Glendal Post

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Glendal Primary School

Principal's Message

Thank you to our School Council, school community, staff and students for the trust they have placed with us this year. We appreciate all your support and your commitment and dedication to student learning and wellbeing.

Our school goes from strength to strength, maintaining a positive culture and reputation for being an excellent school and place to work and learn.

Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful Christmas and summer holiday.

Year 6 Graduation

Congratulations to all our Year 6 students who celebrated their graduation to secondary school with polish, professionalism, excitement and a little sadness this week. Our formal Graduation Ceremony was held on Monday evening at The Grand on Cathies Lane, Wantirna South. Our students were amazing and were congratulated by the staff at The Grand for their respectful and polite manners.

Thank you to the Year 6 teachers, Mrs Ives (photographer) and Mrs Fornaro and our musicians for their performances.

Congratulations to the following award winners who were presented with their award and certificate at the Graduation Ceremony:

What's On...

December

Wednesday 10	Year 5 Economics Fair
Thursday 11	Year 5 and 6 Crepe Day
Friday 12	3K/3N/3O Scienceworks Excursion
Monday 15	2:15-3:00pm Walk-Up, including orientation for new students (beginning at 11:30am)
Wednesday 17	SRC Dress Up Day
Thursday 18	Year 6 Picnic
Friday 19	**2:30pm end of term and finish of the school year**

2026

January

Monday 26	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 27	Curriculum Day – pupil free day
Wednesday 28	Curriculum Day – pupil free day
Thursday 29	Foundation Transition Day – 10:00am-12noon Session 1 and 1:00-3:00pm Session 2 First day for Year 1 – 6 students

Please Remember

Friday 19th December is the last day of term and we have a 2:30pm finish time.

Term Dates

Term 4, 2025 – 6 October – 19 December
Term 1, 2026 – 27 January – 2 April
Term 2, 2026 – 20 April – 26 June
Term 3, 2026 – 13 July – 18 September
Term 4, 2026 – 5 October – 18 December

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Principal's Report

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...

THE SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

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.

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Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who received special awards at our Year 6 Graduation this week.

Glendal Community Spirit and Leadership Awards

Sunny
Sunny has been an outstanding role model within the Glendal community. Without holding any formal leadership position, she has consistently demonstrated that it is attitude – not a badge – that defines a true community leader. Sunny has regularly volunteered her time to a range of initiatives at Glendal and has been a valued support to both students and teachers. She has shown great respect for her peers, teachers, and school environment. Sunny has exemplified the core values of Glendal.

James
The second recipient of the 2025 Glendal Community Award is James. He has consistently demonstrated and upheld all of the Glendal school values on a daily basis, displaying a high level of respect, resilience, responsibility and teamwork wherever possible. James' enthusiasm and dedication towards learning is exemplary. He has been an outstanding role model within they Year 6 learning space and an inclusive and supportive peer to others. James has demonstrated tremendous leadership, through his words and actions, participating in learning tasks, projects and collaborative situations with dedication and zest.

Rotary Sports Award

Ashton
Throughout 2025, Ashton has represented Glendal in several different sporting teams including reaching the division level for athletics. In every sporting situation, he has been an encourager, leader and role model on the field. His enthusiasm and approach to competition is to be commended and typifies what it means to show true sportsmanlike behaviour and attitude.

Jan Kennedy Award Community Award (presented by John Mullahy)

Annie
Annie is to be commended for her ability to consistently strive for excellence and push herself out of her comfort zone. She has brought a positive attitude and a love of learning to the Glendal community on a daily basis, being a generous, respectful and empathetic individual. Annie has demonstrated leadership skills through her passion for world issues within her contributions to the school environmental group this year.

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Staff movement for 2025

Mrs Jan Kentish retires at the end of this school year after many years teaching Reading Recovery and promoting literacy at our school. She has provided advice and mentoring for teachers and families and been a passionate advocate of promoting success in literacy for our younger students. I wish her well for the future on behalf of our school community and thank her for work her and influence at our school.

Mrs Naomi Fornaro, who set up our current music program, initiated our before-school Ensemble Programs and took us into the State School Spectacular, is moving on to another school.

