

School News



15th July, 2021

Values

Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Excellence

Vision

Glenroy West Primary School Kindergarten to Year 6 aspires to create a challenging, safe, inclusive learning environment that will develop internationally-minded young people who will achieve their greatest potential and make a positive contribution to a diverse global society.

IB LEARNER PROFILE ATTRIBUTES

INQUIRERS	KNOWLEDGEABLE	THINKERS	COMMUNICATORS
PRINCIPLED	OPEN-MINDED	CARING	RISK-TAKERS
	BALANCED	REFLECTIVE	

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

School Website: www.glenroywestps.vic.edu.au

ATTENDANCE- OUR NEW SLOGAN LEARNING STARTS AT 9AM

July

Monday 26th July- School Photos

Monday 19th July- Grade 5/6 excursion to NGV

Thursday 22nd July- Think You Know Presentation 5-6pm for Students, Staff and families

Monday 26th July- School Photos

Wednesday 28th July- Student Led Conferences

August

Friday 13th August- Whole School Athletics Day

Monday 16th August- Grade 1-2 Excursion to ACMI

Wednesday 18th August- Family Science Afternoon

Friday 20th August- Book Week Parade (Dress Up day)

September

Wednesday 1st- 3rd Sept.- CAMP

Thursday 9th September- Writer's Festival

Wednesday 16th September- Year 6 Exhibition

Friday 18th September- Last day of Term 3. Casual Clothes day. Students dismissed at 2.30pm

TERM 3 Monday 12 July to Friday 17 September

TERM 4 Monday 4 October to Friday 17 December

*As IB learners we
strive to be:
Inquirers*

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Principled

Open-minded

Caring

Risk-takers

Balanced

Reflective

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/carers,

I do hope everyone enjoyed the break and managed to have some down time with family and friends.

Welcome back to all students, families and staff. Term 3, Semester 2 is a ten week term. A great deal to experience and enjoy during the term for all students and families so, please ensure you check dates to remember and all communications via Compass or our Newsletter. It's going to be a busy term with excursions planned, Cyber safety information session for parents, school photos, student led conferences, science family afternoon, Book Week Parade and athletics day to name a few.

Student Reports

Well done Glenroy West families accessing your child's progress (mid -year) report via compass at the end of Term 2. If any parents have been unable to view the reports due to access issues or passwords, please inform the school office so we can assist you.

Thank you to GW families for your support accessing your child's report on Compass and to all staff for their work preparing reports and completing the assessment and reporting process.

Please note: Students reports are available for viewing at any time, however it is recommended that you download and print a copy for your records as once your child has left the school your compass account will no longer exist.

Finally School Photo day on Monday 26th July, 2021!

Due to COVID restrictions on a few occasions we can finally proceed with our school photos. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform. Thank you.

Student Led Conferences- Term 3 Wednesday 28th July

*A reminder Student led conferences will be **held** in Term 3 on Wednesday 28th July. Please log into the Compass parent portal using your username and password.*

The student led conference is a student led conversation between your child and his/her parents/guardian with the teacher supporting the process as required. Student Led conferences will be 15 minutes duration in the classroom.

Parent Opinion Survey- 2021

At Glenroy West P.S PARENT OPINION AND FEEDBACK IS HIGHLY VALUED. The use of Parent Opinion data on a range of issues and as a measure of school performance is vital to working to ensure our school is the very best it can be.

We encourage and request parent feedback and opinion throughout the year to also involve parents, staff and students in the annual anonymous DET State wide opinion surveys.

The Parent Opinion survey is held in Term 3 annually across all Victorian schools. Selection for inclusion in the survey is purely a random sample involving 30% of parents. We strongly encourage all parents who have been selected randomly in 2021 to complete the survey as soon as possible within the 3 week period.

The responses of parents with regard to the measures of school climate, student engagement and effective teaching practice known to influence student engagement and outcomes, will be of great benefit to our school.

The opinions and data gained, will be used in school review processes and will contribute to ongoing whole school improvement.

Q: How will I know if I am selected to participate?

Parents/ Carers who have been selected to participate through the random selection sample process will receive an email and link to the survey with guidance information during this term. If you are selected and require further information please don't hesitate to contact me via email Pamela.Streete@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

UPDATING EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

When a student is enrolled at school parents must provide a range of information which includes details such as:

- Address
- Phone numbers
- Parent A and B details
- Parent occupations
- Parent work details
- Family emergency contacts
- Child health information
- Demographic details for students
- Conditional enrolment details if relevant
- Student access or restrictions if relevant

ALL THIS COMES TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE KEY REFERENCE POINT OF INFORMATION FOR EACH CHILD ON A DAILY BASIS-

'Legal Duty of Care' which requires Principals to take all reasonable steps to reduce risks to students may be compromised if we do not have accurate and up to date information for each child.

Ensuring such information is updated is ultimately a parent responsibility, but in turn the school has a responsibility to remind parents and look for strategic ways to assist parents in gaining these updates.

