were delighted to welcome eight children from Eden Academy on Cliff Street. The visiting children enjoyed a wonderful morning in our school library, where Mrs Gale and Mr Fischer shared some engaging stories with them. Afterwards, they had the opportunity to explore and play in our school playground. It was fantastic to see the children having such a positive experience. We value the close connection between Glenelg Primary School and Eden Academy.



High School Information



Hamilton Open Day 11th March, 2026

- You are invited to join us on Wednesday 11th March 2026
- College Tours by appointment at: 4:30pm, and 6:00pm.
- Please call 8275 8300 to book a tour.



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2027 SPECIAL INTEREST
DANCE
APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

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