



GPS Newsletter Term 2, Issue 5 2026





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Term 2: Diary Dates



May

- *Wed 27th May - 3rd June - National Reconciliation Week*
- *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*
- *Tue 9th June - PUPIL FREE DAY*
- *Wed 10th June - Mid-Year transition visit #2*
- *Wed 10th June - 'A Taste of Asia' - Special Food Day*
- *Frid 12th June - Southern Hiragana Competition*

- *Wed 17th June - Mid-Year transition visit #3*
- *Thu 2nd July - Adaptations at Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuary - Rm 14, 15 & 16*

Term 2: Assembly Dates



The last whole-school assembly for Term 2 will be on:

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

Safe Travel to and from School: Living Our School Values

Our Governing Council Traffic Management and Road Safety Committee is working closely with Holdfast Council and other agencies to enhance traffic and pedestrian safety around Glenelg Primary School. Over the coming year, you will notice new signage, speed restrictions, and safer pedestrian routes throughout the area.

While these improvements are underway, we encourage all families to embody our school values: being **Kind, Curious, Respectful, and Inclusive**. This means:

- Driving slowly and with care near the school

- Showing patience and respect, especially towards our neighbours
- Avoiding riding bikes or scooters in congested areas, including school crossings and the alley between Williams and Short Streets
- Discussing safety and respectful behaviour with children who travel independently

Recently, we have received some concerning feedback from local residents regarding the behaviour and language of a few students and parents. Let's work together to ensure our community reflects the best of Glenelg Primary School.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe, positive, and welcoming.

Winter Is Here: A Warm Reminder About School Uniforms

As colder weather approaches, it's time for students to wear their school jumpers and jackets to keep warm. We kindly remind families that only official school uniforms should be worn during the school day. Alternative sports tops and jumpers are not suitable.

Non-uniform jackets, coats, and beanies may be worn to and from school, but need to be put away during class time. School uniforms can be purchased from our supplier, Noone, or found at Worn Again on Byron Street, just off Jetty Road. Plain navy and gold clothing without logos or branding is also acceptable.

Please remember to clearly name all items, including last names, to help lost belongings find their way back to the right family.

Thank you for your support in maintaining our school pride and keeping everyone warm!

EdSmart Update

Thank you to all families who have successfully used EdSmart to provide consent and make payments for upcoming incursions and excursions. Your support in using this system is greatly appreciated.

Please note that there is currently an issue with ApplePay on EdSmart, which is being investigated. If you experience difficulties with EdSmart payments, you may pay for incursions and excursions via the school Qkr app (miscellaneous section) until the issue is resolved. We thank you for your patience during this time.

For higher-cost activities, such as camps, payments will continue to be processed through Qkr, which allows for instalment options. You may also make payments at the front office, through

Bpoint (via the school website), or by bank transfer. Associated consent forms for these activities will be available through EdSmart.

When receiving your monthly statements, please be aware that payments may take a few days to appear on your account.

Canteen Survey Results: Shaping a Healthier Menu with Choice

During Term 1, our canteen committee conducted a parent survey to gain insights into how families use the school canteen and to gather opinions on menu options and food classifications. We would like to thank all families who responded—your feedback has been invaluable in guiding recent decisions about our canteen service.

For clarity, the canteen is operated by the Governing Council (parent body) as a self-sustaining entity, covering wages, equipment, and other costs. Fundraising is conducted separately by the Parents and Friends group.

Key Survey Findings

- **Canteen as a Core Service:** Most families who responded use the canteen regularly, confirming its importance in everyday school life.
- **Choice and Variety:** A strong majority (81%) support having choices across all food categories, highlighting the need for a diverse menu.
- **Reward and Access:** Two-thirds of families view canteen purchases as a ‘reward’ for students, and over half prefer all menu items to be available both over the counter and via QKR.
- **Parent Discretion:** 39% of respondents support mechanisms for parents to manage their child’s canteen access and purchases.

Understanding Food Standards

The committee reviewed the Right Bite Food and Drink guidelines, considering both community feedback and other factors in our ongoing menu review.

The Right Bite approach, developed by the Department for Education, promotes healthy eating in public schools. At Glenelg Primary School, we use these recommendations to shape our local food and drink practices. While there are clear best-practice benchmarks, schools are encouraged to adapt these guidelines to suit their community’s context and needs—there is no department-mandated policy requiring strict adherence.

Governing Council Decisions

Based on the survey results and committee recommendations, the Governing Council has approved a balanced approach:

1. **Promoting Healthy Choices:** We aim to maintain a 60:40 ratio of 'green:amber' food options. Menu items, portion sizes, brands, and flavours will continue to be reviewed annually to meet this target.
2. **Transparent Traffic Light System:** The traffic light system for menu classification is now visible to parents via QQR, supporting informed decisions and helping to educate students.
3. **Red Classification Controls:** Items classified as 'red' will only be available through controlled mechanisms (e.g., limited purchases or via QQR).
4. **Special Food Days:** Special food days will continue, though 'Willy Wonka Day' has been discontinued.

