


Glengarry Primary School Newsletter

February 15, 2024 - Term 1 Week 3

Acknowledgement of Country

 <p>Bunuru Autumn February-March Season of adulthood Cooler weather begins</p>	<p>We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we work and live, the Wadjuk people of the Noongar nation, and pay our respects to Elders both past and present.</p>
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From the Principal

Principal's Pen

Kaya, Parents & Community Members,

School Board

The Glengarry Primary School Board is an integral aspect of school operations. As per the Board Constitution, there is a set term for all members (excluding the Principal who is classified as ex-officio) and elections need to be held on a regular basis. At the end of 2023, the following members completed their terms and I thank them for their support:

- *Mrs Urszula Helac (community representative)*
- *Miss Jacinta Stephens (staff representative)*
- *Mr Stewart Lillico (staff representative)*

The School Board is comprised of five parent / carer members of the school community, three staff members and the Principal. All decisions that relate to the overall planning of school operations are discussed at School Board meetings and directions for future development mapped out. Apart from matters relating to staff, the School Board provides advice and support on a wide range of school related issues.

All School Board meetings are open to the public, although at times the general public may be asked to leave the meeting for a short time and only School Board members can vote on any given issue. The dates for meetings are generally printed on each Term Planner so the general community are aware when the group will meet, i.e., the first meeting for 2024 is to be held on Monday, March 25 at 7.00pm in the Staff Room. Items on this agenda include discussion regarding the new Business Plan, the draft of the 2023 Annual Report and a review of 2024 planning.

As a result of the parent / carer vacancy on the Board, an additional member is required from the community for a three-year period. The School Board positions will be decided following nomination and a subsequent election if required.

Please consider being a member of this vital group by sending your name and contact details (by way of nomination) to peter.meston@education.wa.edu.au, by 3.00pm on Monday, February 26.

Finally, as mentioned, generation of the school Business Plan is an integral aspect of the School Board's role. The new plan (2024-2026) can be found on our school website - <http://www.glengarry.wa.edu.au/policies.php?id=62>.

Peter Meston

Principal

Meet Our Staff

Staff 2024 – Teaching & Non-teaching

Mr Peter Meston	Principal	Miss Emily Taylor	Science
Mrs Catherine Rudd	Associate Principal Teacher Wednesday	Miss Jacinta Stephens	Phys. Ed. Specialist
Mrs Hannah Murdock	Associate Principal Teacher Friday	Mrs Pam Algar	HASS Specialist
Miss Angela Bavington	Manager Corporate Services	Mrs Jan Ruscoe	Music Specialist
Mrs Kelly Ciccarone	School Officer Mon, Thur & Fri	Mrs Sara Burgess	Education Assistant
Ms Alana Kay	School Officer Tue to Fri	Mrs Julie Dickinson Porter	Education Assistant
Mrs Jenny McFarlane	Kindergarten	Mrs Annette Griffiths	Education Assistant
Mrs Rebecca Ranford	K/PP Blue	Mrs Mandi Hoskins	Education Assistant
Mrs Rebecca Coston		Mrs Kelly Jamieson	Education Assistant
Mrs Cassie Fitzgerald	PP Red	Ms Robyn Mackintosh	Library Officer Mon to Wed Education Assistant Thur & Fri
Mrs Alicia Holmes		Miss Liz McDonnell-Jones	Education Assistant
Mrs Ruth Macaulay	Room 1 Year 1/2	Mrs Heather Nordheim	Education Assistant
Mrs Jasmin Just	Room 2 Year 2	Mrs Bianca Pincar	Education Assistant
Mrs Fiona Spencer		Mrs Chantelle Ranauro	Education Assistant
Miss Emma Martin	Room 3 Year 1	Ms Marlene Rathjen	Education Assistant
Mrs Rebecca Cameron	Room 4 Year 1	Mrs Karen Rowland	Education Assistant
Mrs Sarah Resnik	Room 5 Year 3	Mr Barry Rowland	Gardener
Mrs Lucy West		Mr Thomas Jomon	Head Cleaner
Miss Brichelle Loxton	Room 6 Year 4	Mrs Alison Stuart	Cleaner
Mrs Caroline Larkin	Room 7 Year 2/3	Ms Fatma Mohamed-Aman	Cleaner
Mrs Hannah Murdock		Mrs Donna Gard	Cleaner
Mrs Kristel Rollings	Room 8 Year 3	Mrs Monique Crabtree	Wellbeing Officer Wed & Fri
Miss Carolyn Powley	Room 9 Year 6	Mrs Sharon Bailey	Psychologist Tue
Mr Stewart Lillico	Room 10 Year 5/6	Miss Chloe Daniels	Nurse
Mrs Megan Richards	Room 11 Year 5		
Mrs Emma Senior			
Mrs Sara Barrett	Room 12 Year 4/5		

