

GLENROY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Information Booklet

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Letter from the Principal

Welcome to Glenroy West Primary School, proudly a Victorian State Government School. Our mission is to provide the highest level of public service to our community of parents and students.

Glenroy West Mission Statement

Glenroy West Primary School K- 6 has high expectations of all students. We encourage them to strive to achieve their greatest potential and to make a positive contribution to a diverse global society.

In embracing the school motto 'Inspire, Grow, Achieve' we will develop creativity and innovation and encourage all students to reach their intellectual and physical capabilities through their actions. We will provide a challenging education in a safe, supportive environment.

We will provide to build positive relationships within a learning and inclusive | school community in order to achieve the best possible educational experience for each students.

Our ultimate aim is to develop personal qualities and attitudes that will enable students to face the challenges of the future with confidence.

It is a privilege to be a part of the Glenroy West Primary School community.

Our community nurtures the individual talents of children so they become critical and compassionate thinkers, lifelong learners, and individuals who are open to the differences that exist in our global community. Specialist programs include Music, LOTE (Spanish), Physical Education and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

The school's Strategic plan cites literacy and numeracy as key priorities and also includes developing stronger links with our school community as a major pathway to ensuring that every child is literate and numerate. The partnership between home and school is a key indicator of student performance and the building of this relationship is a key strategy for continued school improvement.

Working together with our school community we have a strong focus on school improvement and excellent teaching and learning programs that put our children at the centre of our day to day school life.

Our actions are intentional, with a clear focus on purposeful teaching and learning for every child.

Join us on our journey!

Pam Streete **Principal**

School Profile

Glenroy West Primary School was established in 1958 in the northern residential suburb of Glenroy now within the City of Merri-Bek. The school has a current enrolment of 350 students with increasing enrolments to provide services to a community from diverse socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds. A strong sense of community is promoted, characterised by the school's friendly, welcoming and caring environment.

Glenroy West Primary School has received considerable funding for a building project to modernise the school and provide our students with state-of-the-art facilities including a gymnasium, flexible learning spaces, STEM room and upgraded play spaces. The building project will be fully completed in 2024 and students will have access to all new building and play spaces.

Glenroy West Primary School is highly regarded in the local and wider community for excellent academic results at above 'State' in both literacy and numeracy Years 3 and 5. We are very proud of our results and strive to maintain and excel for each individual student in academic and all facets of your child's education.

At Glenroy West we emphasise:-

- Providing a safe and secure environment
- School and home working in partnership
- Developing each child's potential
- Developing positive attitudes to learning, school life and self
- Providing professional development for all staff (teaching and non-teaching)
- Striving for excellence through achievement
- Enhancing academic programs
- Fostering co-operation, through responsible behaviour and self-discipline
- Fostering independence as students progress through the school
- Consistent classroom and yard play rules and consequences
- Involving parents in classroom programs and co-curricular activities.

Our school has a strong tradition of staff responsibility for input into program planning and curriculum development through area planning teams. A balanced and sequential curriculum with well-developed policies and programs is implemented based on the Victorian Curriculum. Student assessment and reporting to parents is based on these learning outcomes.

TERM DATES 2025

Period	Start	Finish
Term 1	All students Foundation to Year 6 start: Wednesday 29 th January	4 th April
Term 2	22 nd April	4 th July
Term 3	21 st July	19 th September
Term 4	6 th October	19 th December

January 28th 2025 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. All children at Glenroy West Primary School will begin school on 29th January.

Foundation Students do not attend school on Wednesdays during February. Students will be allocated a time to come in and complete their Foundation school entry assessment. Foundation students will begin full-time school weeks from Monday 3rd March.

SCHOOL ROUTINE

8.50am – 9.00am	Students enter classroom to get ready for the day
9.00am – 10.00am	Reading
10.00am – 11.00am	Writing
11.00am – 12.00pm	Numeracy
12.00pm – 12.10pm	Children eat their lunch under supervision
12.10pm – 12.40pm	<i>Lunch Break– 30 minutes</i>
12.40pm – 1.40pm	Spelling/Grammar and Punctuation
1.40pm - 2.15 pm	<i>Afternoon Recess – 35 minutes</i>
2.15pm – 3.15pm	Unit of Inquiry
3.15 pm	Dismissal

Literacy

The development of Language helps to create confident communicators, imaginative thinkers and informed citizens. At Glenroy West Primary School we place a strong emphasis on developing literacy skills through meaningful contexts. Our Inquiry program provides an authentic context for students to develop and use language. Our Literacy program is underpinned by The Victorian Curriculum, which provides a comprehensive set of prescribed content and common achievement standards across Victoria, and is used to plan for student learning, assess student progress and report to parents.

