



Principal's Message

Our students continue to enjoy being back at school however we are continuing with restrictions until the end of this term as announced by the Government last week. RAT Kits will be distributed to families each fortnight for the rest of the term. We are taking a very cautious approach and limiting events that require mixing large numbers of students. For example, there are no school assemblies this term. This also means that our 3-Way Parent Teacher Conferences, on 24 March, will be held online with teachers working from the school.

We have had to cancel the Year 6 Camp to Canberra. Schools are not able to take students interstate due to the chance of a teacher or student becoming ill with Covid whilst away. This would cause huge problems in transporting students and teachers and close contacts back to Melbourne or isolating them in Canberra without their family.

We are not running any assemblies or activities that would mean large groups of students, e.g. whole year levels, meet inside the Hall or within any school building.

We continue our safe and cautious approach in the interests of the whole school community.

Dropping and collecting children at school

Please do not park, or pull in, across any driveway to drop off or collect children at school. The City of Monash regularly patrol and fine drivers who do this.

The City of Monash traffic officers also regularly patrol and fine drivers who double park, park or stop and drop off children too close to pedestrian and supervised crossings or infringe traffic regulations in any way.

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. School contributions can also be paid via Compass.

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.

What's On...

February 2022

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

March

Tuesday 1	Year 6 Glendal Tennis Trials
Friday 4	9:00-11:00am Year 6 Interschool Sports
Monday 7	2:30pm Year 6 outdoor Assembly – Leader Badge Presentation
Wednesday 9	From 9:00am Three-Way Conference Booking can be made on Compass
Friday 11	9:00-11:00am Year 6 Interschool Sports
Monday 14	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 16	Year 4 to 6 Athletics Day Foundation Teddy Bear Picnic Day
Friday 18	9:00-11:00am Year 6 Interschool Sports

Please Remember

From 9:00am Wednesday March 9th Three-way Conference Booking can be made on Compass.

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



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 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.

COVID19

Please remember to practise social distancing when in the school grounds.

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.



ONLINE LITERACY PROGRAMS

Glendal Primary School has subscribed to a large number of online literacy programs that you are able to access at home to support your child’s learning.

This year, we will again continue our subscriptions to Story Box Library, Sunshine Online, Literacy Planet and Reading Eggs for use across the whole school.

Our Foundation to Year 3 students will also have access to PM eCollection to support their take-home reader program. This will be accessed by some other learning programs at school including EAL classes.

Here are the whole-school login details for Story Box Library at Sunshine Online:

<p><u>Story Box Library</u></p> <p>https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/ Username: glendalps Password: glendal</p> 	<p><u>Sunshine Online</u></p>  <p></p> <p>https://www.sunshineonline.com.au/</p> <p>Username: glendal Password: glendal</p>
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New students will soon receive login details for the programs that require individual login access (including Reading Eggs, Literacy Planet and PM eCollection).

Alana Newbiggin
Literacy Co-ordinator

GLENDAL CHESS TEAM 2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

2021 was a most challenging year for our Glendal Chess Team, similar to 2020 due to COVID-19. Even though our young chess team players have started to adapt to new ways of playing chess (transitioning from over the board tournaments to online tournaments), we were never free from some of the hindrances that are associated with online chess playing. We have lost some opportunities to make our mark due to internet connectivity issues, having some experienced team members graduate, unclear play policies and lack of face-to-face interactions among team members. However, we do have many positive outcomes to share with everyone.

I would like to congratulate our Glendal Chess Team on their tremendous achievement in the following tournaments:

Our team came 1st place in the 2021 Chess Victoria Primary Girls Final (13th October).

- Players who participated in the tournament were: Deethya, Darline, Shenara, Aadhya and Sophia.
- Individual 1st place: Deethya (6/7). **Congratulations Deethya.**

Glendal came 2nd place in the 2021 Chess Victoria Primary Open Final (3rd November).

- Players who participated in the tournament were: Deethya, Ricky, Trent, Abhinav, Darline, Forrest, Shenara and Max.
- Best players: Deethya, Ricky and Trent.

Glendal Girls Team came 2nd place in the 2021 Chess Victoria Primary Girls Grand Final (13th October).

The five board players were:

Board 1: Deethya (Grade 4)

Board 2: Darline (Grade 5)

Board 3: Shenara (Grade 6)

Board 4: Aadhya (Foundation)

Board 5: Sophia (Grade 3)

- Board prize winner: Deethya. **Congratulations Deethya.**

Glendal Open team 2nd place in the 2021 Chess Victoria Primary Grand Final (6th November).

The five board players were:

Board 1: Ricky (Grade 2)

Board 2: Deethya (Grade 4)

Board 3: Trent (Grade 6)

Board 4: Abhinav (Grade 6)

Board 5: Forrest (Grade 4)

- Best players: Deethya and Abhinav.

Many thanks to Mrs. Poormina Charma (Deethya and Aadhya's mum) for coordinating the team. Please contact the school if you are interested in joining the Glendal Chess Team and we will pass your details onto Poormina.

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.



Welcome to 2022

Welcome back to a new school year! Our Outside School Hours Care, Your OSHC provides tailored experiences that aim to inspire your child and help them grow.

We have been busy designing the perfect program and environment to kick off the new year. We can't wait for your children to experience it.

Our term 1 program will focus on forging new friendships, strengthening existing ones, being secure, and feeling included and confident. We have set up an engaging and inspiring Your OSHC space so every session you child will be able to choose from different experience in our many zones.

The theme for this week was Chinese New Year Celebrations at our service. Children were engaged in various experiences around the culture of China and celebrations of New Year, we had a Group discussion around the theme and provided variety of crafts experiences throughout the week. Children had Chinese rice noodles for afternoon tea.

Next week's theme is "Tell me About Yourself" and we will have experiences planned around the interests of children.

Coordinator: Nidhi Chandhok



COVID safe activities

All activities are COVID safe, adhere to all health guidelines and follow COVID-19 cleaning practices.



Positive Transitions program

Whether it's your child's first day of school, they're joining us at OSHC for the first time or they just need a little encouragement after the summer holidays, our Transitions program will help your child feel safe, valued and included.



Virtual information sessions

Join us for a free virtual information session to find out how Outside School Hours Care can help your family, and how our team can guide your child's growth. These virtual, informative, and interactive sessions will provide insight into how Your OSHC by Camp Australia operates.

[Book now](#)



Save on OSHC fees with the CCS

Did you know you can reduce the cost of care with a Government subsidy? We strongly recommend you apply for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to determine what you're eligible for. For more info, visit Mygov.com.au

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at 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.



Boost your child's sense of belonging

When children feel that all-important sense of belonging, they can thrive. Read our full blog on helping to boost your child's sense of belonging in primary school.

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