Please contact the school if any of your details have changed.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in this matter.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2021

About the challenge

The Premiers reading Challenge has now started. Now in its 17th year, the challenge continues to inspire more children to read, helping to build essential literacy skills that support their education.

As part of the challenge, students in Years 3-10 need to read at least 15 books in the 6 months from March to September to complete the challenge. For Foundation- Year 2, the challenge is to read or experience 30 books.

Please contact Rachael Marks- Rachael.Marks@education.vic.gov.au

or

Please contact Rachel Chen- Rachel.Chen@education.vic.gov.au

FOUNDATION 2022 ENROLMENTS

We are now taking enrolments for 2022 Foundation students. Enrolment forms are available from the office or GWPS website. Please complete and return to the school office as soon as possible with a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunisation certificate.

Thank you.

Enrolling a sibling or students for 2022.

Stage 1 –Collect your enrolment pack.

Provide the office with a photo identification document (driver's licence) and a utilities statement which verifies your address if necessary. The policy for enrolling ensures that 50% of our enrolment intake can come from outside the area as well. This policy applies to all Government schools.

Stage 2- Collect the enrolment pack from the office and complete

- a) Enrolment form
- b) Acceptable use agreement ICT form
- c) Permission to use student image form
- d) Immunisation certificate (Medicare)
- e) Proof of birth- birth certificate

Stage 3- Make an enrolment appointment.

Looking at enrolling a student where Glenroy West is not your closest neighbourhood school.

Stage 1- Book in and attend a tour. We can always arrange a convenient appointment time

Stage 2- Meet with the Principal or a member of the Leadership team to discuss your child's enrolment.

All of these endeavours and considerations work to support our 2021 Annual Implementation Plan in the area of Positive Climate for Learning (Empowering students and building school pride). All information remains confidential.

Attendance: Please note

Daily school attendance is the single most important factor for all children to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school have better health and life outcomes. It is extremely important children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

Reporting your child's absence

For all absences, please email the school or ring the school office to report your child's absence.

Phone: 9306-8955

Parents/ carers can no longer upload absences to Compass. You may also write a note explaining your child's absence with a reason.

CANTEEN

The canteen is open daily for snacks and icy poles. Icy poles sell for \$1.00.

CLASSROOM CUISINE

Ordering lunch online available twice a week on a Wednesday and Friday. You may order online.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES- CLUBS

This year a number of clubs will be operating during Term 1 for students to join during lunchtime breaks. The Clubs are as follows- CHESS, YOGA, SKIPPING, ART, DANCE & CODING MINDCRAFT.

We have responded to student and parent feedback and actioned the Clubs for their enjoyment.

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons will continue to be offered through Genesis Music School this year. For further information please contact Genesis music on 9743 7210 or 0421 426 674. Email: info@genesismusicschool.com.au

EVERY DAY COUNTS –LEARNING STARTS AT 9AM

***DID YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD’S BEST LEARNING TIME IS THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY?
THAT’S WHEN EVERY MINUTE COUNTS THE MOST!***

It is very important to receive notification from parents or guardians when children are absent from school as we have an accountability to the Department of Education. Please use the following methods to inform us and include your child’s name and grade, date and reason for the absence.

- **Phone in**
- **Written note**
- **Compass notification**
- **Speak directly to the Classroom teacher. Teachers have a Duty of Care to call parents if a child is absent more than 2 days.**

Kindest regards

Pamela Streete

Principal

Dear Parents/carers,

Photos will take place on Monday 26th July,2021. Orders close on Wednesday 28th July, 2021.

Cash orders will NOT BE accepted. All orders must be completed online . Please visit www.schoolpix.com.au

Reminder that all students must be in full uniform.

Grade 6 Students please ensure that you are all wearing full uniform as Graduation photos will be taken.

Sibling Photos wont be taken unless Pre ordered 8.00AM Monday 26th July,2021.

Due to COVID19 Restrictions students are NOT to attend Photos if unwell.



Glenroy West Primary School
Your school photography day has been rescheduled to:
Monday, 26th July 2021
ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU
Orders close Wednesday 28th of July
Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on photo day.
If you already placed an order you don't need to do anything. It will be processed and delivered once photography is complete.
Misplaced your order form? Please visit www.schoolpix.com.au and use the student search to find your child's order number or contact our Customer Service team on 1300 766 055.
Please note: Cash orders will not be accepted



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SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOUR CHILD IS THERE

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

UNDERSTANDING THE LINK BETWEEN REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT

Attendance at or above 98%	These students have missed 4 days or less in a school year <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They have every chance of achieving to the best of their ability• These students are likely to have positive friendship groups
Attendance 95% - 97%	These students have missed 5-10 days in a school year <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They are more likely to be achieving well at school• With only occasional absences, these students will find it fairly easy to get back in touch with the learning program after absences
Attendance 90% - 94%	These students have missed 11-20 days in a school year <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These students may find it challenging to keep in touch with the learning program
Attendance 80% - 89%	These students have missed 21-40 days in a school year <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These students have missed up to 1 day every week, which equates to 2.5 years schooling missed by Year 12• It will be very difficult to keep in touch with school work and to maintain social connections
Attendance below 80%	These students have missed more than 40 days in a school year <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These students have missed more than 1 day per week• Students will be 'disconnected' from school. They are almost certain to experience academic and social difficulties

Adapted from North Eastern Victoria Region (NEVR) Attenda

Primary Years Programme Update



Learner Profile of the week

Caring

Students who are CARING want people around them to be happy and are sensitive to their needs. They think about the world and work to take care of their community and the environment. They remember to treat others how they themselves would like to be treated.



