



GPS Newsletter Term 1, Issue 3 2026





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Welcome to Issue 3 of our school newsletter for Term 1, 2026. We've already enjoyed several exciting events this term, with many more to look forward to in the coming weeks. We hope to see lots of families on site this week and next week for interviews, with Sports Day also next week. Further information on our Governing Council, an employment opportunity, and important safety information can be found below.

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Term 1 - Diary Dates



March

- *Tue 31st Sports Day*

April

- *Weeks 9 and 10 (Mon 23rd March to Thu 2nd April) - 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)*

May

- *JP Swimming Week - Mon 4th May to Fri 8th May - see item below*

Term 2 Assemblies



Our three whole-school assemblies in Term 2 will be:

Wednesday Week 1 (29th April) – 2:20pm start – hosted by Senior Student Leaders

Wednesday Week 5 (27th May) – 2:20pm start – hosted by Room 14

Wednesday Week 9 (24th June) – 2:20pm start – hosted by Room 22

Sports Day



The school sent out lots of information on Friday 20th March about Sports Day. Key points are:-

Tuesday 31st March – all students involved all day

Normal 3:15pm dismissal

Please consider sun safety and water for your child/ren and yourselves

Hairspray/Face Paint OK if you wish, but must be applied at home with no products brought to school

Food from the canteen and a coffee van at the Football Oval will be available

Timetables and Maps were sent with the Friday 20th March information



1 - Merchandise for Sports Day! Don't Miss it! See the image above for more details.

Sports Day Parking Reminder

A friendly reminder for our school community: **Please do not park in the Glenelg Club or Health Studio car parks** on Sports Day, March 31st. These spaces need to remain available for their customers. You are welcome to use the car parks at the northern end instead.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain good relationships with our neighbours.

Glenelg Primary School Governing Council: Celebrating Service and Welcoming New Leadership



On Monday, 16 March, Glenelg Primary School hosted its Annual Governing Council AGM – an informative evening that reflected our school’s commitment to growth, community, and shared success.

The meeting began with the annual report, which then sparked engaging discussion around our future directions to 2026. This included ongoing priorities in Literacy and Numeracy, celebrating the new school values, and discussions about a new playground, once funds permit.

A key event was the formal dissolution of the 2025 Governing Council, followed by nominations and the announcement of our newly elected and continuing members.

Thank You to Retiring and Continuing Members

We sincerely thank our dedicated members who retired in March 2026:

- Kat Ward (2 years of service)
- Jason Saxby (2 years of service)

The following members continue their valued service for another two years:

- Jaquie O'Neill
- Melissa Tracey
- Alexandra Hamilton
- Nicole Von der Borch
- Craig Andrews
- Tim Doughty
- Kat Giles
- Matt Bannister
- Julie Hughson

We are also delighted to welcome newly nominated and elected parent member and staff member:

- Joni Morgan (parent)
- Tom Gale (staff)

Our 2026 Governing Council office bearers are:

- Chairperson: Kat Giles
- Deputy Chairperson: Alex Hamilton
- Treasurer: Tim Doughty

There is currently a vacancy for one more Parent Representative. We encourage interested parents to express their interest by contacting the school office or emailing dl.1017.info@schools.sa.edu¹ for a nomination form, which details the requirements.

Acknowledging Andre Small's Outstanding Contribution

We extend our deepest gratitude to Andre Small, who is retiring as Governing Council Chairperson after four years of exemplary service. Andre joined the council in March 2022, became Chairperson in March 2023, and has played a pivotal role in shaping our school's direction. His legacy includes leading the redevelopment process, steering key policy reviews (including the rollout of new school values and behaviour expectations), and representing our community at graduations and special events. Andre also contributed to many initiatives

¹<mailto:dl.1017.info@schools.sa.edu>

benefitting all students and is an inaugural member of the Glenelg Groovers, our school's parent and student band. We are pleased that Andre will continue as a Finance Committee member.

Welcoming Our New Chairperson, Kat Giles

Congratulations to Kat Giles, our newly elected Chairperson. Kat, a Governing Council member since 2022, is well-known for her active leadership. She has served as Chairperson of the Canteen Committee and the Traffic Management and Road Safety Committee, and is an active member of the Finance Committee. Kat's involvement extends to state and national education boards. Her passion for our school community, policy renewal, and drive for continuous improvement make her exceptionally well-suited for the Chairperson role.

We look forward to Kat's leadership as we continue to build on Andre's contributions and work together for the benefit of all students at Glenelg Primary.

Thank you to all current and past members for your ongoing service and enthusiasm. Here's to another productive year at Glenelg Primary School.

Assistant Canteen Manager Needed



An opportunity has arisen within the Glenelg Primary School community for an Assistant Canteen Manager.

The position requires availability for 10 – 18 hours per week during school terms.

If you have strong communication skills, enjoy working in a team environment, and have a passion for providing healthy food options, we encourage you to apply. Previous hospitality experience will be highly regarded.

