



GPS Newsletter Term 2, Issue 4 2026





We are
kind

We are
curious

We are
respectful

We are
inclusive





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Term 2 - Diary Dates



May

- *JP Swimming Week - Mon 4th May to Fri 8th May*
- *Wed 13th May - National Simultaneous Story Time*
- *Wed 27th May - Assembly*
- *Fri 29th May - Enrolment Information Session @ 9:30am*

June

- *Tue 2nd June - Kaurua Language Incursion*
- *Wed 3rd June - Mid-Year transition visit #1*
- *Mon 8th June - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - King's Birthday*

- *Tues 9th June - PUPIL FREE DAY*
- *Wed 10th June - Mid-Year transition visit #2*

Term 2 - Assembly Dates



The next whole-school assemblies in Term 2 will be:

- Wednesday Week 5 (27th May) – 2:20pm start – hosted by Room 14
- Wednesday Week 9 (24th June) – 2:20pm start – hosted by Room 22

Community Portal and FROG

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers that have set up Community Portal and Frog on their devices.

Community Portal – allows families to see all their child’s information, update addresses, email or phone details with ease and report any absences.

Frog – will keep you up-to-date with whole school and classroom news, provides easy messaging of your class teacher and sharing of student work and achievements.

Both Frog and Community Portal are essential tools for all parents to be informed and connected about everything happening at Glenelg Primary School.

If you are not as yet connected, please contact Michelle Kuller in the front office who can help you through the connection process.

Professor Martin Westwell visit

On Tuesday morning, Glenelg Primary School welcomed Professor Martin Westwell, Chief Executive of the Department for Education, to visit and experience learning in action across our site. Martin began his morning joining both staff and students for our daily Tai Chi session under the COLA, before visiting Room 3, where Year 1 students led a meaningful Acknowledgement of Country in Kurna language, performed morning greetings, and revisited our school values. This routine showcased how our students are supported to feel centred, grounded, and valued at the start of their day.

Martin also visited Room 33, where Year 6 students participated in a vibrant Democratic Dialogue Community of Learning. The students tackled the challenging question, “Space Junk – who is responsible for cleaning it up?” and as future scientists and engineers, they shared creative ideas and solutions to help protect our night sky. Their deep conversation revealed fascinating facts, encouraged meaningful connections, and demonstrated the important role young people play as innovators in solving global challenges.





Year 5 Democracy and History Excursion

As part of our Civics and Citizenship unit, Year 5 students recently participated in an excursion to the city, visiting Parliament House and the Migration Museum.

Students travelled to and from the city via tram, and it was fantastic to see them applying their civics learning in a real-world context. Many students demonstrated respect and awareness of others by offering seats and showing consideration to members of the public, which was pleasing to observe.

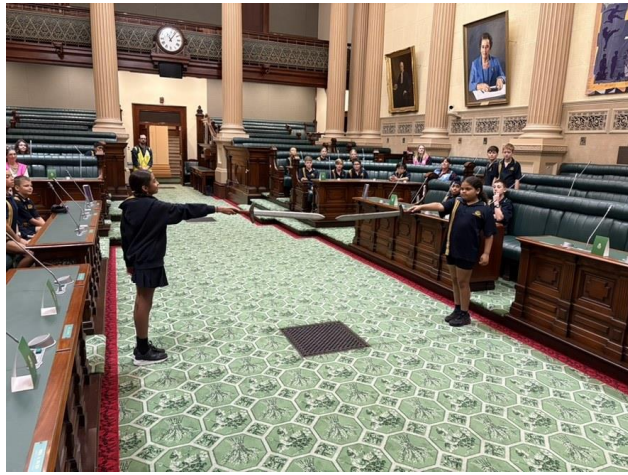
The visit to Parliament House was a valuable opportunity to complement and extend our classroom learning in Civics. Students took part in an engaging, educator-led program where they explored how laws are made and the role of elected representatives within our democratic system. They visited key areas of Parliament House, including the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council, and developed an understanding of how these chambers operate. Students also learned about important parliamentary roles, procedures, and traditions, including the significance of the Mace and the Black Rod. Opportunities to ask questions and engage with the learning supported students to deepen their understanding of representation, debate, and decision-making in government.