Upcoming Events

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Thursday 15 - House Swimming Carnival (Craigie Leisure Centre)

Friday 16 - Assembly: Student Leadership (8.50am)

Friday 16 – P&C Meet & Greet and AGM 3.30pm

Important Information

Student Reports

Parents and carers are notified of Student Report availability via an email twice a year. The link contained in the email expires after a period of time, however parents and carers with a Connect account can access the Student Reports at anytime.

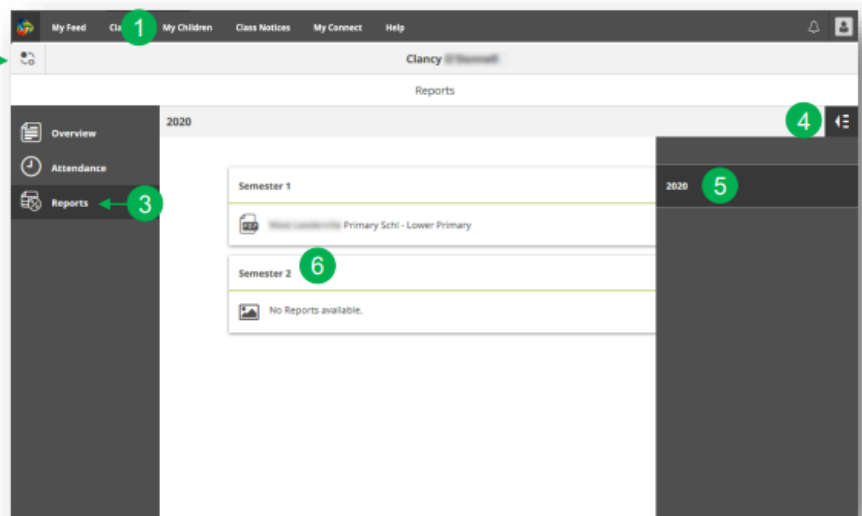
Please follow the below steps to view your child's Reports in Connect.

My Children – Student Reports

You can access your child/ren's student report through Connect. These can be downloaded or printed.

Note: Access to this feature may differ from school to school.

- 1 My Children**
Click the **My Children** tab to view information about each of your child/ren.
- 2 Switch Children**
Select the **Switch** icon to change between your child/ren.
- 3 Reports**
Click the **Reports** section to access student reports for the current year.
- 4 Reports from previous years**
Open the **Year** menu to view the years for which reports are available.
- 5 Selecting a year**
Click on a **year** to view the reports published for that year.
- 6 Reports by Semester**
The reports will be listed by semester. Click on a **report** to download it. The report can be viewed on-screen or printed.