We also thank and farewell the following staff members who have all contributed to the growth of our school and who will not be with us for 2026: Miss Chelsea Brownlie, Mrs Kristi Clark, Mrs Pauline Lau, Ms Nishadhi Siriwardena and Mrs Bronwyn Billimoria, our Speech Pathologist. We wish them all success in their new roles.

Mrs Dillie Thayil and Ms Sandy Zammit are taking family leave for 2026.

We welcome the following new staff, who have been recently appointed to our school: Ms Lilly Ji, Ms Anne Doan, Mrs Jai Hendy, Mr Phillip Moxon, Ms Lucy Zhu, Mrs Trista Fry (Music) and Mr Dan Woollard (PE). Mrs Suzanne Haebich is returning to our school following a 12-month absence.

Following 'Walk-Up' day next Monday when students meet their class and teacher for 2026, I will communicate, by Compass, a list of the teaching staff for 2026 and their roles in the school.

Congratulations to our four VEX robotics teams who competed in the VEX Robotics National Championship in Adelaide last weekend. They represented our school and Victoria in what was a highly competitive and challenging competition. Well done to our four teams: Quantum Queens, Stella Scorpion, Cook or Get Cooked and Lucky Banana Boys. What a fantastic experience and opportunity to meet and collaborate with teams from around Australia.

Congratulations to Mrs Gilligan who was awarded Mentor of the Year for VEX Robotics. This is a very well-deserved acknowledgement of her dedication and hard work across our school robotics program.

Our School Wall Murals

Fantastic artwork by our Year 6 leaders and Mrs Susa

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CHESS NEWS TERM 4 No. 3

Many congratulations to all players.

Chess Victoria Open Final: We finished in fourth place, a great effort by all students.

NSC Junior Primary State Final: Glendal placed first with 19.5 points in total. Sannah won 6 points, Dinel 5, Joanna 4.5, Nicolas and Nishitha 4 and Siddharth 2.5.

COMING UP - Our Girls' Team, who won the State final on Tuesday 14th October, will play in the Australian School Team Chess Championships, held on the 6th of December at Glen Waverley Secondary College.

Aadhya, Kaylin, Sannah and Swaraa will play on behalf of Glendal.

This is a massive achievement from our girls, and we wish them every success. We are very proud of you.

Thank you to all the families, who have supported the competitions throughout the year and particularly to Mr Kevin Zhang (Kaylin's father) for his organisation.

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Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

December 2025

Glendal Primary School CA OSHC -0423 794 695

Camp Australia
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Your OSHC.

ROCKETEERS

Christmas in After School Care

All December

Book now

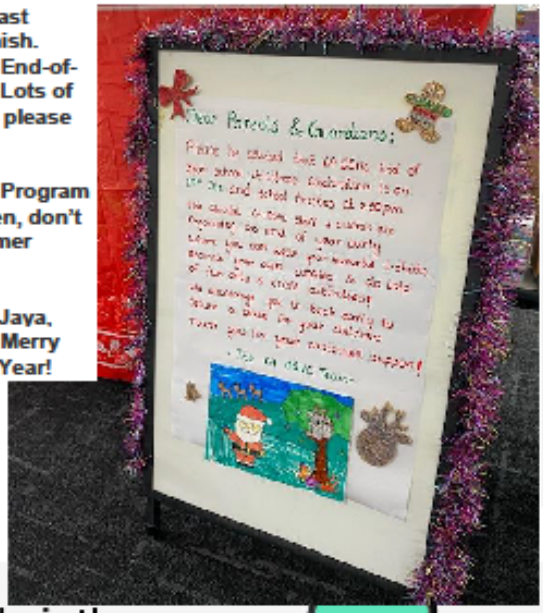
Hi everyone, welcome to Glendal CA OSHC Newsletter!

As we wrap up Term 4, we'd like to thank all school staff, OSHC families and our wonderful children for their support throughout the year. We wish our Year 6 students all the best in their next chapter, we'll miss you!
From Monday 1st to Friday 5th December we had our Big Art Week and created a giant mural. Well done to all of the students involved.