The English curriculum is built around the three interrelated strands of Language, Literature and Literacy. Teaching and learning programs balance and integrate all three strands. Together the three strands focus on developing students' knowledge, understanding and skills in Reading and Viewing, Speaking and Listening and Writing.

We use The Writing Model for our writing program and work closely with a consultant. Students in Years Foundation to Two complete the Heggerty phonics program. All year levels have daily practice in handwriting, spelling and grammar and punctuation.

Numeracy

Glenroy West Primary School sees the study of Mathematics as a way of thinking, and that the transdisciplinary nature and language of mathematics as more than simply a series of equations and facts to be memorised.

As such, we see mathematics as a powerful and effective tool that can be personalised to engage our students in describing and analysing the world around us, and encourage our students to think of themselves as 'mathematicians,' in the same way that literacy supports our students to become authors, readers and publishers.

Mastering basic skills, developing an understanding of key mathematical concepts and using them practically in our day-to-day life at school and home is an essential process.

Staff and students use inquiry as a vehicle to apply their knowledge of mathematics in a fluent and logical fashion to **construct** meaning based on their previous experiences and understanding. Students then **transfer** their knowledge and understanding through the symbolic notation. Following this students are encouraged to build upon this through the **application** of increasingly abstract levels of meaning that is contextualized in relevant, realistic contexts.

General Information

Outside of School Hours Care

Village OSHC

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday

Before School Care: 7.00am-8.45am

After School Care: 3.15pm-6.00pm



More information regarding the Outside of School Hours Care Program visit VillageOSHC.com.au

Communication to Parents - Compass



Compass is our online portal where parents and families can access information about their child.

Families are provided with a unique username and password that enables them to be part of the two-way communication with the school.

Compass can be accessed on the internet at <http://glenroywestps-vic.compass.education>, and is also available as an app for some smartphones and tablets – search for 'Compass School Manager' in the applicable App Store.

Logging in to Compass provides a quick and easy way to do a range of things, including notifying the school about an absence for your child, accessing their Semester report and seeing results of many of our assessment tasks conducted throughout the year. Newsletter and important information is communicated to parents through Compass.

Excursions and Incursions

Excursions and Incursions are an important part of our educational program. They provide experiences for the child which support the learning within the Units of Inquiry.

Camps

We offer an annual 3 day/2 night school camp for students in Years 3 to 6.

Library

A library session will be allocated once a week where children may borrow books from the school library to take home. The library is also open at some lunchtimes for students to enjoy the books.

Lunch Orders

Lunch Orders are available on Wednesdays and Fridays from Classroom Cuisine www.classroomcuisine.com.au



Breakfast Club

We offer a breakfast club to all students from 8.30am to 8.50am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All students are invited to attend and have a free breakfast supplied by the FoodBank.

Reporting to Parents

During the year we offer Parent teacher interviews, Celebrations of Learning and Student-Led Conferences as opportunities to celebrate and discuss your child's progress.

All students receive Individual Learning Improvement Plans twice a term where their learning goals are updated.



Regular updates on learning are sent home via Seesaw.

School Council

The School Council is the main organisational body which involves parent participation. It is largely responsible for the organisation of and improvement to, the facilities of the school. Decisions made by the School Council are made based on continued consultation with the Principal and Staff.

Meetings are held twice per term. These meetings are open to the entire school community and parents are encouraged to discuss with School Council members any concerns they may have regarding school policy or facilities. This is essential if the School Council is to reflect the wishes and attitudes of the entire school community.

Volunteers

Parent and community volunteers are welcome to assist in a number of ways. Volunteers are welcome to assist in the classrooms, on camps and excursions, in the library, at school events, fundraising events and working bees.

Any volunteers who will be working with children at the school will require a Working With Children Check.

School Assemblies

Our Whole School assemblies are held every second Friday commencing at 2.45pm in the school gymnasium. The assembly is run by the Year 6 Student Leadership Team.

Parents, relatives and friends of the family are welcome and encouraged to attend as it keeps you informed as to important news and events within the school community.

On the alternative Friday, each Learning Community runs their own area assembly. This is an opportunity for students to share their work and learning with their peers and families. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend.

Student of the Week awards are presented weekly at both assemblies. These are awarded to students based on academic and behavioural merit at each year level and in the specialist subjects.

School Uniform

All children are expected to wear the Glenroy West Primary School uniform.



The uniform is available from LOWES in Broadmeadows Shopping Centre – Shop G126, 1099 – 1169 Pascoe Vale Road.

Orders can also be placed online at: <https://www.lowes.com.au/schools-online/glenroy-west>

Hats are compulsory from the beginning of September until the end of April.



Specialist classes

Students in all year levels have weekly specialist classes in the following subjects:

- Physical Education
- Languages Other Than English – Spanish
- Music
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

High Achievers

At Glenroy West we offer a number of additional opportunities for students.

