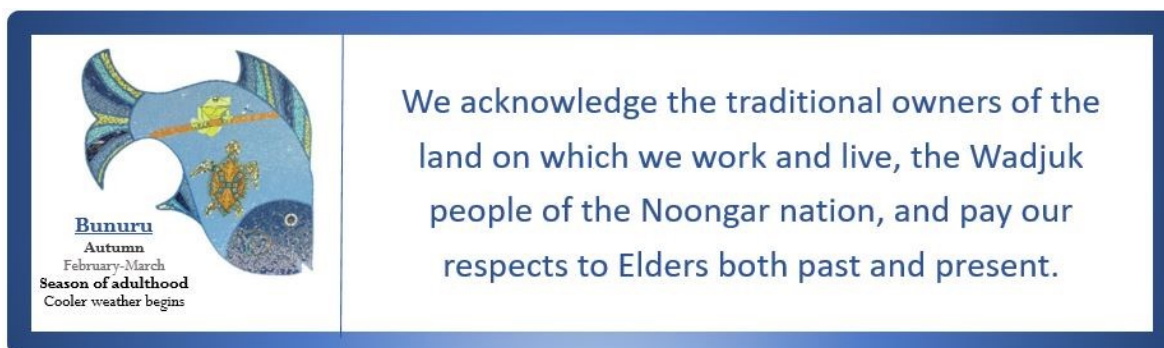




Glengarry Primary School Newsletter

March 14, 2024 - Term 1 Week 7

Acknowledgement of Country



From the Principal

Principal's Pen

Kaya, Parents & Community Members,

As we move towards the end of a short term, I have been immensely impressed with the attitude and endeavours of our students. While success does not come without wonderful levels of support from all our staff, we are constantly measuring progress. Our new Business Plan ([Glengarry Primary School - Plans & Policies](#)) reflects a number of key targets including expected growth in Literacy, especially Reading.

With this thought in mind, I was so proud of our Year 3 to 5 students for the amazing progress they have made to date with Literacy Pro. This strategy aligns children to an appropriate reading level, suggests suitable books and provides an online quiz once the book is read. In order to "pass" the quiz, an 80% comprehension score must be achieved with students working towards realistic targets and words counted. At the times of publishing this Newsletter, this group of children have read almost 6 million words this year – incredible – well done to you all!

Finally, NAPLAN (National Assessment Program, Literacy & Numeracy) commenced yesterday for our Year Three and Five students. While I am hoping all children are able to demonstrate their ability in all areas assessed, my greatest concern is that all children are well rested and free of any associated anxiety.

Peter Meston
Principal

Reading with your Child

Sharing a book with a child is fun - it's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together. It can also give children a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers.

But not everyone is confident with books and reading aloud, so here are some handy tips and advice to help you get the most out of reading together. And remember, there's no right or wrong way to do it - and it's never too early to start.

Tips for reading with children of any age

1. **Set aside some time** - Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.
2. **Ask your child to choose a book** - Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.
3. **Sit close together** - Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.
4. **Point to the pictures** - If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.
5. **Encourage your child to talk about the book** - Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.
6. **And lastly, above all - make it fun!** - It doesn't matter how you read with a child if you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this!

Upcoming Events

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

MARCH

Friday 15 - NAPLAN Online Testing (until March 25)

Tuesday 19 - P&C Meeting (7.30pm)

Wednesday 20 - Math Incursion (Year 1 to 6)

Friday 22 - Assembly: Room 6 (8.50am)

Friday 22 - **Fab Food** 

Monday 25 - **School Board Meeting (7.00pm)**

Wednesday 27 - Teacher/Parent Interviews (early close 11:45am)

Thursday 28 - Fremantle Prison Excursion (Room 9 and 10)

Thursday 28 - **Icy Poles at Lunch \$1**

Important Information

Aussie of the Month

Logan M is a dedicated ranger who embodies the spirit of 'Aussie of the Month' with unwavering enthusiasm and commitment. Logan's proactive approach in fostering school spirit and maintaining a vibrant atmosphere is commendable.



Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at the last assembly.



