

# School News



6<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

## Values:

**Respect Excellence Co-operation Responsibility**

*School Mission- The community of Glenroy West Primary School works in partnership to inspire every child to do their best and encourages them to grow and achieve excellence*

*School Vision - Inspire, Grow, Achieve*

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

School Website: [www.glenroywestps.vic.edu.au](http://www.glenroywestps.vic.edu.au)

### Term 4

#### **Victorian School Terms- 2020**

Term 1, 2020- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January and ends Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

Term 2, 2020- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April and ends Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

Term 3, 2020 – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July and ends Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

Term 4, 2020- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October and ends Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

### Term 1

#### **February**

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February- MEET & GREET FROM 3.30-7.30PM
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February- Curriculum Day on Writing
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February- Parent Helpers Information Session
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February- Shrove Tuesday F-2/ School Council Meeting 5pm
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February- Family Working Bee, BBQ & Games

### March

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March- Labour Day Holiday
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March- School Council Meeting 5pm
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March- Celebration of Learning 3.15-5.00pm
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March- Dismissal at 2.30pm

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: CURRICULUM DAY FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY.**

**STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL.**

**The staff will be participating in professional learning with a Literacy Consultant on Writing.**

### **Principal's Report Pamela Streete**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are beginning the month of February and classes are soon starting their first unit of inquiry. New friendships have been made and we are set for a great first term.

### **Maintenance during the holidays**

During the holidays we had painters in the admin area and Hallway to freshen up the areas for 2020. We also had garden maintenance and asphaltting in certain areas of the school.

New signage should be erected very soon around the school. Keep an eye out and let me know your thoughts. Best wishes to everyone for a healthy and productive 2020 and we look forward to working with you and your children this year.

PYP LEARNER PROFILES ATTRIBUTES	<u><b>IB MISSION STATEMENT</b></u>
Inquirers	The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.
Knowledgeable	To this end the IB works with schools, governments, and international organisations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences can also be right.
Thinkers	<u><b>GLENROY WEST MISSION STATEMENT</b></u>
Communicators	At Glenroy West P.S. high expectations are met, valuing intrinsic rewards through actions focused upon the IB Primary Years programme, and Learner Profiles. Glenroy West P.S. aims to deliver best learning and teaching practice which supports and develops learners who are knowledgeable and seek to display an international perspective.
Principled	<b>Glenroy West K-6 has zero tolerance for child abuse.</b>
Open-minded	Glenroy West is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.
Caring	Every person involved at Glenroy West has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all children is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.
Risk-takers	<u><b>MEET THE TEACHER EVENING</b></u>
Balanced	As part of our commitment to developing excellent partnerships between home and school we have arranged the following-
Reflective	<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February- Meet the Teacher 3.30-7.30pm. Parents and carers are invited to book online on Compass for a 10 minute time slot. The purpose of these meetings is to enable you to meet your child's teacher and inform them about your child's needs and your hopes for this year at school. Any difficulty booking online please speak to your child's teacher.</b>
	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February- Working Bee, BBQ and Games afternoon</b>
	<u><b>SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS</b></u>
	It is time to ask parents who are interested to nominate to be part of the Glenroy West School Council. This involves attending a monthly meeting, for about an hour where you can contribute ideas and learn more about GWPS. Terms of office are 2 years. Individuals can self -nominate or have another nominate them for a position. Nominations will be called for on Monday 10th February with the closing date being Monday 17th February. Nomination forms will be available at the office from next week and I urge parents to consider being involved in our school council or help in other ways.
	<u><b>KISS AND DROP ZONE</b></u>
	<b>Kiss &amp; Drop Zone- William Street near the staff carpark</b>
	Please utilise this additional parking bay area for your convenience. It is kiss and drop NOT ALL DAY PARKING. Please use this space safely and with courtesy. Two minute drop off zone.
	Located in William Street and open for parents to drop off and collect your child before and after school. The area is supervised by staff and you are required to turn left from William Street not right to ensure the safety of all concerned. Any queries or questions please speak to a member of staff.

**PYP ATTITUDES**

**Appreciation**

**Enthusiasm**

**Cooperation**

**Creativity**

**Confidence**

**Commitment**

**Curiosity**

**Integrity**

**Empathy**

**Tolerance**

**Independence**

**Respect**

**FOUNDATION 2020**

If any family has a child to enrol for Foundation 2020, please speak to our Administration Enrolment Officer Anita or call the school on 9306-8955.

**SAME DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES**

All parents and guardians can access COMPASS to log student absence or otherwise contact the school directly or via the school email [glenroywestps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:glenroywestps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**MEDICAL CONCERNS**

Please let your teacher know if your child suffers from allergies or special medical conditions. The most up to date information you can supply will enable us to take the best care of your child's needs at school.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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](mailto:info@genesismusicschool.com.au)

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP-OPEN WEDNESDAY 8.30- 10.30AM**

For the month of February the uniform shop will be open both Wednesday and Friday from 8.30AM-10.30am.

**AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Please be advised you can also purchase school uniform online on our school website under Student, then click on Uniform and go to essential Clothing on their website.

**FREE DELIVERY AVAILABLE IN LOCAL AREAS ONLY**

Phone Debra at Essential Clothing on- Mobile: 0409 185 524

**OSCH BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Please phone Aaliya Sadaf for any bookings on the Mobile 0469 813 336. If your child is attending OSCH School Care please ensure you have completed the application form. All bookings need to be communicated to Aaliya via the mobile above 0469 813 336 if you are unable to book online.