Following this, students enjoyed lunch on the lawns at Government House, providing a great opportunity to relax, connect with peers, and reflect on their learning in a unique setting.

The day continued with a visit to the Migration Museum, which will support our future learning in History. Students explored exhibitions that highlight the diverse stories and experiences of people who have migrated to South Australia. This experience will provide a strong foundation as students begin to examine themes of identity, change, and the contributions of individuals and groups to Australian society.

This excursion was a meaningful extension of our learning program, allowing students to connect their understanding of democracy and society to real-world contexts. It was pleasing to see students engaged, respectful, and curious throughout the day.

We thank all staff and volunteers who supported the excursion and helped make it such a successful experience for our students.













Room 9 and 36 - Market Stall

At the end of Term 1, Room 9 and 36 had their first market stall for the year! Lots of fresh produce from our school garden, and some flowers and apples generously donated to us to sell. We look forward to having another stall with some winter veggies and herbs soon!



Room 18, 19 and 20 Beach Excursion

On Wednesday, 29th April, our Year 4 and Year 3/4 classes from Rooms 18, 19, and 20 enjoyed an engaging excursion to Glenelg Beach as part of our 'Caring for our Coast' library inquiry unit. This experience built directly on our HASS learning about sustainability and local government

and gave students the chance to put their knowledge and skills into action beyond the classroom.

During the morning, students walked to Glenelg beach and took part in a range of hands-on activities. They worked with the Habitat Heroes volunteer team and the council's Urban Greening Officer to help to care for and restore the sand dunes at Holdfast Shores. At the Glenelg Public Library, students listened to a talk from BirdLife about the threatened Hooded Plover and enthusiastically asked questions, drawing on everything they had learnt in our library sessions. We also enjoyed some time beachcombing, exploring the shoreline and discovering more about our coastal environment.

The weather was perfect, all students were highly engaged, and many felt proud of the positive impact they made. It was fantastic to see them confidently sharing their knowledge, asking thoughtful questions, and connecting what they had learnt at school. I believe we finished the day with a deeper understanding of how local government and community members work together to care for our coast, local wildlife, and our shared environment.

Thank you to all of the staff and parent volunteers, as well as the students for the way they conducted themselves and for making positive change in our community.









New School Flags

by Raf T, Raphael and Salim

On Friday the 1st of May, State MP Toby Priest, and the Federal MP Louise Miller Frost, came to Glenelg Primary to present new flags because the old flags were faded and ripped. They came because Leroy and Lana, our year six Kids Council Representatives, contacted Mr. Toby Priest MP, asking if our MPs could supply our school with new flags.

When they arrived they were greeted by Leroy and Lana, and then met Mr Misso. They all proceeded to the flagpole area where they were greeted by the current flag monitors Natalie, Molly, Wyatt, Theo and Kai.

At first our visitors talked about how they achieved their careers. After, they shook hands with the flag monitors and gave them a new Australian National flag, a First Nations flag, the Torres Strait Islander flag as well as the South Australian flag. The Flag Monitors folded the old flags, before handing them on to Mr Misso and raising our new flags.







Year 5 Democracy Day

Our Year 5 students recently participated in an engaging and authentic Democracy Day, bringing their Civics and Citizenship learning to life.

In the lead-up to the event, students formed political parties, developed campaign materials, and delivered persuasive speeches outlining their policies as candidates for the Member of Parliament for the electorate of Morphett. On the day, nominees presented their final campaign pitches to peers, staff, and invited guests before participating in a full preferential voting process.

We were fortunate to welcome the newly elected Member for Morphett, Toby Priest, who spoke with students about his role and the importance of active participation in our democratic system. His presence added real-world context and authenticity to the day.