The application is open until 31 March via SEEK

GPS Assistant Canteen Manager - SEEK ²

²<https://www.seek.com.au/job/90732996?ref=search-standalone&type=standard&origin=jobTitle#sol=bb7cead3dd3bdecc512cf17adbf476c8c41f5abd>

Happy Easter / Thank you P+F



We wish our entire school community a Happy Easter. The Easter break runs from Friday 3rd April to Monday 6th April. Each child will receive a chocolate Easter Egg, or an allergy-friendly alternative, near the end of the day on Thursday 2nd April, courtesy of Parents and Friends. Students will be dismissed at the usual 3:15pm time on Thursday 2nd April.

We want to recognise and thank our fantastic Parents and Friends group. The wonderful BBQ they hosted at last weekend's election was just one example of their great work, helping the whole community and promoting our school to people who are less familiar with all we have to offer children. Thank you, P+F!

Keeping Our School Community Safe – Bike Travel Reminders



We are seeing more students choosing active travel and riding their bikes to Glenelg Primary School, which is a positive step for health and the environment. However, we have received some concerns about groups of older students on larger bikes travelling through areas where families are walking to school, particularly along the journey from Short Street, through the alley, and near the school crossing.

To ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing, we ask all families to review the following reminders and recommendations:

- **Respectful Riding:** Students must always show courtesy and care for pedestrians, especially younger children and families walking on pathways.
- **Dismount in Busy Areas:** If approaching congested footpaths or where families are walking, students are asked to dismount and walk their bikes. This is particularly important near the school crossing and alley areas.
- **Use Alternative Routes:** Where possible, students should cautiously use the alley between Short Street and Williams Avenue or select a route less congested with pedestrian traffic to minimise risk.
- **School Crossing Etiquette:** All cyclists are expected to dismount and walk their bikes across the school crossing following the instructions of crossing monitors and staff, within the school yard and where there are families walking to and from school.

Promoting a culture of safety, respect, and inclusivity is central to our school's values. We encourage all parents and carers to discuss these expectations with their children and ensure they understand the importance of keeping everyone in our school community safe.

For further guidance in talking to your children, families can refer to the THINK Road Safety website, <https://thinkroadsafety.sa.gov.au/> or the Bike SA website <https://bikesa.org.au>

Thank you for working together to ensure our journey to school is safe for everyone.

Volunteers for JP Swimming Week



The Junior Primary Swimming Week will be held from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May (inclusive). Bus departure/arrival times were in the previous newsletter. We love (and depend upon) volunteers at Glenelg Primary School. We especially need many volunteers to assist with JP Swimming Week. If you can help, please speak with your child's teacher as soon as possible. To initially 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. Deb in the Front Office can answer all of your volunteering questions.

Early Dismissal on Final Day of Term 1 and Start of Term 2



Students will finish school 45 minutes early on Friday 10th April, with dismissal at 2:30pm. OSHC will be available from this time. We hope everyone enjoys a restful and safe break.

School will resume for all students on Monday 27th April, with classes beginning at 8:45am as usual. As explained in a previous item, students will be dismissed at the usual 3:15pm time on Thursday 2nd April, leading into Easter.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another successful term.

Cyber Safety: Staying Safe Online Year 6 Visit



On Thursday, 19 February, the Year 6 classes attended a special presentation by Constable Brett Massey about staying safe online. The “Think U Know” session provided valuable information on protecting ourselves when using the internet, apps, and online games. Constable Massey discussed the risks associated with online activities, such as cyberbullying, hacking, scams, and predatory behaviour. He stressed the importance of not sharing personal details—including photos in school or sports uniforms, videos, your address, or anything that could reveal your location. Even small details, like your school or sport uniform logos or photos of your favourite park, can help strangers find you. He highlighted that certain popular apps are now banned by the Government for anyone under 16—these include TikTok, Snapchat, YouTube, Facebook, Reddit, and Threads, and should be avoided by students our age. Instead, safer options include Messenger Kids and YouTube Kids.

The session covered ways to recognise danger online. “Red Flags” include strangers contacting you, being asked personal questions, requests for photos or videos, or anything that makes you uncomfortable. Always keep your accounts private and use a creative username that doesn’t include real names or personal information.

- Constable Massey introduced the AWARE rule for staying safe online:
- **Appropriate:** Who are you talking to?
- **Who:** Do you know them in real life?
- **Accurate:** Is your information true and safe to share?
- **Respectful:** Are you being kind?
- **Environment:** Is it a safe space online?