**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.**

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation,  
Kind regards,  
Pam Streete  
Principal.

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# Student of the Week

## TERM 1-WEEK 2

Mrs Streete Principal	For excellent handwriting and letter formation. Well done from Mrs Streete.	Priyal Egbert
Foundation A Ms Mead	For being a caring and welcoming classmate	Natalija
Foundation B Ms Bryers	For being a caring and respectful class member.	Dua
Foundation C Ms Tran	For being a caring and kind friend to her peers.	Mariam
1/2A Miss Darlington	A courageous start to Grade 2.	Setsen
1/2B Ms R Chen	For being a risk-taker and challenging herself in her work.	Rawan
1/2C Miss Wheeler	For being caring towards his peers in our classroom.	Gracious
1/2D Ms S Chen	For always being principled.	Abhilasha
1/2E Mrs Slade	For being a thinker when doing his work.	Ruzgar
3/4A Miss Plane	For being a caring and respectful class member.	Dash
3/4B Mrs Silveira	For always offering to help others.	Blake
3/4C Mrs Mendham	For being a risk taker at his new school.	Hero
5/6A Miss Sear	For being a risk taker in his learning and in nominating for leadership roles in the school.	Karlos
5/6B Mrs Hutchison	For being a risk taker in class and sharing his knowledge with his peers.	Rafid
5/6C Ms Webster	For being caring and helping Miss Anita in the office.	Monjid
PE Miss Rogers	For role modelling how to behave in PE.	London



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## Do you want to become a Classroom Helper?



### Classroom Support at Glenroy West Primary School

Teachers and children value your assistance in the classroom. Parental assistance can often enhance the learning environment through increased adult participation.

Involvement in school programs may provide parents with new insights and understanding about their children, fostering the links between home and school learning.

Want to know more? Please come to the school on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> February from 9:15-10:00am to learn more. We will meet in the staffroom.

Kind Regards  
Anne Kyriacou  
Assistant Principal

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### Becoming a Classroom Helper

I am interested in attending. **Parent/grandparent's name:**.....

**Child's name and class:**.....





# Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

## Information for Schools and Early Childhood Centres

***An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in late December 2019.***

On 1 February 2020, the Australian Government updated advice for people who have recently returned to Australia from mainland China based on the latest and best medical advice.

### Can I attend school or early childhood centre?

In the following scenarios you **can not** attend school or childhood centre:

- If you have travelled from Hubei Province within the past 14 days, you must isolate yourself until 14 days have elapsed after leaving Hubei Province.
- If you have left, or transited through, mainland China **on or after 1 February 2020** you must isolate yourself until 14 days after leaving China.
- If you have been in close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus, you must isolate yourself for 14 days after last contact with the confirmed case.

In the following scenarios your child **can** attend school or early childhood centre:

- Students and staff who have travelled from other provinces of mainland China (and have not been in Hubei province) who arrived prior to 1 February 2020.
- Students and staff who have only been to Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan.

By way of example,

- If someone left the city of Wuhan in Hubei Province on 22 January 2020 he/she is required to isolate until 6 February 2020.
- If someone left Shanghai on 28 January 2020 and comes to Australia via another country on 3 February 2020, he/she would **not be required** to isolate (as he/she left China **before** 1 February 2020).
- If someone left Beijing on 3 February 2020 and arrived in Australia the same day, he/she **would** be required to isolate for 14 days, until 17 February 2020.

If you develop symptoms (listed below) within 14 days of leaving anywhere in mainland China or within 14 days of last contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus, you should arrange to see your usual doctor for urgent assessment. You should telephone the health clinic or hospital before you arrive and tell them of your travel history or that you have been in contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus. Your doctor will liaise with Public Health authorities to manage your care. You must then remain isolated either in your home or a healthcare setting until Public Health authorities inform you that it is safe for you to return to your usual activities.

### What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in mainland China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people currently infected live in, or have travelled to mainland China. There have been some cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

## What are the symptoms?

Symptoms include (but are not limited to) fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue and shortness of breath.

## What if I have a student or staff member who is sick within 14 days of being in mainland China?

If the student/staff member develops mild symptoms:

- isolate the student/staff member in a single room away from others
- inform the parent/guardian or staff member and advise them to arrange an urgent medical review
- when possible, the student/staff member should be isolated at home while waiting for a medical assessment; and
- the parent/guardian or staff member should phone ahead to the GP or hospital and inform them that the student/staff member may have novel coronavirus.

If the student/staff member has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- call 000 and request an ambulance
- if they are a student, inform their parent(s) or guardian(s) and
- inform the paramedics that the student/staff member may have novel coronavirus infection.

Staff and students with symptoms should be excluded from attending schools and early childhood centres until symptoms have resolved. If they have been diagnosed with 2019-nCoV they should not attend school or childcare until they are cleared by public health authorities. If staff or students have other respiratory illness (i.e. flu), they should not attend school irrespective of whether there is a concern about 2019-nCoV.

## How can we help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. Encourage all children and staff to:

- wash their hands often with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet;
- avoid contact with others by keeping children home if they are unwell; and
- cough and sneeze into their elbow.

## Where can I get more information?

Visit the Australian Government Department of Health homepage at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au).

Call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

Discuss any questions you have with the Public Health Agency monitoring you.

Contact your state or territory public health agency:

- ACT call 02 5124 9213
- NSW call 1300 066 055

- NT call 08 8922 8044
- Qld call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84)
- SA call 1300 232 272
- Tas call 1800 671 738
- Vic call 1300 651 160
- WA call 08 9328 0553