Upcoming Changes

As incremental changes are made, some recipes and products will be phased out, including honey crackles, muffins, and cola slushies. The committee's ongoing plan to encourage healthy choices will continue.

Looking Ahead

The survey showed that while there is some opposition to 'red' foods, it is mainly driven by concerns about health and wellbeing and comes from a small portion of the school community. The majority use the canteen as a positive reward for students and appreciate the flexibility and choice offered by parental discretion.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to provide a canteen service that balances health, variety, and parental choice.

Thermometer update



The Parent and Friends Committee has once again demonstrated their generous support for our school community, proudly donating a further \$15,000 towards the playground fund. This significant contribution will help us make exciting improvements to our playground facilities for all students to enjoy.

2026 GPS Kids Council

Congratulations to all students who have been nominated by their peers to represent them on the GPS Kids Council.

Our Kids Council works collaboratively with teachers to ensure student voice is valued within our school community. Together, the Council helps to shape and improve our school environment by upholding our values through Positive Behaviour for Learning initiatives, Berry Street practices and procedures, and whole-school events. This ensures all students are represented and have a meaningful say in their school experience. Some of the topics that will be explored this term include play equipment in the Mound area and schoolwide procedures.



Crows Star visits First Nations Students

Adelaide Crows star Wayne Milera paid a special visit to our First Nations students in Week 4. Wayne designed this year's Crows Indigenous Round guernsey in collaboration with artist Steven Warrior. The design tells the story of his football journey, his commitment to family, and his cultural heritage. Wayne shared the significance of the symbols with students, who were excited to welcome him to Ngutu Kuu – the GPS First Nations room. He very kindly donated a guernsey to the school, which is now framed and on display in the Front Office.



School Disco



Tickets are still available for our upcoming **School Disco**, which will be held on **Thursday, 4th June**. The cost of entry is \$5.00. Reception student will receive a complimentary glowstick at their disco. A DJ will attend the Years 1 to 6 disco.

BBQ will be available on the night from 5:00pm until 7:00pm unless sold out.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Today, our Junior Primary students joined children across Australia to take part in National Simultaneous Storytime, an annual event celebrating the joy of reading and bringing communities together through a shared story.

Students gathered for a whole-group reading of *Luna Roo: The Kangaroo Baller*, an exciting story about courage, teamwork and believing in yourself. It was a wonderful opportunity to promote literacy, celebrate Australian authors, and share the enjoyment of reading together.

JP Swimming Week













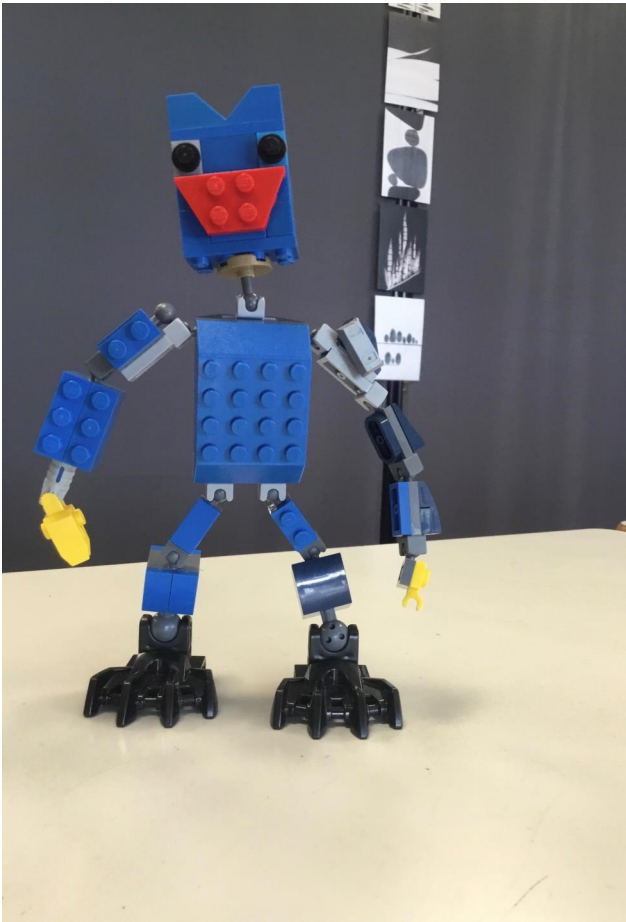


A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful helpers who supported us during swimming week this term. Over 90 individuals generously gave their time across the five days, making this special event possible.