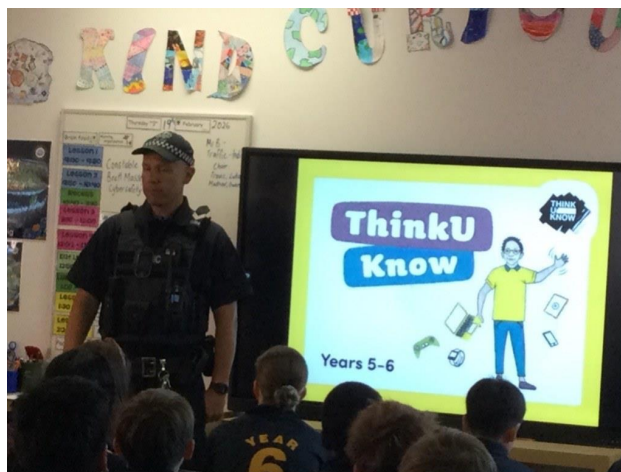
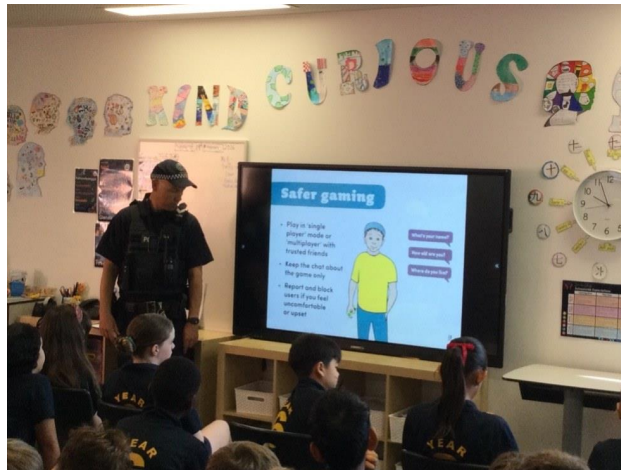
When playing online games, only chat with people you know personally. Constable Massey reminded us that the average online gamer is 36 years old, so it’s important not to talk to strangers online, just as you wouldn’t in person.

If you ever feel uncomfortable or need advice, speak to a trusted adult such as a parent, teacher, or older sibling. If someone online makes you uneasy or asks inappropriate questions, block, report, and tell an adult. Kids Helpline is also there for extra support. Constable Massey emphasised that all our online activities can be traced. The police can track posted content, and the Electronic Crime Branch investigates serious issues. In Australia, legal action can be taken from the age of 10, and cyberbullying or sharing inappropriate material can have serious consequences, including permanent seizure of your device. He said to never forward offensive content, but instead to take a screenshot for evidence and report it.

Everyone has the right to be safe and supported, both at school and online. At Glenelg Primary School, we look after one another by being positive and respectful online, just as we do in person. Thank you, Constable Massey, for sharing this important message. Remember to stay AWARE and kind online. If you need support or advice, Kids Helpline is available at 1800 55 1800

By G.O.A.T.S (Year 6 Glenelg's Assistants of Texts)





Crows Coaching Clinic – Years 4 - 6



A reminder for families about the special opportunity for Glenelg Primary School students: a **free Adelaide Crows Football Clinic** on the Glenelg Football Oval on Wednesday 8 April 2026 (Week 11). This event is available to all students in Years 4 to 6, including Year 3 students from Room 19.

Registration is essential. **All students must be registered by a parent or legal guardian** to participate. As an added bonus, each registered participant will receive four tickets for Crows home matches during the 2026 Toyota AFL Premiership Season. Details for accessing the tickets will be sent via email after registration.

Families **must** register for the clinic, using the link below by Tuesday 31 March:

https://typeformdeviomediamedia.typeform.com/to/UwHcMIXZ#acct_id=xxxxx

If you do not wish for your child in Years 4–6 to participate, that is absolutely fine. Students whose families have not completed the registration by Tuesday 31 March will remain at school and take part in alternative activities during the scheduled session.

Harmony Week: Our Diversity Rainbow



During Harmony Week, our students came together to create a beautiful Diversity Rainbow, celebrating the many cultures, backgrounds and ways of thinking that make our school such a special place. Each student decorated a coloured square to represent something unique about themselves — this included their cultural identity, personal interests, or their neurodiverse way of experiencing the world.

When all the squares were brought together, they formed a vibrant rainbow, reminding us that every individual contribution helps make our community stronger, kinder and more inclusive. Just like a rainbow needs every colour, our school thrives because of the diversity of our students.

We are proud of the respect, creativity and thoughtfulness our students showed in this activity, and the important message it shares: **everyone belongs, everyone matters, and our differences are something to celebrate.**



High School & Community Information





Brighton
Secondary
School

Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening

Monday 30 March 2026

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Join us for an informative evening where you will gain a comprehensive, step-by-step overview of the Year 7 enrolment process.

To register your attendance, please email
BrightonSS.Enrolments767@schools.sa.edu.au
by 5:00pm - 25 March.



2 - Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening - Monday 30th March

Sensory Hour

Starting Term 2, Tuesday 28 April

Tuesdays, during school terms

3.30pm - 4.30pm • Free

Brighton Library • Ages 4 - 10

Sensory Hour is a parent-led program offered at the Brighton Library.

A variety of fidget and sensory toys are available, as well as quiet and reflective activities, to assist with self-regulation and wellbeing.

Bookings not required.



3 - Sensory Hour - Brighton Library