

School News



25th August, 2022

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

2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3 -

August

- **Thursday 25.8-Book Week Dress Up Day**
- **Tuesday 30.8-District Athletics Day /School Council meeting**

September

- **Tuesday 6.9 PYP Exhibition for Year 6 Students**
- **Wednesday 7.9 PYP Exhibition for the community**
- **Thursday 8.9 Prep Transition 9-10am**
- **Tuesday 13.9 Bundoora Farm excursion Years 1 and 2**
- **Wednesday 14.9- Friday 16.9 inclusive- Kinglake Forest Adventures Camp Years 5-6**
- **Friday 16.9 is the last day of Term 3. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2.30pm. Disco & casual clothes.**

Term 4-

Monday 3 October-Wednesday 20 December

Update from the Principal

Principal's Message

**As IB learners we
strive to be:
Inquirers**

Dear Parents & Guardians,
Hope your week began well.

As I write today the sun is shining and we all hope that this is a good indication that our 2022 winter season of sickness is coming to an end.

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Principled

Open-minded

Caring

Risk-takers

Balanced

Reflective

I must say, that as principal of the school I have reflected and feel incredibly proud of our staff, students and community. Like all schools, we have had our challenges however we have worked together and persisted in pursuing our improvement goals. Significant work has been undertaken by all members of the community to ensure that gains have been made in the learning and wellbeing spaces. The resilience displayed by all has been wonderful to see. I am positive that the work done during this tough period will help us shine even brighter in the future.

Kindest regards,
Pamela Streete.

Parent Opinion Survey- Please return your envelope to the school office.

Yes, that time of year has come around quickly. A reminder was sent to all parents and carers to please complete the Parent Opinion Survey from Friday 19.8 to Friday 16 September. We hope that you take the time to participate in our Parent Opinion Survey so that we can gain an understanding of our community's views and help shape discussions for the future. The survey isn't too long to complete and we would very much appreciate your feedback.

Thank you.

Pam.

PYP PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME EXHIBITION

The Primary Years Programme (PYP) exhibition is a requirement of all authorized PYP schools. It represents a significant event in the life of a PYP student, making sense of the essential elements, skills, knowledge, attitudes, concepts and action of the PYP and sharing them with the whole school community.

The exhibition provides the culminating experience of the student's engagement with the Primary Years Programme and provides a forum for demonstrating the attributes of the Learner Profile to our community.

The staging of the exhibition is the culmination of this extended collaborative inquiry and the students enjoy the experience of sharing their learning with both their parents and the wider school community.

The exhibition will be open to the school community on

- **Wednesday 7th September.** More information from the Year 6 Teachers to follow regarding this event.

Premier's Reading Challenge- Closes 2nd September, 2022

The Challenge encourages children and students to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. Since the challenge began in 2005, more than 3.5million students have read over 54 million books.

Please upload your books onto the PRC website, no later than 2/9/22.

<https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/Challenger/WebLogin.aspx>

If you have misplaced your username / password please contact Maureen Luke by email

Maureen.Luke@educatiuon.vic.gov.au

Special moments I noticed this week:

- *Students demonstrating the IB Learner Profile of Caring & Communicator by helping one another*
- *Future 2023 Prep Children enjoying learning and socialising together*
- *Grade 6 Leaders showing our new Prep children how to line up and where in the school grounds*
- *Year 2 Students reporting on the IB Inquiry Unit and evidence of student reflection.*

Student Supervision

A friendly reminder to let our parents and carers know that students are supervised at school from 8.40am onwards. We have an increasing number of students arriving at school before 8am. This is not safe for our students and we ask that students arrive as close to 8.50am as possible.

If you are unable to supervise your child prior to 8.50am, please contact Village OSCH and they can support you with enrolling your child in the before school program. This is a reasonable cost and eligible parents will be able to get a further rebate with their childcare subsidy.

Contact Village OSCH on 1300 366 437.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Dear Parents and Friends,

We have had many parents enquiring about second hand uniform. For this reason, we are asking if any parents would be willing to step forward as volunteers to assist with the selling of second hand school uniform.

Please let me know by email Pamela.Streete@education.vic.gov.au or contact the school office on 9306-8955.

Thank you

Regards,

Pam.

COMPASS

A reminder that Compass is used for the following at Glenroy West Primary School:

- *Communicating with our families*
- *Reading your child's school reports-Both 6 weekly and semester reports*
- *Student Individual Learning Plans*
- *Booking Teacher/ Parent Interviews*
- *All Events notified*
- *Newsletter weekly update*

It is important that you know how to login and check it regularly to remain informed.

Please ask at the office if you require assistance with Compass.

School Planning/ Enrolments 2023

I am aware it is early but nevertheless planning for next year is underway. It is essential that the school is notified of any student in Foundation to Year 5, who is not intending to return to GWPS in 2023.

If your daughter or son will not be returning next year, please email the school glenroywest.ps@education.vic.gov.au or alternatively please visit the office to complete a school transfer form.