Students also heard from last year's successful candidate, Dayeon, who reflected on the experience and shared valuable insights. Last year's runners-up, Raiden and Evelyn, were also acknowledged for their efforts and contribution to the process.

A highlight of the day was the traditional democracy sausage, which was cooked, prepared, and served by some of our wonderful Glenelg Primary School volunteers. This added a fun and authentic element to the experience and was thoroughly enjoyed by students.

At the conclusion of the voting process, Arlo (Room 15) was declared the successful candidate and our elected Member of Parliament for the electorate of Morphett. He was followed by Charlie L (Room 16) and Tom (Room 14), who were also recognised for their strong campaigns and presentations.

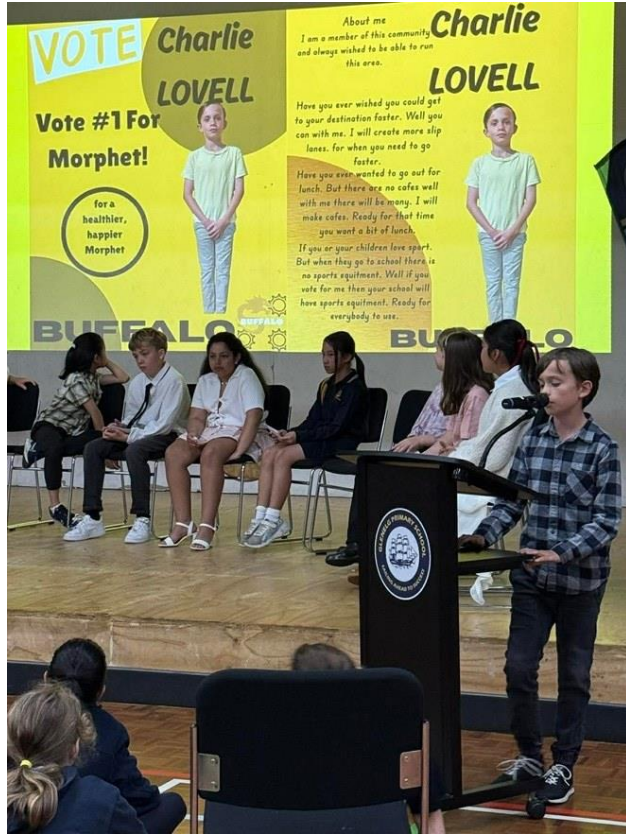
Students experienced firsthand how elections operate, including voting, counting preferences, and declaring successful candidates. The level of enthusiasm, preparation, and respectful participation was outstanding.

Democracy Day provided a valuable opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of democratic processes while developing confidence in public speaking, critical thinking, and collaboration.

We thank the families who attended and supported the event, helping to create an authentic and memorable experience for our students.









PLEASE WELCOME LAST
YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL
CANDIDATE...

Dayeon Pi MP
2025 Member for Morphett

BUFFALO PARTY



PLEASE GIVE OUR
SPECIAL GUEST A
WARM GLENELG
PRIMARY SCHOOL
WELCOME...

Toby Priest MP
Member for Morphett



South
Australian
Labor





SAPSASA Netball

On Tuesday, 5th May 2026, Glenelg Primary School took part in the annual SAPSASA Netball Day. We had both a girls' team and a boys' team representing GPS, and everyone was excited and committed to playing.

Both teams played really well, working together and showing great sportsmanship. This year, instead of four quarters, each game was split into two halves. It was a bit different, but everyone adapted quickly and gave their best effort.

Even though netball is a team game, each player was also assessed to see whether they might progress to the next trial for the SAPSASA State Team. I think we all did really well, even though we didn't win every game.

The girls' team communicated well and made strong, skilful passes. The boys' team showed lots of energy. Everyone tried their hardest and encouraged one another, making the day really enjoyable.

