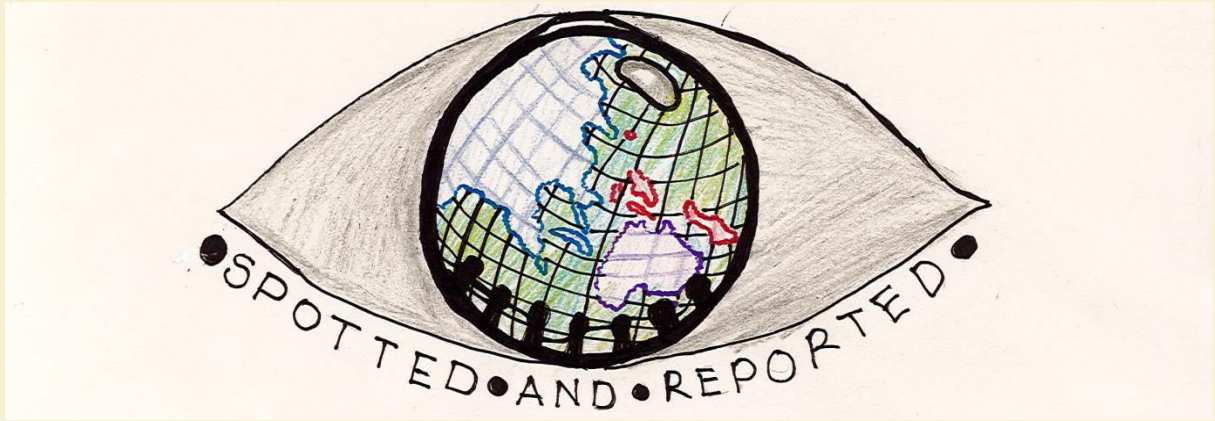


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A short interview with Mrs. Grossek

Mason and Arisha of 4J

Q. How do you think the Glendal community dealt with the challenges of online learning?

A. Very well, everyone learned a lot.

Q. What are you most excited about now that we are back learning onsite rather than online?

A. Seeing your smiling faces. I can walk around the school and say hello to lots of students and that makes me happy.



Back to School

Reported by: Sebastian

Not everybody would agree with me, but online learning was draining. Now I am loving school and catching up with friends. I'm a new student at Glendal so the opportunity to get to know my classmates and the school in person was really good and made things a lot better compared to last year. It is the best school I have ever been to so if you have doubts about Glendal, you are in safe hands.



Glendal has a range of different activities going on throughout the year for students in all year levels.

Here are only some of the exciting activities that the school has arranged for us:

- Foundations - Catch the Reading Bug, 100 days at school, Teddy Bear picnic
- Year 1 - Swimming at Monash Aquatic Centre and visiting the zoo,
- Year 2 - Production, History Box and Como House
- Year 3 - MCG Stadium Excursion, Vic Road excursion
- Year 4 - Werribee Zoo and Pollywood Side
- Year 5 - Economics Fair and Sovereign Hill
- Year 6 - Interschool Sports and Film Festival
- Whole School - Proactivity and Athletics Day



Let's see what some teachers have to say about returning to school. This is an interview with Miss Dance from Grade 5K.

Q1: "How did you feel about coming back to the classroom?"

A: "Well, I felt really happy because I got to see everyone's faces again and work in groups."

Q2: "What did you like about online learning?"

A: "I liked the fact that we got to try and do new and different things. We did a lot more creative thinking and pen pal letters."

Learning Community

Reported by: Adithya

During the Learning Community Week, we did several activities.

One of them was Footsteps. Our instructor taught us how to dance to the song with some moves. The music was catchy and the whole session was entertaining and fun.



Another session was Pro Activity.

We did a series of activities each about 15-20 minutes. The activities were hula-hooping, aiming at targets, using water shooters/guns, dancing with moves and rolling around in a human-sized “hamster ball”.

The following week we listened to a presenter from an organisation called Values for Life. The Year 5s learned about cyber safety while the Year 6s were briefed about leadership skills. These brief lessons taught everyone something to carry on for life.

In Week 3, we attended an Aboriginal Cultural experience. The host was Mitch Tambo, a famous Aboriginal singer from Sydney. He taught us an Aboriginal “camp-fire” song. He played the didgeridoo and showed us various Aboriginal tools. It was interesting to know and learn about.