Child's Name	Year
John S	PP
Lucy D	PP
Thomas E	PP
Noah V	1
Ada H	1
Luca L	1
Harry B	1
Aria M	2
Zac D	2
Ethan Z	2
Chloe W	2
Zoe L	2
Emily R	3
Danny T	3
Lachy E	3
Poppy E	3
Jack M	4
Andrew B	4
Charlie H	4
Oliver P	4
Amberley T	4
Jude L	5
Saxon W	5
Logan M	5
Ava C	5
Liv V	5
Amalia V	5
Mila R	6
Atticus D	6

Math Incursion

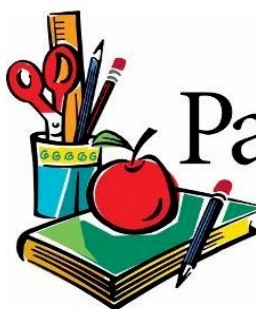
On Wednesday, March 20th, Years 1 to 6 will participate in an interactive and engaging Math incursion provided through Felstead. Below is information on the sessions and times. Parent notes went home last week.

- ◇ Makuru Years 1-2 9:00-10:00 Math Show
- ◇ Djeran Years 3-4 11:20-12:20 Math Show
- ◇ Bunuru Years 5-6 1:00-2:00 Math Great Race



Reporting to Parents

This year, parent-teacher interviews are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 27 March between 12 pm and 6 pm. These conversations are a wonderful opportunity to gain an overview of how your children are progressing and to discuss learning goals for the year ahead. *Please note that school concludes at 11:45 am on this day.*



Parent-Teacher Interviews

Important Information

- Each interview will be 10 minutes long.
- Chimes will be sounded to signal the start and end of interview times. In fairness to teachers and other parents, it is important that all parents adhere to these times. One late interview has a domino effect throughout the school.
- If you miss your interview time, or still have concerns about your child after the interview, please arrange another mutually convenient time to meet with the relevant teacher.
- Bookings are made using an online system. Instructions have been sent via Connect and a note was sent home.
- The online booking system opened at 3.30pm on Monday, March 11.
- An additional interview date (Wednesday, March 20) is available for parents of kindergarten and Room 2 students. Parents may choose to attend an interview on either March 20 or 27.

Picking up students at 11:45am on the day of interviews

When booking your interview, be sure to answer the questions advising your plans for your child from 11.45am on the day of the interviews. If you are not booking an interview, the school can be notified of your plans for your child from 11.45am by sending an email to glengarry.ps@education.wa.edu.au. Children who remain at school will be supervised until 3.00pm. Zigzags After-School Care and the crossing guards on local streets will operate at their normal times.

Information on how to book interviews has been sent home and a Connect notice has also been posted, please keep an eye out for this information.

Hannah Murdock
Associate Principal

NAPLAN Timetable

Please see the below timetable for NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and 5 students.

AS OF 7/3/2024

Week 1	Monday 11/3	Tuesday 12/3	Wednesday 13/3	Thursday 14/3	Friday 15/3
Session 1 9.00-10.00	Preparation		Y5 RM 11 – Writing	Y3 RM 7 – Reading in library	Make Up Testing
Session 2 11.00-12.00			Y5 RM 10 & 12 – Writing in Library	Y3 RM 8 - Reading	
	Y3 RM 7 – Writing in library	Y5 RM 11 – Reading			
	Y3 RM 8 - Writing	Y5 RM 10 & 12 – Reading in Library	Y3 RM 5 - Writing		

Week 2/3	Monday 18/3	Tuesday 19/3	Wednesday 20/3	Thursday 21/3	Friday 21/3	Monday 25/3
Session 1	Y3 RM 5 – Spelling & GP Y3 RM 8 – Spelling & GP Y3 RM 7 – Spelling & GP in library	Make Up Testing	Make Up Testing	Make Up Testing	Make Up Testing	Make Up Testing
Session 2	Y5 RM 10 & 12 – Spelling & GP in Library Y5 RM 11 – Spelling & GP					

GLENGARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

TUTU DAY

Friday March 22nd

Join in on Tutu Day and help support **THE JUVENILE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION.**
Wear a tutu over your school uniform to add a fun burst of colour to the day!

Please bring a gold coin donation to help our fundraising efforts.

Jafa
Juvenile Arthritis Foundation Australia



Australian Government

HARMONY WEEK



Glengarry Primary School



Friday 22nd March, 2024

Harmony Day

Students are invited to wear
something **ORANGE** for Harmony Day

EVERYONE BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au

Around Glengarry

2024 Synergy Solar Car Challenge

This term, the students of Rooms 9 & 10 embarked on an exciting journey into the world of solar cars as part of the Synergy Schools Solar Challenge. After their victorious win in the Glengarry Solar Car Race, Emilia M, Kade M, Paul H, and Tia J proudly represented Glengarry Primary School against 31 other schools.