2023 Foundation Enrolments

If you have a young child in your family that is due to commence their school journey with us in 2023, we ask that you please call or visit our office to arrange a time to meet and obtain enrolment forms as soon as possible.

It is very pleasing that high interest is regularly shown in our school. Prospective parents have already begun making enquiries about 2023 places for Foundation students. Enquiries will continue throughout the year and will come from local families, those looking to move into the area and families from further afield. Through these encounters, I gain feedback about Glenroy West and information which clearly indicates that our learning environment practices are held in high regard.

If any family has a child to enrol for Foundation 2023, please email the Principal, Pamela Streete

Pamela.Streete@education.vic.gov.au

or Anita (Enrolment Officer) Antoinette.onzo@education.vic.gov.au as soon as possible.

This is important information which allows us to gauge the number of sibling enrolment places required before we begin overall school enrolment procedures for 2023

School Tours

If you know someone who lives in Glenroy and is interested in our school, please go to the enrolments page on our website and follow the instructions. If you already have children in our school, live in the zone and have a Foundation student for 2023, please make sure you collect an enrolment pack.

Tours will be conducted on a Tuesday and Thursday weekly from 9.30am. Approximately 20 minutes duration.

Bookings are to be made through the school office on 9306-8955.

held in high regard.

Enjoy the remainder of this week and your weekend,

Kindest regards,

Pamela Streete

Principal

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

ATTENDANCE RESEARCH FACTS

Did you know that research shows that higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student outcomes?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every day. They will:

- *Learn better*
- *Make friends*
- *Be happier*
- *Have a brighter future.*

Attendance

EVERY DAY COUNTS! A HEALTHY SCHOOL CULTURE!

Must I send my child to school every day?

Yes unless:

- ***Your child is too sick or injured to go to school***
- ***Your child has an infectious disease***
- ***The school principal is provided with any other genuine and acceptable reason for absence.***

ATTENDANCE MATTERS- EVERY DAY COUNTS.....

Why does Attendance Matter?

Every day counts in a child's academic life. The primary rationale for high-quality attendance is the relationship between attendance and student achievement.

A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn, in this era of increased accountability for states and schools.

Research shows that attendance is an important factor in student achievement.

Students who attend regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not attend have regular attendance.

Poor attendance has serious implications for later outcomes as well.

*We have reviewed our Attendance policy and process this year - please see attached on the webpage. Our school does an excellent job monitoring the attendance and punctuality of all students however there are a small number of students who continue to arrive 'late' and those with chronic absenteeism. **The DET has raised the attendance of all students as a continued focus for 2022.***

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Student of the Week



WEEK 7-Open Minded

Mrs Streete Principal	For demonstrating the IB Learner Profile of Caring by helping with the bin collection and caring for our school physical environment. Well done.	Nevatama Ayan Shehran Laith
Foundation A Ms Chen	For being an open-minded learner when listening to her peers during class discussions.	Charlize
Foundation B Mrs Silveira	For being open-minded by having a go at learning experiences in her new school.	Angeline
Foundation C Ms Eyigun	For being an open-minded learner and trying new things.	Tricia
1A Ms Tiwana	For being an open-minded learner who is always ready to learn new concepts.	Anah
1B Mrs Zambara	For being open-minded when listening to her peers opinion during class discussion.	Taneisha
2A Ms Webster	For being open-minded when completing new learning tasks and always trying his best.	Pratyush
2B Mr Shields	For being open-minded when completing new learning tasks and always trying his best.	Ayaan
3A Ms McLure	For using different information to change her views and opinions.	Emily
3B Ms Wheeler	For always being considerate of others points of view.	Ruzgar
4A Mrs Mendham & Ms Luke	For listening to class members and being respectful.	Rawan
4B Ms Tillekeratne	For respecting others and engaging daily and openly with others.	Peter
5/6A Ms Pollnitz	For listening respectfully to other people's opinions and sharing his considered ideas.	Riley
5/6B Mr Hutchison	For being open-minded by listening to and respecting the views of others.	Sher
5/6C Mr Jardine	For being open-minded to thinking about different approaches to our inquiry unit.	Alex
PE Mr Cruz	For being open-minded when undertaking new activities in PE.	Avni
STEAM Mr Jardine	For being open-minded and trailing new techniques and strategies in STEAM.	Suhani and Muaz



GLENROY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

INSPIRE GROW ACHIEVE

NOTIFICATION FOR PARENTS OF SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL AT GLENROY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student safety at Glenroy West Primary School is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

Before school: School grounds are supervised at 8:35-8:50am.

After school: School grounds are supervised from 3:15-3:30 pm.

Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity).

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care, or a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice).

Please contact Village OSCH to book your child into Before or After School Care program if required:

The contact telephone number: -_1300 366 437 and email: - support@villageoshc.com.au

Families are encouraged to contact our school office for more information about the before and after school care facilities available to our school community or if you would like any further information about our student supervision arrangements.