Every Day Counts

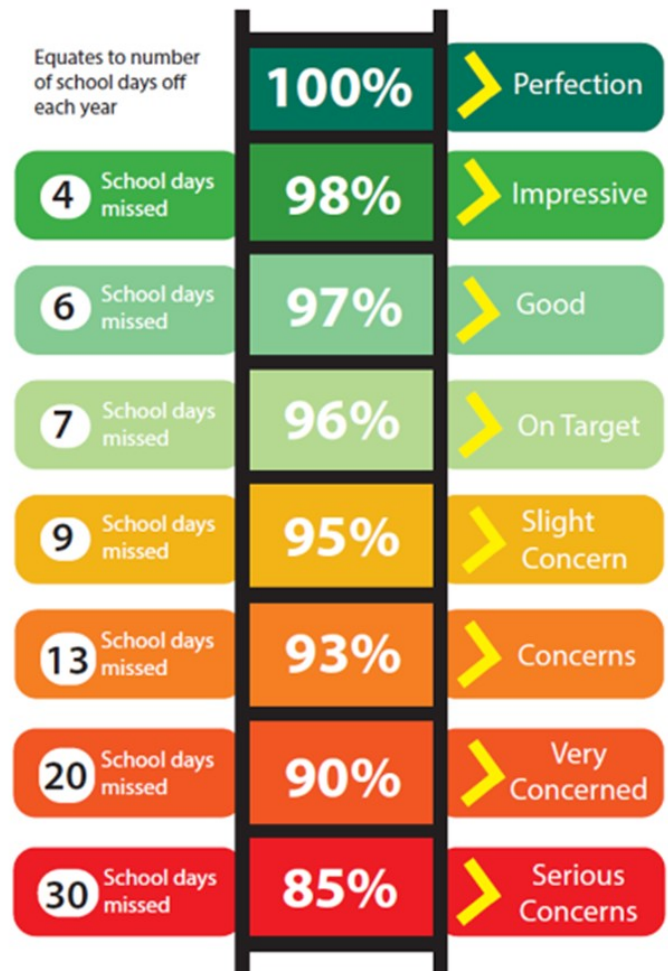
At Glengarry Primary School we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time at 8.45am.

The School Education Act 1999 requires children of compulsory school age to attend school (This now applies to Pre-Primary Students). When a child is unable to attend, legislation requires that parents/caregivers forward written notification providing a reasonable cause for the absence of their child, this can be done by emailing:

Glengarry.PS.Absentees@education.wa.edu.au

When an explanation is not provided to the school within three days of the original day's absence, the class teacher may send a letter requesting an explanation. These letters are printed and sent to families every five weeks.

Attendance Ladder



NAPLAN

A reminder to parents of Year 3 and 5 students that NAPLAN assessments take place from Wednesday, 13 March to Monday, 25 March which is Weeks 7 to 9 of Term 1. Assessments are given in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy.

This year, W.A. students will complete the assessments online, except for the Year 3 Writing assessment, which will still be completed on paper. The NAPLAN brochure sent home earlier this term, to the Year 3s and 5s gives more information about NAPLAN. The NAPLAN assessments are one of the methods that schools use to determine the achievement of its students and the effectiveness of the academic program.



NAPLAN Online

Reading Volunteers

We are looking for some wonderful volunteers to help us listen to reading in the Makuru and Djeran Block!



Reading Express will take place in the wet area each Monday and Thursday morning from 8.30am to 8.45am in the Makuru Block, **starting from Monday February 26.**

Repeated reading will take place in the Djeran withdrawal room each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:30 am to 8:45am, **starting from Tuesday 27.**

For more information, please email Mrs Rudd (Reading Express) at catherine.rudd@education.wa.edu.au or Mrs Murdock (Repeated Reading) at hannah.cole@education.wa.edu.au

Around Glengarry

Student Leadership

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as House Captains for 2024:

YONGA - Willow L and Andrew E

KWILA - Tia J and Lucas W

KAARDA - Ella I and Ashlee Y

MAALI - Dana P and Zac W



Our 2024 Student Councillors have commenced their duties to an exceptionally high standard. Congratulations once again to our 2024 Councillors:

Taya G

Madeline D

Clare E-J

Peggy S

Atticus D

Beau A



Absent / Late students

Just a reminder that Glengarry Primary School no longer uses the App Audiri (Formerly Skoolbag). Parents are now unable to access the option to log an absentee notice via Audiri.

