

## Principal's Message

We welcome Ms Emily Coulson to our school this week. Ms Coulson has been appointed as our PE teacher for the rest of this year. She comes to us with experience in teaching PE and a passionate interest in Sport.

### Public Holiday Monday 10 March

Our school will be closed on this day.

### Twilight Picnic Night

Our Twilight Picnic Night on Friday 28 February was a wonderful success with a strong community turnout!

A huge thanks to our Glendal Parent Group and volunteers for their organisation and hard work on the night. Everyone who supported the Twilight Picnic evening worked hard to ensure a successful and enjoyable evening for our students and their families.

### Student attendance generally, absence at the start of Term 1 and absence due to family holidays

This is an area of improvement for our school.

Students are expected to attend school for all school days each term unless they are ill or otherwise not fit to be at school.

We are experiencing an increasing number of families taking extended leave for holidays, mainly overseas. This impacts on student learning and wellbeing. Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally.

Parents and Carers have a legal obligation to ensure that their children attend school each day and I, as Principal, expect our students to attend school and have an obligation to communicate these expectations to our school community.

I am also required to discuss requests for extended family leave from school with parents/carers who are planning to take their children out of school for more than two weeks, and I do not necessarily have to approve of this absence.

## What's On...

### March

Wednesday 5	Year 1 and 2 Swimming
Thursday 6	Year 1 and 2 Swimming Photo Catch-Up Morning 4J/4L/4K Waste Education In-School Visit 3:30-4:30pm Year 6 Student Leader Program
Friday 7	Year 1 and 2 Swimming
<b>Monday 10</b>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
Tuesday 11	4M/4N Waste Education In-School Visit
Wednesday 12	Foundation Teddy Bear Picnic Day 9:00-11:00am Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN Writing Test
Thursday 13	9:00-11:00am Year 3 NAPLAN Reading Test 3:30-4:30pm Year 6 Student Leader Program
Friday 14	9:00-11:00am Year 5 NAPLAN Reading Test 9:00-11:00am Year 6 Interschool Sports
Monday 17	9:00-11:00am Year 3 NAPLAN Conventions of Language Test

### Please Remember

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March is Labour Day  
Public Holiday**

### Term Dates

Term 1, 2025 – 29 January – 4 April  
Term 2, 2025 – 22 April – 4 July  
Term 3, 2025 – 21 July – 19 September  
Term 4, 2025 – 6 October – 19 December



## Year 1 and 2 Swimming Program

Our Year 1 and 2 students have been enjoying their 'Swim and Survive' program at Monash Aquatic Centre. Thank you to the teachers and many parents and carers who have also supported the program. Our Foundation students will be swimming in Term 4.

## School Council Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held in the staffroom on Monday 17 March, commencing at 6.30 pm. Parents are welcome to attend. The first School Council meeting of our new council for 2025 will follow the AGM.

## School Contributions

Our office is open to receive school contributions which are needed every year to ensure the provision of a high quality of education, supported by resources and a wide range of programs and activities. These can also be paid via Compass.

## Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent/carer personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent/carer consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents/carers to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents/carers can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#).

Deborah Grossek  
Principal

## School Hours



School commences at 9:00am & concludes at 3:30pm. The arrival of children at school will be supervised from 8:45am. Children will also be supervised while they are leaving school until 3:45pm.

**Please ensure your child arrives with enough time to get to their class. Late arrivals are a disruption to everyone.**

## Attendance



Parents are requested to use the Compass Parent Portal to notify of any child absences, preferably on the day before 9:30am or prior to the day/s.

## New Address



如果您的住址和联系电话有变，  
请告知我校办公室。

### Have your circumstances changed?

Update your contact details at the School Office as soon as possible.

Please ensure you let the school office know if you have changed address or updated mobile phones with new numbers.

This information alleviates stressful situations on students when they are ill and we cannot contact parents.

## We are open...



Open Mondays  
8:45 am to 9:30am  
outside the MI cafe.

Please donate your  
quality uniforms!  
Place donations in the  
blue bin outside the  
staff room.



**It is NOT great to be LATE.**



## 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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a 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:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year 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 this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:  
<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



## YEAR 1 AND 2 SWIMMING



I like swimming because it's fun and there's lots of stuff to do. Also, I learnt breaststroke kick! - Alex 2J

Going backwards and doing the starfish is my favourite thing! - Yanvi 1M

I learnt how to hold a board in front of my knees and kick, the teachers are very kind. - Eve 2J

Jumping into the big pool was so fun! - Aarin 1K

Swimming is very fun because you get to float around, and I love swimming under the water. - Mashallah 2J

Putting my head under water was awesome! Viraj 1M

It's fun and we get to go in the wave pool on our last day, I can't wait to smash the waves! - Ivaan 2K

I like the big pool. - Akira 1K



Outside School Hours Care  
**Newsletter**

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 2025

Glendal Primary School OSHC -0423794695



**World Wildlife Day**  
in After School Care

3 March

**Book now**



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

At Camp Australia, we're excited to learn about Australian Wildlife this week, and we are introducing a new animal each day. The children will learn about our wonderful wildlife through inspiring activities.

Our Autumn Rocketeers School Holiday program is now open for booking. Our holiday mission is FUN!

### Activities coming up

- Origami Koala
- Pancakes Tuesday
- Foil Art
- Sting Fish



### Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

**Book now**

### Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

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@ MT BULLER**



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\*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, simply log into MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

# Kids' Self Defence & Fitness Classes

Glendal PS  
(School Gym)

Wednesdays  
3:45—4:45pm

Boys & Girls  
Ages 7—12



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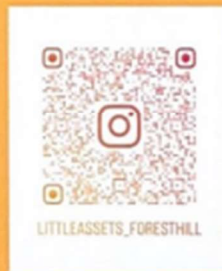
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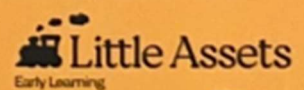
## Our Service Offers

- » Reggio Emilia Inspired Curriculum
- » Government Funded 3YO & 4YO Kinder Programs
- » Healthy & Nutritious Approved Meals
- » Weekly Music, Sport & Yoga Incursion
- » Regular Excursion for all age groups
- » Multilingual Programs

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