



## Principal's Message

Welcome to our first official newsletter of 2022. Our newsletters are produced and published on Compass and on our website every fortnight.

Important and urgent announcements and news will be posted on Compass when appropriate. School events are posted on the Compass Calendar which is available to all families.

I would like to introduce our new staff who are joining us this year: Mr Alex Tse (Foundation), Ms Melissa Frogley (Year 1) and Mr Aidan Chan (Year 2). Ms Thi Nguyen is new to our school office.

We hold parent information sessions in Term 1 for each year level; this year the sessions are scheduled, online via Google Meet, across two evenings:

- 6:00-6:30pm for **Foundation** on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- 6:30-7:00pm for **Year 1 and 2** on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- 6:00-6:30pm for **Year 3 and 4** on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
- 6:30-7:00pm for **Year 5 and 6** on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Teachers will send the invite via your child's Glendal Gmail and calendar on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. During the session they will discuss key information for your child's class and year level, including curriculum and organisation.

Importantly, parents are welcome to make an appointment with their child's teacher where needed to discuss any areas of concern throughout the year. These appointments should be arranged via Compass email to the teacher. Please be mindful that teachers attend team meetings, professional development workshops and engage in planning and preparation before and after school therefore, it is best to make an appointment a couple of days in advance. Our Three-Way Conferences (parent-teacher-student discussions) are held in Term 1 and 3. Formal student reports are provided at the end of Term 2 and 4.

The Term 1 Three-Way conferences are scheduled for **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** and will be held throughout the day and early evening.

### 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 contributions can also be paid via Compass.

### Improvement works in our school grounds

The areas adjacent to Medina Road and along the school staff car park perimeter have been tidied up, weeds have been removed and bushes and trees trimmed. The Bike Shed is now finished – it has been extended, refurbished and new bike racks have been installed.

## What's On...

### February 2022

Wednesday 9	Eye Examinations 9:30-11:00am Year 1 and 2 Proactivity 11:30am-1:00pm Year 3 and 4 Proactivity
Thursday 10	Eye Examinations 9:30-11:00am Year 5 Proactivity 11:30am-1:00pm Year 6 Proactivity
Friday 11	Eye Examinations
Monday 14	Eye Examinations 4:00pm School Council Nominations close
Tuesday 15	Eye Examinations
Wednesday 16	Eye Examinations
Thursday 17	Eye Examinations
Friday 18	Eye Examinations
Monday 21	Eye Examinations
Tuesday 22	Eye Examinations Remote Parent Information Nights: Foundation 6:00- 6:30pm Year 1 and 2 6:30- 7:00pm
Wednesday 23	Eye Examinations Remote Parent Information Nights: Year 3 and 4 6:00- 6:30pm Year 5 and 6 6:30- 7:00pm
Thursday 24	Eye Examinations
Friday 25	Eye Examinations 9:00-11:00am Year 6 Interschool Sports

### Please Remember

**February 22 and 23 are our  
Remote Parent Information Nights**

### Term Dates

Term 1, 2022– 28 January – 8 April
Term 2, 2022 – 26 April – 24 June
Term 3, 2022– 11 July – 16 September
Term 4, 2022 - 3 October – 20 December



The area of the school near the Willow Ave entrance is due for a complete make-over which was delayed due to Term 4 restrictions last year. The containers are being removed shortly and a roofed area and new path installed.

### Hot and extreme weather

We have a comprehensive set of procedures in place for when the weather is very hot or extreme. Students are brought inside to the classrooms at recess and lunch times during periods of 'wild', wet or very hot weather as we have air conditioning and heating throughout our school. We also encourage all students to drink water and to have a plastic, not glass, water bottle with them in class.

Our school has invested in, and maintains, air conditioners and heaters in every classroom and other areas, including the specialist rooms, library and hall.

Please remember that school broad brimmed or legionnaires hats need to be worn when students are playing outside and the use of sun-screen is encouraged. Broad brimmed blue hats can be purchased from the school office, sizes small, medium and large. Please write your child's name the hat.

It is important to pack foods in lunchboxes that will not 'go off' in hot weather. We recommend that children do not bring cold meats and cheese on very hot days – even food in a lunch box that includes an ice pack can deteriorate quickly and become unsafe to eat. Fresh fruit is always a good choice as students are allowed to snack on fruit and vegetables during class times or at 10.00am for short 'brain food' breaks.

### Parking and safe driving

Please remember that speed restrictions in school zones are now back in place and parking and no-standing restrictions around the school need to be observed. These regulations are enforced by the City of Monash.

## 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.

### COVID19

Please remember to practise social distancing when in the school grounds. If you are onsite for 15 minutes or more, use the QR code displayed around the school to sign in.

If you wish to talk with a teacher, please make an appointment via Compass, the school email or call the office.

Thank you.



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

We are being cautious in keeping parents and visitors off site as far as possible, which may change as the term progresses depending on the COVID situation in Victoria. Foundation students will need to be collected from the hardcourt and Year 1 students from outside their classrooms after school please.

### **Mobile phones at school**

We understand that some parents wish their children to have a mobile phone to use when coming to school or returning home for safety reasons however, these phones need to be handed in to the school office by 9.00am and then can be collected after school. **Students are not permitted to have mobile phones with them during the day at school.** If possible, it is best to leave mobile phones at home.

### **Annual privacy reminder for 2022**

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of our school's privacy policy found on our website [www.glendal.ps.vic.edu.au](http://www.glendal.ps.vic.edu.au).

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>.

This information is also available in ten community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

### **Important information – student accident and private property insurance, reminder**

The Department of Education and Training (DET), and government schools, **do not** provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonable low-cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

The Department of Education and Training also does not hold insurance, nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors.

Students are advised not to bring any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school and are not allowed to bring any electronic toys and games to school.

Please ensure that you have Ambulance cover as this is not covered by the school or the Department.

Deborah Grosseck  
Principal



## 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:

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

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### 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.



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