Thanks to the teachers, coaches, and parent helpers for making the day run smoothly. SAPSASA Netball Day was a fantastic opportunity to play netball and enjoy time with friends. We were proud to represent Glenelg Primary School as a team. We are Glenelg.

By Olivia, Room 33



1 - Girls Netball Team - Coach Emma



SAPSASA Diving

We are proud to announce that three of our students have represented Glenelg Primary School with outstanding results at the SAPSASA Diving competition. George received a gold medal in the 10-year-old springboard event and has also qualified for the School Sport Diving Finals in

Melbourne, taking place in July. Tabitha earned a silver medal in the Under 11 event, and Delilah won gold in the Under 10 event. In addition, Tabitha and Delilah teamed up in the 10-12 years synchronised event and took home the gold medal. Congratulations to all three students on their remarkable achievements.



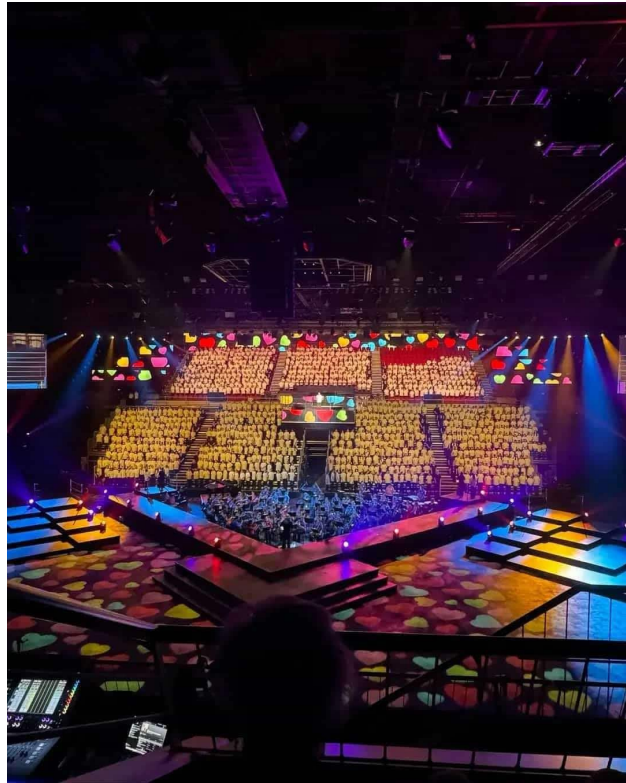
Festival Choir hits all the Right Notes!

Our fabulous 45 Year 5/6 Festival Choir students are warming up their vocal cords and hitting their rehearsal groove for a showstopper event at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Friday, 18 September!

Picture this: a 2-hour concert featuring a combined choir of over 1,000 voices—that's enough singing power to make the rafters ring!

Adding to the musical magic will be a spectacular 100-piece student orchestra, plus high-energy Street Percussion and dance troupe. It'll be a symphony of sound, rhythm, and movement—one for the highlight reel!

So, mark your calendars, especially if you're a Year 4 student dreaming of joining the choir in 2027. Come along and let your imagination dance—who knows, next year it could be you centre stage!



Orchestra/street percussion - Congratulations

🎵 And now, striking a major chord of celebration, we present... 🎵

A standing ovation to the students listed below for making the cut into some of the most sought-after ensembles—each one involving approximately 100 auditioned students.

These Glenelg Primary maestros won't just be tuning up at home—no, they'll be bringing down the house at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre four times in Term 3, joining forces with our legendary Year 5/6 Festival Choir!

Festival Orchestra:

- Toby T (electric guitar—ready to amp it up!)
- Logan S (saxophone—sizzling smooth sounds incoming)

Street Percussion:

- Marcus M (rhythm king)
- Hugo K (beat wizard)

It's going to be a symphony of talent—break a leg, stars!



Thermometer competition winners

Congratulations to Anthea, Kate, Kyra, Matilda, Mishthi, Rex, and Sage for being selected as the winners of the Term 1 Thermometer Competition.

