

School Newsletter

Vol. 6, 2025: Term 2, Week 5

Principal's Word

In just 14 weeks of school, