

Principal's Message

We are looking forward to our annual Foundation Teddy Bear Night this week on Wednesday at 6.30pm. It is wonderful for our youngest students to be able to show their families around their classrooms and celebrate their first term of school.

We are also planning for our day of Three Way, parent – teacher – student, conferences on Thursday 4 April. Students are expected to attend the 15 minute conferences with their parents. Our students are all preparing for their presentations on their learning for their parents. The Three - Way conferences are an important strategy, documented in our Annual Implementation Plan for school improvement, designed to increase and improve student agency. Students who can take responsibility for their own learning, set and give feedback on their learning goals and articulate their future learning have been shown to increase their achievements at school. Parents will be able to book their Three-Way conference timeslot from Thursday 21 March. Information will be sent out to families via Compass. Specialist teachers are only available to discuss student achievement and progress in their learning in each specialist area, not general access to enrichment or extension programs. Specialists will be available from 3.45-7.30pm and can be booked via the school office from 21 March.

Deborah Grosseck

What's On...

March

- Wednesday 13 Year 1 and 2 Swimming 6:30-7:30pm Foundation Teddy Bear Night
- Thursday 14 Year 1 and 2 Swimming 3:30-4:30pm Year 6 Student Leader Program
- Friday 15 Year 1 and 2 Swimming Year 6 Interschool Sport – Glendal playing Mt Waverley Year 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion
- Monday 18 2:45pm Senior Assembly Year 4 Werribee Zoo Excursion
- Tuesday 19 SRC Training Day
- Wednesday 20 New Zealand Excursion to Sumner School
- Thursday 21 New Zealand Excursion to Sumner School 3:30-4:30pm Year 6 Student Leader Program
- Friday 22 New Zealand Excursion to Sumner School
- Monday 25 New Zealand Excursion to Sumner School 2:45pm Junior Assembly
- Tuesday 26 New Zealand Excursion to Sumner School
- Wednesday 27 New Zealand Excursion to Sumner School
- Friday 29 Year 6 Interschool Sports Finals

APRIL

- Monday 1 No Assembly today
- Thursday 4 Three Way Conference Day – Students attend with parents for a 15 minute slot
- Friday 5 9.15am Whole School Assembly
2.30pm End of Term 1

Please Remember

New Zealand Excursion leaves for Sumner School on Wednesday 20.

Term Dates

- Term 1, 2019 – 31 January to 5 April
Term 2, 2019 – 23 April to 28 June
Term 3, 2019 – 15 July to 20 September
Term 4, 2019 – 7 October to 20 December



Dear Parents,

On Thursday 21st March, Glendal Primary School will be celebrating Harmony Day.

It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

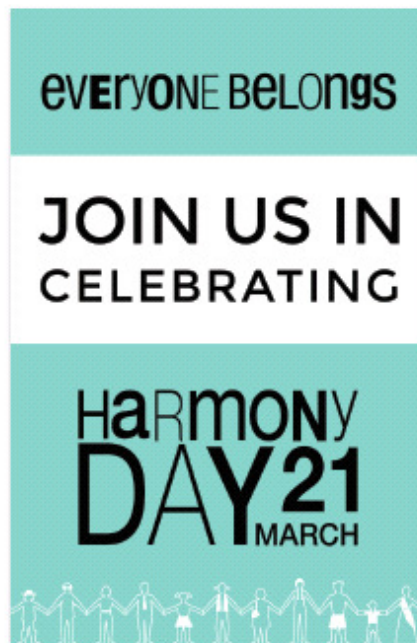
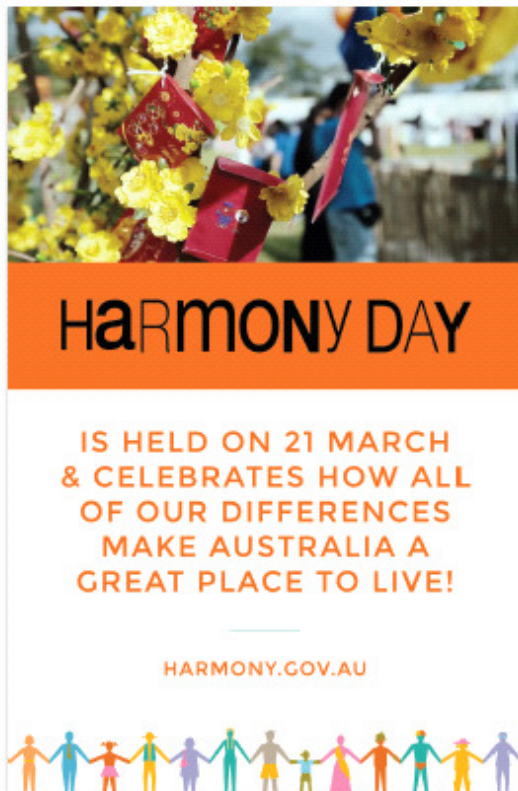
On this day, we encourage the students to come dressed in a cultural outfit or to wear something orange (e.g. a t shirt, hair bow/ribbon, shorts, socks etc.)

The **SRC (Student Representative Council)** is encouraging the grade levels to have a parade at their line up area at 9:00am on Harmony Day.

We are looking forward to seeing all the students dressed up to celebrate all the diverse cultures at Glendal Primary School.

Kind regards,

The SRC team



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CHESS NEWS

Wow! What a great start for the 2019 **Glendal Chess Team**. Thirteen excited kids participated in the St Bridget interschool chess tournament and we came **first**.

Eleven out of thirteen students qualified for the semi-finals, to be held at the end of the year. Special awards:

Damaris – (7/7 points) the star of the tournament trophy

Vinh – (6.5/7 points) Grade 3-4 gold medal

Darline (Girls Gold), Angela (Grade 5-6 Gold), Jordan (Grade 5-6 Silver) and Sachin (Grade 5-6 Bronze) – all achieved 6/7 points)

Ryan and Vincent received Grade 3-4 Bronze, Shenara - Girls Silver and Imandi - Girls Bronze



Glendal Chess Team: Vinh, Jordan, Yunal, Angela, Damaris, Darline, Sachin, Shenara, Imandi, Ryan, Vincent, Blake and Mathew.

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