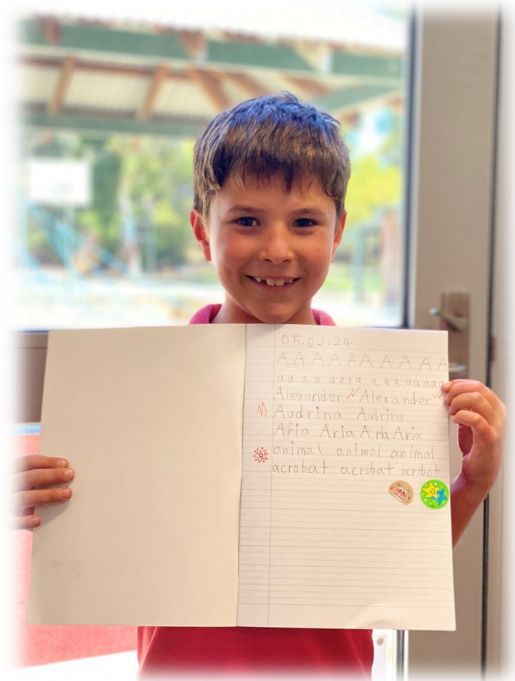
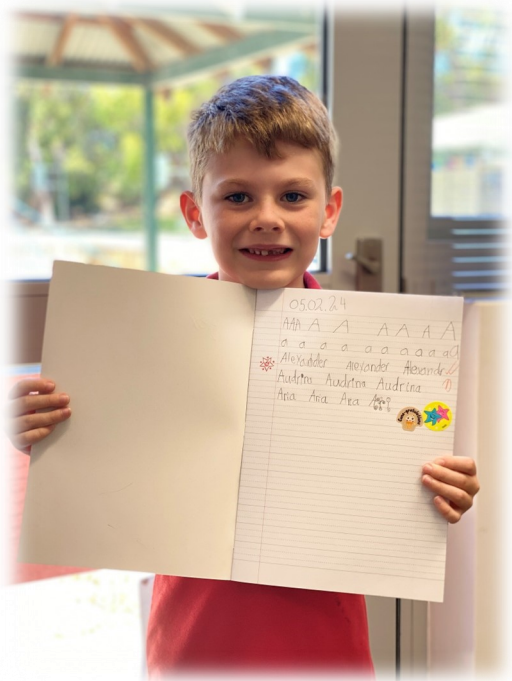
If your child is absent, you can call the school on 9378 5678 or send notification via our new absentee email address glengarry.ps.absentees@education.wa.edu.au. If you are sending it through email, please include the following:

- Students Name
- Room Number
- The reason they are away (this information must be included)

If your child is away for more than one day, please include the date they will be returning to school.

Please ensure you have notified the school before 9:30am.

Wonderful World of Work



We welcome anyone who would like to help out in keeping, experiencing and growing native plants.

Help Our Precious Environment is for everyone.

HOPE sessions will be on Tuesdays, after school until 3:45pm whenever the weather is reasonable.

If you can spare some time, a few minutes or up to 45 minutes, it all adds up.

The cage will be open all day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term for bringing in 10c containers (all money to P&C).

We HOPE to see you there!

Health and Hygiene

Is your child feeling Unwell?

If your child is unwell with cold and flu symptoms, please keep them at home and consider checking in with your GP if symptoms don't resolve.

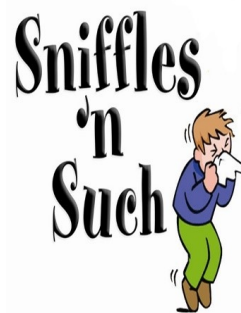
Healthy WA also recommends seeking a COVID test for cold and flu symptoms. See the links below for more information.

[Department of Health LINK](#)

[Department of Education LINK](#)

As directed by our guidelines, we will ask for your child to be collected if they are displaying cold symptoms such as a cough, runny nose, fever etc.

Please be mindful of sending students to school when they are unwell, as they may spread their infection. Please speak with your GP/health professional and see the information in the links above re: advice about keeping your child at home when unwell.



Wellbeing Officer's Chat

Being a Parent

'New Year, New beginnings. You have grown so much last year. Let's journey some more this year.'

These are the words on my affirmation board in the Student Wellbeing Office. Whilst they were written for the students who come in to see me, they are also applicable to all of us. Take a moment to pat yourself on the back. You have grown so much last year through all the different experiences, work assignments and late nights/early mornings. Whether you like it or not, the journey continues this year, your journey as parents and caregivers.