Friday 19th December is our last school day, with a 2:30pm finish. We'll be celebrating with our End-of-Year OSHC Christmas Party. Lots of fun activities are planned, so please book early.

Summer Rocketeers Holiday Program Online bookings are now open, don't miss out on an exciting summer adventure!

From CA OSHC — Shiranka, Jaya, and Kivi — we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Activities coming up

- Tissue paper sunflower
- Cooking with Summer
- Yarn star

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Address: 55 Nottingham Street GLEN WAVERLEY VIC 3150

Phone: 0423 784 695 **Program Times:** 07:00 am - 06:30 pm

Mon 22 Dec — **Project: Gift Factory**

Create a vibrant tie-dye beach bag, mix up a delicious gingerbread cookie jar with a custom cookie cutter, and turn the Summer Shack into a festive gift shop to celebrate the season in style!

Full Fee $112.46 | After Max. CCS* $11.25

Project

Tue 23 Dec — **Operation: Holiday Hijinks**

It's time for sunshine, silliness, and festive fun! Dive into a day of holiday cheer filled with games, giggles, and joyful surprises that'll make your summer sparkle.

Full Fee $91.89 | After Max. CCS* $9.19

Base Camp Day

Mon 05 Jan — **Project: Summer of Fun**

Launch into summer fun! Work together to build and decorate a vibrant adventure shack for your Base Camp, make shrink keyrings, and blend frosty fruit smoothies in your colour-changing cup to take home. The holidays start here!

Full Fee $111.03 | After Max. CCS* $11.10

Project

Tue 06 Jan — **Special Event: Burger Chefs at Grill'd**

Learn about healthy eating, then build your own delicious Grill'd burger from bun to top! Stack it, taste it, and savour the flavour in this tasty hands-on adventure.

Full Fee $136.08 | After Max. CCS* $13.61

Excursion

Wed 07 Jan — **Operation: Beat Brigade**

Move, groove, and let the rhythm guide you! Today's all about music, movement, and making noise in the most creative ways you can imagine.

Full Fee $91.89 | After Max. CCS* $9.19

Base Camp Day

Thu 08 Jan — **Experience Takeover: Masterpiece, Recreated!**

Learn about sustainability and reducing everyday waste by recycling, reusing, and repurposing items to transform them into creative works of art! Get hands-on and be inspired to make something special today.

Full Fee $111.08 | After Max. CCS* $11.11

Experience Takeover

Fri 09 Jan — **Project: The Print Shop**

Snap, roll, and reveal! Explore instant pics, gel print rollers, and sun-powered cyanotypes to create one-of-a-kind art. Take home your own magical blue print made with the power of light!

Full Fee $116.79 | After Max. CCS* $11.68

Project

Mon 12 Jan — **Project: Bugsville Hotel**

Design a five-star stay for creepy crawlies! Build your own bug hotel, decorate it with natural materials, then head outside to collect leaves, twigs, and treasures to fill your cosy insect hideaway.

Full Fee $110.30 | After Max. CCS* $11.04

Project

Tue 13 Jan — **Operation: Invent-a-thon**

Have a clever idea? Let's bring it to life! Today is all about creating wild inventions, building fun contraptions, and dreaming up solutions only a young inventor like you could imagine!

Full Fee $91.89 | After Max. CCS* $9.19

Base Camp Day

Wed 14 Jan — **Experience Takeover: Wired to Move**

Get pumped for a silent disco like no other, where sport meets sound! With wireless headphones, you'll play wild games, tackle trivia, and chill out with mindful meditation. Let the 3S fun begin!

Full Fee $114.89 | After Max. CCS* $11.41

Experience Takeover

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- Improve focus, patience, and decision-making
- Learn sportsmanship and strategic thinking
- Boost confidence in a fun and supportive environment

Whether your child is a beginner or already knows the basics, our sessions are designed to be interactive, exciting, and age-appropriate.

Chess

Day: THURSDAYS
Time: 3:30 – 4:30PM
Cost: $200 for 8 weeks

Starts on: February 12
For Years: Years 1 - 6
Location: Room Foundation J,K,L,M and Language room

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