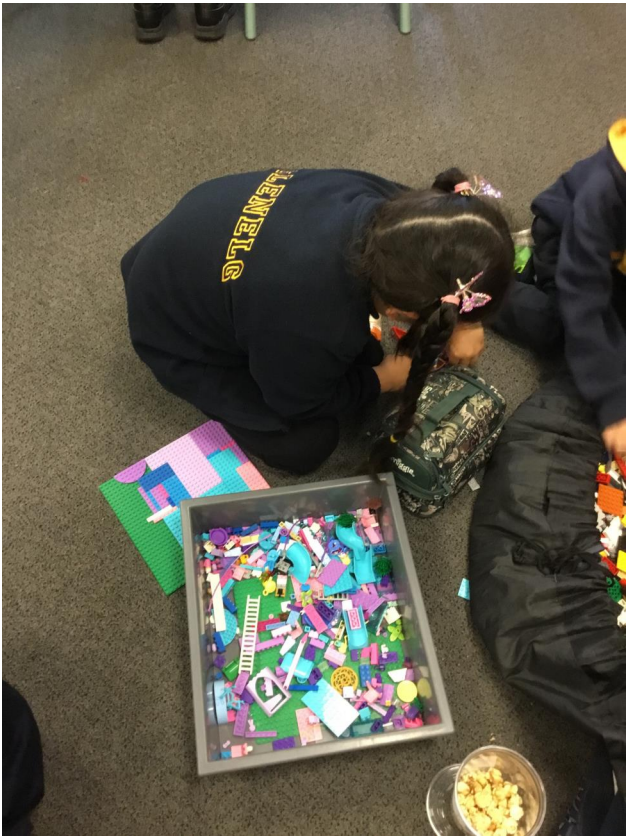
Students enjoyed learning about water safety and building confidence in the pool, with many smiling faces and inspiring stories of personal achievements, both in and out of the water.

We truly appreciate the efforts of our volunteers. These important activities cannot go ahead without your support—thank you for helping to create such a memorable week for our students.

Lego Club









Lego Club with Miss Burns, Michelle and Rose

Lego Club continues to be a fantastic opportunity for our upper primary students each Friday at recess. Students are building teamwork and problem-solving skills, developing creativity, and enjoying a positive social experience in a supportive environment. It's wonderful to see so many students engaged, collaborating, and expressing their ideas through building. Lego Club is proving to be a valuable and enjoyable part of our school week.

Introducing our New Staff Members



1 - Emma Wildy - Classroom SSO

Hi! My name is Emma and I'm excited to have joined Glenelg Primary School this term as an SSO. I worked in OSHC at Glenelg a couple of years ago, so it's lovely to be back with this wonderful community in a new role. At the moment I'm mostly working in Reception, supporting students in their learning and helping build positive connections. I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone and being part of the Glenelg team!



2 - Katie Blain - Administration SSO

Hi, I'm Katie, and I've recently moved back to Adelaide after living in Alice Springs for the past year and a half, where I worked for the Department of Education.

I'm now working in the front office and am really enjoying being part of the school community.

Year 6 Jumpers have arrived!





There were many excited faces among our Year 6 students yesterday as they received the commemorative jumpers they had eagerly ordered in Term 1. Last year, all Year 5 students were invited to create a design for the 2026 jumper. Completed designs were then voted on by the cohort, with Spencer's drawing being chosen for its creativity and meaning. His design thoughtfully includes our school values of kindness, curiosity, respect, and inclusivity.

A very special mention must go to Deb in the Front Office. Her tireless efforts in communicating between families, the printing company, teachers and students have been greatly appreciated by our whole community - **Thank you Deb!**

Introducing our Year 3-4 Out of Hours Netball Team

We are excited to announce that our Year 3-4 out of hours netball team is participating in the Coastal West Sports 14-week home and away program this season. Under the guidance of coach Miss Sally, our team of 10 enthusiastic players are not only developing their netball skills, but also learning valuable lessons in teamwork, cooperation, and sportsmanship. Netball provides an excellent opportunity for children to build confidence, make new friends, and stay active. We look forward to seeing our players grow and enjoy their netball experience throughout the season.

Special congratulations to Isla for being a Coastal West Sports Netball prize winner, Isla received 2 tickets to watch the Adelaide Thunderbirds' exciting victory over the Melbourne Mavericks—a fantastic showcase of high-level netball!



Canteen Update and Special Food Day



Wednesday 10th June

All orders receive a fortune cookie!

- **Sushi**
 - Teriyaki Chicken
 - Tuna
 - Vegetarian
- **Fried Rice**
- **Honey Soy Chicken with Rice**
- **Dim Sims**

A TASTE OF ASIA

Orders Must be Placed by Friday 5th June through Qkr!

Please Note: This Special food day will replace our normal canteen menu on that day.

A 'Taste of Asia' Day is coming up on June 10. Please ensure all orders are placed by Friday, June 5. Orders can be made easily via the Qkr! app.

We would like to welcome our new Assistant Canteen Manager, Donna Dix who comes to Glenelg Primary School with a wealth of experience in working in School Canteens.

New Frozen Treats Now Available!

We're excited to announce that the following frozen fruit options are now available for purchase at both recess and lunch:

- Frozen orange quarters: 20c each
- Frozen pineapple rings: 60c each
- Frozen watermelon: \$1.00 each

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