My children are grown up and married and have their own families now. I can reflect on all the time I put into them, teaching them, training them, guiding them, and it was exhausting. However, if you look at the big picture (hard to do when you are wondering what to cook for dinner), your children are only with you for the first 20 years of their lives. Then they spread their wings and fly. The next 30 to 40 years of your life you have a relationship with them as adults! I love spending time with my adult children. I'm so proud of them. I watch the way they parent their children and am glad I made the sacrifices and did the hard yards with them. I wasn't the perfect parent, and my children were 'energetic' to say the least.

If you need a listening ear, I am at school Wednesdays and Fridays this year. If you need help, there are parenting and counselling resources available.

Enjoy the journey!

Monique Crabtree
Wellbeing Officer



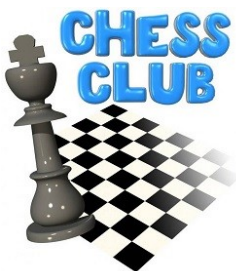
Year 6 girls enjoying magic sand.



Students are grateful for the new shade sail.



Community News



Chess Club will resume again in 2024. Our after school chess class for interested Year 1-6 students. New registrations are welcome.

New student registrations are essential and you may do this by:

Please email Wolfgang wladimir@iinet.net.au to advise that you would like to register your child for Chess Club in Term 1, 2024.

Please include your child's name, 2024 school year level, emergency contact name and number, and (if known) if they are a beginner or advanced chess student.

Details of the Chess classes are as follows:

The class would be run by Wolfgang Leonhardt, who has been coaching Chess at Glengarry Primary School for a number of years, and an assistant.

Day/Time: Fridays from 3.10pm - 4.10pm commencing on Friday 9th February 2024.

Location: School Library

Fee: \$50 per student for the term. The fee (cash only) should be handed to the instructors on the commencement day in an envelope marked with name of the student.

(Returning students: An email to advise is recommended, so that sessions can be planned and equipped according to participant levels.)

Glengarry Drive Student Crossing



Please be advised that our crossing guard (Lyn) will be on leave from Monday February 19 to Thursday, April 29.

At this stage, the school has not been advised of a replacement guard during this period.



Kids Volley clinics are great for fun and fitness. Targeting kids aged 5-12, our clinics are the ideal introduction to volleyball. Designed to improve movement, coordination and basic volleyball skills in preparation for the Greenwood College Specialist Program.



WHERE: Greenwood College
WHEN: Thursdays 1st Feb - 28th March 2024
TIME: 3:45pm-4:45pm (Beginner Participants)
4:45pm-5:45pm (Experienced Participants)
COST: \$140 per term
REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/3tZ2C9e>
CONTACT: peter.fitzgerald@education.wa.edu.au



Glengarry Primary School

sports for better minds

sports X
TERM 1 **SCHOOL** programs

click here to register

In Term 1 2024,
Sports X will be running the following after school sports programs at Glengarry Primary School:

Soccer X – Every Friday | 3.10 - 4.10pm | 6 weeks | \$105 (starting Week 3, February 16th)

The programs are available to students from Prep - Year 6.
On arrival children will be split into groups according to age.
All sessions will be run by qualified coaches who hold blue cards.
The sessions will be fully inclusive & fun-based, catering for all abilities.

For more information and online registrations please visit www.sports-x.com.au Please contact us via email for further enquiries: zlgbbe@sports-x.com.au

Learn music at Glengarry Primary School!

- Keyboard/guitar starting from \$20.35 for a group lesson.
- Held after school.

Enrol now for lessons!

www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form

0479 171 424
enquiry@keyedupmusic.com.au

EDUCATION SECURITY ~ 1800 177 777 or 9264 4632



Glengarry Primary School

Glengarry Primary School is an Independent Public School that offers students a caring, safe and nurturing learning environment. Our dedicated and experienced teachers provide a positive and enriching program, appreciating the individual needs and interests of each child.

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