These students impressed us with their thoughtful insights on fundraising and their creative suggestions for features to be included in future playground equipment. They also articulated how the thermometer assists everyone in visualising progress and identified the many literacy and numeracy skills involved in interpreting the thermometer.

We hope each student enjoyed their prize of selecting goods at Dymocks. Well done to all for your enthusiastic involvement.



Canteen Survey feedback

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who participated in the canteen survey. The feedback and results have been collated and reviewed by the Canteen Committee and will be further discussed at next week's Governing Council and presented in the next newsletter.

The survey feedback showed the need for clarity regarding the roles of the Parents & Friends, Canteen Committee and the Governing Council.

The Parents and Friends fundraising committee is a group of parent volunteers from Glenelg Primary School who organise events and activities, such as bake sales or school fairs, to raise funds that support the school and provide extra resources or opportunities for students, and are not affiliated with the canteen.

The school's Canteen Committee is a group of staff and parents who help manage and oversee the school canteen. Their main role is to make sure the canteen provides a variety of menu items, including healthy, affordable food options for students and that it continues to be self-sustainable, with funds generated used to pay employees, and provide maintenance and necessary equipment.

Both bodies report directly to the school's Governing Council.

EdSmart

Our school is now using EdSmart to make consent and payment for excursions and incursions much easier. EdSmart is a trusted Australian system that lets us send you important information and forms electronically, making things easier and safer. Consent and payment are combined in one simple online process.

You will receive email notifications with secure links to online forms for permissions and to make excursion and incursion payments. You can access these forms from your phone, tablet, or computer. You will need a credit or debit card in order to pay using EdSmart.

All information you provide is securely stored and only accessible to authorised staff. Using EdSmart also helps us save time, reduce paperwork, and lower costs.

To learn more, please visit <https://edsmart.com/parents>.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

THANK YOU - Volunteers for JP Swimming Week

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who support Junior Primary Swimming Week. Your time, effort, and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated. Throughout the week we were fortunate to have 87 volunteers assist us, and some volunteers helped every day.

We truly value the contribution you make to ensure our students have a safe, fun, and memorable swimming experience.

THANK YOU - Mothers' and Special Persons Day stall

A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers who generously assisted with the Mother's Day Stall today. Your support and dedication ensured our students had a memorable experience choosing gifts for their loved ones. We truly appreciate the time and effort you have given to make this event such a success.

We wish all Glenelg Primary School mothers and special persons a wonderful day on Sunday.

May your day be filled with joy and appreciation.





SAPOL Road Safety Centre: eBike - Legal or Illegal?

The SAPOL Road Safety Centre is hosting a FREE 30 minute road safety session - Ride Smart: Essential E-Bike Safety Advice For Parents & Young Riders.

This session is aimed at parents or carers, young people who ride or are considering riding an e-bike, anyone thinking about purchasing an e-bike or e-scooter or a community member wanting to learn more about this new legislation.

 18 May 2026 |  6pm  Road Safety Centre West Beach

Book on Eventbrite¹



¹<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sa-police-road-safety-centre-ride-smart-essential-e-bike-safety-advice-tickets-1987796268148?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Community News

COMMUNITY CENTRE WEEK
11-15 MAY 2026

 **LARGEST**
Community-Led
Lunch Initiative!

your place to
connect

**Join us at Holdfast Bay
Community Centre for
Soup, Sangers & Scones
to celebrate National
Community Centres Week**

Monday 11 to Friday 15 May 2026
11.30am - 1.30pm
Holdfast Bay Community Centre
51 King George Ave, Hove

No bookings required - just drop in

For more information
8229 9897 or email hbcc@holdfast.sa.gov.au


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Working with an established artist, participants will dive into a 6-week art adventure where they get to experiment with exciting techniques, explore bold ideas, and create their own masterpieces. These workshops are all about building confidence, sparking imagination, and having loads of fun with art!

Bookings open now for new participants only.

Register via QR code or www.trybooking.com/DKRAQ



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