How can parents help to develop students who are Caring at home?

Role model the caring behaviour you would like to see in your child all the time. Your child has big eyes and ears and notices everything you do. Using kind words, helping people without being asked, being an active listener all show your child that you care about people. Even a simple thing, like holding a door for someone, shows your child that you are aware of others around you and want to help them.

Lisa Brandecker

Assistant Principal/PYP Coordinator

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Matific Leaderboard

Well done to the leaders for each year level

Year Level	Student
Foundation	Kavya D
Year 1	Adiv V
Year 2	Raeven V
Year 3/4	Luke M
Year 5/6	Yusha H

NAIDOC WEEK

Dear Parents, Families and School Community,

Glenroy West Primary School will be celebrating National Aboriginal and Islander Day Of Celebration – NAIDOC Day. This is a great chance to acknowledge, respect and learn from the oldest continuing civilisation in the world and our First Nation's People. The 2021 theme of NAIDOC WEEK is 'Heal Country' and many of you will already be aware of these celebrations or maybe even had a chance to participate in some community events.

At school we will be celebrating this event on **Friday 16 July**. Teachers have many activities planned to make this a real celebration and lots of fun for students and to learn from our First Australians and Indigenous cultures. We will keep you all updated in the next newsletter of some photos of this important celebration.

Rachael Marks, on behalf of GWPS staff



Student of the Week



Mrs Streete Principal	For demonstrating the learner profile of Knowledgeable by developing their understanding of local and global issues.	Ryder Melanie
Foundation B Ms Eyigun	For being caring towards her peers and playing nicely in the yard.	Taneisha
Foundation C Mrs Slade	For being caring towards our new class members.	Emre
1/2C Ms Tran	For being caring towards his peers and his learning.	Ruzgar
1A Ms S Chen	For being caring towards his classmates and his learning.	Avjot
2D Ms Silveira	For caring about his writing and creating a wonderful book. Well Done	Talal
2E Ms Wheeler	For being caring towards her peers.	Mattia
34A Ms Mead	For being a caring friend and being welcoming and helpful to our new classmates.	Hesham
34B Ms Webster	For helping and welcoming our new students back to GWPS.	Mohammad K
5/6A Ms Bryers	For being caring and welcoming to all students in our classroom.	Usama
5/6B Mr Hutchison	For being caring and welcoming to her peers in the classroom.	Amanda
PE Ms Rogers	For being caring and a risktaker and trying new things.	Insha

Grade 2D Newsletter

Glenroy West Primary School



Sharing the Planet

Earth's Resources are Important

Grade 2D have been inquiring into the central idea, Earth's resources are important.



The class explored lines of inquiry such as:
What are natural and man-made resources?

What are the main resources we need to live?

2D developed their thinking and researching skills.



The students in 2D inquiring into what resources plants need to survive.

2D explored how resources are limited and that we all need to be responsible and not waste Earth's natural resources and recycle man-made resources.

We recycled man-made materials to create all kinds of amazing objects.

We also wrote lyrics, narratives and procedural texts inspired by our inquiry



Grade 1-2 Newsletter

A warm welcome back to all families. Grade 1-2 students will start off the term with learning about subtraction in Numeracy by exploring a range of strategies and materials to support their problem solving, such as, counting back, number lines, bead frames, unifix, place value and many more. Students will also be focusing on how to identify different themes in texts by identifying the message from the author in Literacy. Grade 1-2 students have also kicked off the term with their new unit of Inquiry "How We Express Ourselves" with the central idea- Art is used as a form of communication. Students will have fun discovering what Art is, what its purpose is, how it can be used to communicate and different forms of Art.



3/4A Newsletter

Welcome back everyone! We have had a great start to Term 3.

In our current unit of inquiry, How the World Works, we are practicing our research skills.

Our central idea is *Earth is part of a vast and complex universe.*

This week we have been researching about gravity and finding out lots of interesting information.



Rawan learned that Sir Isaac Newton discovered gravity.

Nuna learned that the force of gravity is what holds our Earth in the sun's orbit.

Sahar found out that you weigh more or less on other planets. For example, if you weighed 100kg on Earth, you would weigh 253kg on Jupiter.



Krismika learned that gravity is what keeps unsupported items on the Earth.

Nandana found out that no matter which way you throw or drop an object, what comes up, must come down.