The big day arrived at St. Mark's Anglican Community School on Tuesday, the 12th of March. Despite the challenge of a tight 45-minute timeframe, our solar car experts wasted no time in constructing 'Bacon the 2nd.' Even though the skies were cloudy, preventing the use of solar power, our team pressed on undeterred. Bacon the 2nd proved to be a marvel, speeding through three heats, and securing Glengarry's spot in the grand final race.

Ultimately, despite their best efforts, Bacon the 2nd fell short in the deciding race. At the presentation ceremony, Glengarry was awarded 3rd place in the North Metro Synergy Solar School Challenge. This achievement speaks volumes about the exceptional teamwork and problem-solving skills demonstrated by Emilia, Kade, Paul, and Tia.

We couldn't be prouder of our team's efforts and sportsmanship. They have truly embodied the spirit of Glengarry Primary School and have set a high benchmark for the 2025 team. Let's give them a round of applause for their outstanding performance!

Miss Taylor



Solar Challenge students sharing their achievement with their class.

Wonderful World of Work



Kindergarten
construction



Absent / Late students

Glengarry Primary School has ceased using the App Audiri (formerly Skoolbag). Parents will no longer have an option to log an absentee notice with the Audiri App.

If your child is absent, you can call the school on 9378 5678 or send a notification through our new absentee email address glengarry.ps.absentees@education.wa.edu.au before 9.30am. If you are notifying the school of an absentee by 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.

If your child is late to school (this includes Kindy students), please ensure you collect a late note from the office **before** taking your child to class.

 <p>Help Our Precious Environment</p>	<p><i>Help Our Precious Environment is for everyone.</i></p> <p>HOPE sessions will be on Tuesdays, after school until 3:45pm when the weather is reasonable.</p> <p>The cage will be open all day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term for bringing in 10c containers (all money to P&C).</p> <p>We HOPE to see you there!</p>
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Health and Hygiene

Is your child feeling Unwell?

If your child is unwell with cold and flu symptoms or suffering gastro like symptoms (exclude from school for at least 24 hours after symptoms have ceased), please keep them at home and consider checking in with your GP if symptoms don't resolve.

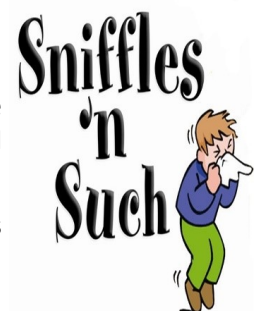
Healthy WA also recommends seeking a COVID test for cold and flu symptoms. See the links below for more information:

[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

Art is Therapeutic

I have started the Art in the Park at Wednesday lunchtime again now that the hot weather is behind us. Today 12 students from Djeran block did finger painting with stencils. The aim is not for them to produce a work of art, but for them to have fun, be calm and enjoy the texture of the paint on their fingers (which they did!).

Art can be a great way for children and adults to relax, get creative and re-set from the day's stresses. Remember how much art and craft your children brought home in Kindy and Pre-primary? I have set up an art corner in my house for my international borders and myself to go and create something and re-set. It doesn't cost much and certainly promotes well-being in a home.

Monique Crabtree
Student Wellbeing Officer



P&C News



Second Hand Uniform Shop

If you wish to look through the second hand uniforms, please email the coordinator Ashlee Hall at;

glengarryuniforms@gmail.com
to make an appointment.

HOORAY!



IT'S FAB FOOD!

P&C are offering yummy PIZZA lunch on Friday, March 22nd.

Please place your order forms in the pizza box at the front office by 8.50am on Thursday, March 21st.

ICE POLES

Year 6 students
will be selling
\$1 icy-poles at
lunch time on
Thursday,
March 28th.



Year 1 to 6
don't forget
to bring your
\$1

Community News

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Playgroup 2024: Now on Fridays

Please note Playgroup at Glengarry
Primary School will now take place on
Fridays 9.00-10.30am
(instead of Wednesdays).

All children from the community aged
0-5 are welcome to attend with their
parent/guardian.

We look forward to seeing you at
Playgroup in the Kindy demountable.

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CONTACT OUR REGISTRAR FOR MORE INFO

BOYSREGISTRAR@GIANTSBASKETBALLCLUB.COM



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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
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appreciating the individual needs and
interests of each child.

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