ICAS – The University of New South Wales ICAS assessment is designed to assess your child's ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problemsolving skills. Parents receive a detail report and students receive a certificate.

Victorian High Ability Program – selected students in Years 5 and 6 complete a 10 week virtual enrichment program in either Mathematics or English. The program focuses on tasks that stimulate students' critical thinking, problem solving and creativity.

Homework Club

Homework Club operates after school one afternoon a week for Students in Years 3-6. Parent permission is required for your child to attend.

Homework Club is supervised by teachers and support staff to assist students with their weekly homework requirements.

Lunchtime Clubs

We run clubs at lunchtime interested students, including: library, yoga, dance, lego, chess, debating, art and Minecraft.

Student Wellbeing and Students with Additional Needs

Our Wellbeing and Inclusion Team consists of a Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader, a Disability Inclusion leader, a Social Worker and a Counsellor. We also have a psychologist from OnPsych who works with students when parents request the service.

We have a number of Education Support Staff members who work in the classrooms to support students.

We provide Intervention in Literacy and Numeracy for students that require additional support in these areas.

EAL - English as an Additional Language

The cultural capabilities of all students are valued and celebrated at Glenroy West. Catering for English as an Additional Language (EAL) students is a long term, whole school commitment. Some EAL students require targeted teaching, extra time, support and exposure to English. These students may be supported in small groups with an EAL teacher or Multicultural Aide to develop and extend their literacy skills. Classroom teachers are aware of the diverse needs of EAL students and use teaching strategies aimed at further developing the level of competency and confidence in English for these students.

Home Learning

All students are given homework on a weekly basis.

All students also receive a subscriptions to:

- Seesaw
- Sunshine Online - digital books
- IXL – English and Mathematics
- Mangahigh - Mathematics



Child Safe

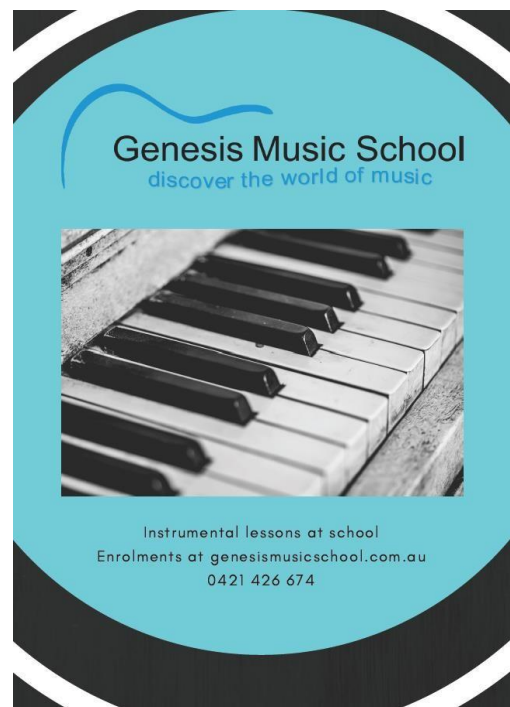
The safety of all of our students is a high priority for all staff at Glenroy West Primary School. As part of our commitment to the physical and mental health of the students in our school community, we are fully involved in meeting our Duty of Care for your children while they are in our care.

It is everyone's responsibility to protect children from all forms of abuse. For information on how we can all be active in protecting children from abuse, please read the information at:

<https://www.glenroywestps.vic.edu.au/page/215/Child-Safe>

Instrumental Music Lessons at Glenroy West

Instrumental music lessons are offered on a user pay basis during school hours. If you are interested, please contact Genesis Music School on 0421 426 674



Playgroup

We offer a playgroup for our families and the local community. If you have children between the ages of 0 to 5, please come along and enjoy!

2024 Playgroup times:



York Street Kindergarten



Kindergarten is free for 3 Year olds and 4 Year olds.

York Street Kindergarten is on the site of the Glenroy West Primary School and is very much a part of the learning community.

York Street Kindergarten is managed by the Northern Schools Early Years Cluster, and offers a high quality program for both 3 and 4 year old children. York Street Kindergarten is regularly attended by a speech pathologist, psychologist and social worker. This team of specialist's works closely with the educators to ensure that the children are supported with their developmental needs, learning, wellbeing and inclusion in the program.

The kindergarten provides a high quality program and was recently assessed as '*Exceeding*' the National Quality Standards for Early Childhood Education and Care (in mid 2021)

Enrolments for the 3 and 4-year-old programs at York Street Kindergarten are via the [Merri-bek City Council](#). For assistance with the process, call us on 9306 1662, email office@nseyc.org.au, or for more information about the enrolment process see [How to enrol](https://nseyc.org.au/enrolments/) - <https://nseyc.org.au/enrolments/>