All of these activities were rated a minimum of 8/10 by everyone around the school.

Foundations - First Experience At Glendal & Buddies

Reported by: Ruby

2021's Foundation students of Glendal Primary School began their first day of school on Friday 5th of February.

Many Foundation students have settled in well and have enjoyed their first few weeks of school. They had **tons** of fun meeting new friends, playing and learning together.



Let's hear from some Foundation students about what they think of school so far.

STUDENTS:

“Catch the Reading Bug was very fun and art and chalk drawing was very fun too.”
- *Jayden FN.*

“I like prep and my friends and my buddy.”
- *Charlotte FM.*

TEACHER:

How do you find teaching Foundations?

“Absolutely love it. The children are a joy and pleasure to teach! They come in with big smiles and so eager to learn and work together.”

- *Miss Newbigin
FM Teacher.*



In Week 4, the Foundation students met their Year 6 Buddies! The buddies program is designed to help the Foundation students settle into school under the guidance of an older student.

Here is what some Year 6s have said about meeting their buddies for the first time.

“They're cute and hug you a lot.”

- *Katie 6M.*

“They are very smart and very cute, trust me.”

- *Abhinav 6M.*

“Buddies are fun and I enjoy seeing and playing with my buddy when we have the session.”

- *Ariah 6N.*

“I think the Buddies Program is a great way for the Foundations to be introduced to the school and have someone to play with if they're scared to make friends with peers.”

- *Grace 6L.*



Catch the Reading Bug

Reported by: Ruby

On February 11th, the Foundation students went to the After School Care room to attend an incursion called 'Catch the Reading Bug.' This helped the students understand why reading is important and the benefits of reading. There were many engaging activities with the Foundation students.



Numerous students described it as exciting and humorous.
"Exciting and fun." Lucas FJ.
"Funny." Rayal FJ.



The kids were duly engaged into the session and activities. There was also a puppet show including magic. The Foundations also read books like The Hungry Caterpillar, and more with the instructor. They learnt so much and had lots of fun.

Lunar New Year

Reported by: Kayla

Lunar New Year is mainly celebrated in Asian cultures. The celebrations begin from the first new moon in the lunar calendar and end on the first full moon, 15 days later.

During the Lunar New Year, it is a tradition to give a bright red envelope (hóngbāo) to family and friends. The red colour symbolises good luck and wealth in Asian cultures. People sometimes put money in the red envelope which has been a tradition for centuries.



A common food that people will eat are dumplings, fish and spring rolls. On Lunar New Year, people also wear new clothes and clean the house,

which symbolises the start of a fresh, new year.



It is a tradition in Chinese cultures to also hang lanterns and other decorations around the house. There is a poster that has a word meaning luck, and it is flipped upside down. This is because it is to keep the bad luck out. People also pop firecrackers which scare the evil 'bad luck' monster.



Red symbolizes fire, good fortune and joy. Whereas gold represents wealth, illumination and prosperity.

Red and Gold is the colour combination used in Lunar New Year.

China has 12 Zodiac animals which include (in order): the Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. This order was decided in a mythical legend that says long ago, in China, a Jade Emperor decided there should be a way of measuring time. On one of the king's birthdays, he told the animals to prepare for a race across a river. He said that the first twelve animals across the river would have a year with their name.

This year, it is the Year of the Ox



Physical Ed.

Reported by: Akshat

In Week 2 the Year 6s started Summer Interschool Sports. There were sports such as Cricket, Tennis, Rounders, Volleyball, Softball and Endzone.

Every week the Year 6 students have practice sessions on Wednesday at lunch playtime, then on Friday they play a match against our local schools such as Mount Waverley, Mount View, Essex Heights and Mount Scopus.



Teams can go to the Final Round if they win a certain number of matches.

The Glendal teams that qualified for the Finals in Term 1 are Hot Shots Boys, Volleyball Girls, Endzone, Cricket B, and Rounders.

For all the other grades, P.E is still with Mr. Colman or Ms. Ives or Ms Tienery. As all the grades love P.E. the teachers have to keep on thinking about new sports and drills and sometimes that can be hard work.



But luckily our wonderful teachers always come up with something that is fun and develops our skills.



The Foundations are doing a bean bag rotation and mini basketball. The Grade 1s and 2s are doing a type of dodgeball every week, and the 4s and 5s do a similar type of thing where they play Medic Dodgeball.

