

School Newsletter

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Principal's Word

It seems every time I write a newsletter, I find it hard to believe how quickly the term is passing, and how busy our staff and students have been in the previous fortnight. This is no exception. With NAPLAN Testing for Year 3 and 5 students commencing last week and running through until Monday next week, there have been timetable changes across the school. Our students and staff have responded admirably to these changes. Our Year 3s and 5s have undertaken the testing itself with great determination and perseverance.

Our school assembly item hosted by A2 last week was also very noteworthy, with students sharing an important sun safety message through a cute rendition of a "slip, slop, slap, seek and slide" song. Congratulations to Mrs Swart and the students of A2, for this outstanding item.

Pre-Primary to Year 3 Swimming

Department of Education swimming lessons for students in Pre-Primary to Year 3 will be held in the first two weeks of Term 2 – from Wednesday, 30 April, to Friday, 9 May. Information has been sent to families via Compass, today. We strongly encourage families to take up the opportunity of swimming lessons for their children. Learning to swim is an essential part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum, and of day-to-day life in Australia.



Car Parking

A friendly reminder that the front carpark, on Glencoe Parade, is a staff carpark only. Exceptions, of course, apply to ACROD permit holders and visitors during the school day, such as parents collecting children early for appointments. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Harmony Day

A reminder that Harmony Day is celebrated on 21 March. At Glencoe, we will be commemorating the occasion by encouraging students to wear something orange – the colour associated with Harmony Day. No donation is required to participate in orange dress. Families are not expected to purchase new clothing for this occasion – orange socks, hair ties or other accessories are also suitable. Please note that this is not a 'crazy hair' or 'free dress' day, and as such, regular school attire is expected, other than splashes of orange.

**HARMONY
DAY 21
MARCH**



Ride to School Day

Tomorrow (Friday, 21 March), is also National Ride to School Day. In an effort not to overwhelm families with events and expectations, this has not been formally promoted at Glencoe this year. However, we encourage students and their families to ride, skate, scoot or walk to school at any opportunity... and with the glorious weather expected, tomorrow would be the perfect day to do so!

ANZAC Service

The 2025 Glencoe Primary School ANZAC Service will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday, 10 April, in the school under-covered area. Family members are welcome to join us for this event.



School Photos

Our School Photos for 2025 will be taken on Monday, 31 March and Friday, 4 April. Information regarding School Photos has been sent to families via Compass. Should you wish to order sibling/family photos, an envelope is available for this purpose, from the front office.



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 occur in Week Three of Term Two, on **Monday 12 May**. On this date, the school day will finish for all students at 11:45am.

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.



Student Attendance

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

If your 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.

Compass Update

From next **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 PS now has an active, public Facebook page. 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.



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P&C News

Be sure to check out the final page of this week's newsletter for the most up-to-date info on P&C events and fundraisers.

Some of the event and raffle dates have changed, in an effort to maximise opportunities for engagement. Thank you for your understanding.

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CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

PLEASE SUPPORT GLENCOE PRIMARY SCHOOL BY DONATING YOUR 10C CONTAINERS!
WE NOW HAVE BINS LOCATED IN THE CANTEEN UNDERCOVER AREA AND THE BASKETBALL COURTS AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.

Let's get creative and have some
Easter Hat fun!

Easter Hat Parade
Friday, 11th April, 9am

Please bring a gold coin donation.

Children are encouraged to make their Easter hats at home; however, if they wish, during lunchtime they will be able to decorate a basic hat for this event.

Thank you for supporting
Glencoe P&C!

**Glencoe
Garden produce sale**

Every Monday

8.15am - 8.30am

at the vegie garden

All produce \$2 each

Herb bundles

Capsicum bundle x4

Silverbeet bundle

Spring onion bundle

All funds raised go back into the garden.
Glencoe P&C thank you for your support

It's Easter Raffle time!

We have some great
vouchers gifted by our
local community for our
Easter Raffle.

We would love some Easter-themed donations to
make our Easter Raffle Eggstra special this year.

Thank you to those who have already donated and/or bought raffle tickets.
Glencoe P&C appreciate your support!

GLENCOE P&C

Easter Raffle

Tickets \$1 each. Lots of awesome prizes to be won!
Raffle drawn at the **Easter hat parade 11th April 2025**

We would love some Easter themed donations to make our
raffle prizes EGGSTRA special! Please drop all donations to
the front office. Thank you!!