

School Newsletter

Vol. 2, 2025: Term 1, Week 5

Principal's Word

It's hard to believe we are now halfway through Term One. And what a busy start to the year it's been! Our Year 5 and Year 6 students enjoyed two weeks of swimming lessons from Monday, 17 February, until Friday, 28 February. I'm sure all families also enjoyed the recent long weekend and shorter week this week.

Our school assembly item hosted by D1 last week was also very noteworthy, with students using Auslan to sign their 'A-B-Cs' – particularly impressive given that they've only had a couple of Auslan lessons so far this year. Our thanks and congratulations go to Ms Maxwell, Mr Mac and the students of D1, for this outstanding item.

Term Two Parent-Teacher Interviews

As communicated in last fortnight's newsletter, an **early close for Parent-Teacher Interviews** will be conducted each semester this year. The first opportunity for formal interviews with class teachers will most likely be provided in Week Three of Term Two, on Monday 12 May. This will be confirmed as soon as possible through the school's various communication systems.

Meeting with teachers mid-way through the semester will provide somewhat of an interim verbal report, enabling the teacher and parents to speak about how their child has settled, and their areas of strength and challenge. It will also give an indication of expected achievement when formal Reports are written; ensuring shared understanding in advance of Semester Reporting.

Canteen Request

Our school canteen staff have requested that especially for Year 1 and 2 students, any 'snack' items purchased, such as frozen yoghurts, are ordered through the Quick Click system, or with the child's lunch order before school, rather than the child bringing cash to the counter.

This will streamline the process for canteen staff, and help to ensure that students receive these snacks in a timely fashion. The Glencoe P&C Association and the canteen staff thank you in advance for your support in this regard.

2025 Student Leaders

Our 2025 Student Leaders were announced at our school assembly last Friday, 28 February. Congratulations to the following Year 5 and 6 students, on their selection:

Head Boy: Austin Biju
Head Girl: Charlotte Berven

Year 6 Student Councillors:

Asta Simpson Brooklyn Thorpe
Olivia MacDonald Zander Nicholson-Buchanan

Year 5 Student Councillors:

Harper Henderson Jordan Hunt
Roha Kim Samuel Denham



Faction Captains

Parmelia: Reigan Potter Sebastian Bloomfield
Challenger: Ebonie Friend Ellah-Rose Nichols
Canopus: Ellie Berven Joe Feineler
Success: Jack Marchant Annette Comeagain



In addition, congratulations must go to all students who nominated for a leadership position this year. Every nominee delivered an effective and engaging 'pitch', and each should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

Compass Update

From **Wednesday, 26 March**, Compass messaging will replace the school's current text messaging service. Messages sent and received will have a similar format as the school's current text messages, but they will appear to come from a new number, with a link to view the message.

As a security measure, this number may be different each time a message is received, but you will know it is from the school as messages will be titled "Glencoe PS".

Facebook Update

Glencoe Primary School will soon have an active, public Facebook page. This page has now been set up, and we encourage parents and family members to 'like' and 'follow'. Over the coming weeks, you will start to see photographs from school events, reminders, P&C news etc. shared on the school's Facebook page. Commenting will be turned off, and as such, if you are inclined to tag family members in posts, you are encouraged instead, to invite them to follow the page. To ensure the official school page is the one you're following, an image of the profile background and picture is pasted below.

We would of course ensure that all students whose images are shared on the school Facebook page have appropriate permissions for this. If you would prefer images of your child/ren did not to appear on the school's public Facebook page, but you are unsure of their current Facebook permissions status, please do not hesitate to contact the front office, to confirm your wishes.



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Year 6 Camp Fundraiser

A dedicated group of Year 6 parents have organised a Cadbury chocolate box fundraiser. Parents of Year 6 students are encouraged to get in touch with Rebecca Brothwell (in the school canteen) to support this cause, with all funds raised going directly toward this year's Year 6 Camp.

Student Attendance

Attendance at school is vitally important. At Glencoe, we value every opportunity to help students learn and grow.

If you child is absent from school, please add an attendance note in Compass, respond to the SMS that is automatically-generated, or phone the front office to advise of the reason for the absence. Where absences remain unexplained at the end of the week, a Compass letter will be sent, outlining dates of absence and requesting an explanation. This is one of our measures to prioritise the follow-up of student attendance, this year.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school for any reason, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. By working together, our school community can support your child's attendance.

P&C News

The P&C's Term One events include an **Easter Raffle**, which will run over the final weeks of the term. Ticket sales will close on 7 April, and the draw will take place on 8 April.

The P&C will also be hosting an **Easter Hat Parade** on Thursday, 10 April. Staff will provide a lunch-time hat-making workshop, for students whose families are unable to assist their children to take part, ensuring that no child is 'left out'.

Containers for Change (C4C) bins have now been delivered to Glencoe PS. All funds raised through collection of eligible bottles and cans, will go directly to the P&C, to be donated back to the school, for a variety of projects. Students and families are encouraged to drop their eligible juice boxes, plastic bottles and cans into the C4C bin, which is located just behind the canteen, near the blue basketball courts on Glencoe Parade.

Community News: Attached on next page

SSWA ALL-COMERS AQUATHLON

YOU'RE INVITED!

NOMINATIONS DUE 17TH MARCH

\$20 - 10AM
RUN 1KM
SWIM 200M
RUN 1KM

DIVISIONS

- 12 YRS & UNDER
- 13-19 YRS
- OPEN (ADULT)

**WAVE STARTS WILL BE DETERMINED
ONCE NOMINATIONS CLOSE**



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