For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy please see our website. This policy includes Glenroy West Primary School's student supervision arrangements across the school day, including before and after school.

Kind regards

Anne Kyriacou

Anne.Kyriacou@education.vic.gov.au

Assistant Principal

5 tips to keep your family safe online

Parents and carers can use a combination of strategies to help young people build their digital technology skills and have safer experiences online.

1. Start the chat

Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce [good online habits](#) such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. As your child grows older, eSafety's advice about [hard to have conversations](#) will help with some of the tricky topics like sending nudes, online pornography and contact from sexual predators.

2. Create a family technology agreement

Creating a Family Technology Agreement can help you and your kids decide together when and how digital technology will be used at home. As a family, brainstorm easy-to-follow rules and display them where everyone will see them. Your agreement could cover things like: time limits, apps your kids are allowed to use and online behaviour. Families with younger children can [download](#) a template to guide the conversation.

3. Set up parental controls

Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here. [Taming the technology](#) can help you understand your options. Grab a device and get started with our guides to setting up parental controls on [devices and accounts](#) or in [social media, games and apps](#).

4. Choose games and other apps carefully

Use eSafety's [App checklist for parents](#) to think about the positives and negatives when your child asks to download a new game or other app. The checklist covers things like age ratings, managing privacy settings and reporting abuse in-app. You can also use, 'The eSafety guide' to check and set up safety features with your child.

5. Use digital technology together

Exploring or playing on devices or online with your child can be a positive experience that promotes learning and development. Ask questions, be curious and get involved. To learn more, read our blogpost [How to encourage good screen practices for your child](#).

esafety.gov.au

Keeping Up With; Foundation C

Science Week;

Foundation C are Scientists!

We have been predicting, conducting and observing different science experiments in our classroom. We used our Learner Profile Attribute of; Thinker, Risk-taker and Principled throughout each lesson.

We enjoyed being Scientists! 😊





Light and Sound

In 2A we are investigating light and sound.



We have been learning about light and it's different sources.

Light travels in a straight line and we investigated what happens when an object is placed in its path.

Our bodies created shadows from the sun because we are opaque.



Light travels through things that are transparent.

Bioluminescent means living things are a light source.

Everything reflects light.

The light spectrum has 7 colours that are rainbow.

The colour wheel went completely white when it spun fast.



BOOKWEEK IN 5/6C!





Science Day

Thursday 18th August
Celebrating National Science Week



The best activity was the fast balloon rocket with Mr Cruz, because Mr Cruz kept popping the balloons. We had to race the balloons. We had two chairs and two straws and two strings. The air coming out of the balloon made it move fast.

-Aiden



I like dancing raisins. You put Soda water in a glass cup and then you put the raisins in and the raisins danced around.

- Sara

I enjoyed the bubbles with Mr Shields. We had to blow bubbles on the table where it was wet. They made big bubbles.

-Bhuvan

I learnt about fireworks in a cup. It worked by having oil in the bottom, water in the middle and oil on the top. Then you put little drops of food dye and then you had to wait for it to explode!

-Natalija

I liked making Oobleck it acts like a solid with pressure and it acts like a liquid or slime when there is no pressure

-Glory



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Hello Everyone, This week is Science week! The children will be invited to participate in celebrating Science Week through play-based activities.

Science learning begins with curiosity and inquiry. Being an Inquirer is one of the Learner Profiles we are learning about. Every day at kindergarten we embrace science that begins with your child's curiosity.

You may explore science at home – perhaps through cooking such as baking cakes and seeing how the mixture comes together and then changes or making popcorn and listening to the popping sound or planting seeds and watching them grow. Then through our senses - seeing how things taste, feel, sound, look and smell. This are all part of science! It is wonderful and very exciting!



Perhaps on the weekend you saw the hailstorm...then the ice melted to become water... This is Science.

For you to try at home

Listen to the Story of Who Sank the Boat? Then try this science experiment at home!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RMSCgmXHWok&ab_channel=MarkGooding

Follow up science experiment at home:

You will need a large tub of water and a collection of different objects of various sizes and shapes that float and sink such as a cork, eraser, plasticine ball, marble, tennis ball. Have your child sort the items into two piles: those that float and those that sink. Take a photo of their predictions. Now test all of the objects and adjust the two piles accordingly to whether they were able to float or sink. Talk about the different materials and weights of the objects. This is a great science experiment to help children learn scientific skills they will use for future learning such as predicting, observing, sorting and classifying, experimenting and reporting their findings.

Here is a link for Scienceworks Museum at Home that you might like to explore with your children

<https://museums victoria.com.au/scienceworks/at-home/>

And Some Experiments with Ice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9V5vmSrntwM>



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- Junior Group & Private (Years 8 plus)
- Adult Cardio & Private



Next, call or text me on 0456 360 278 and claim your free lesson today.

Spots are filling fast for Term 4 so have your trial and let's take it from there!

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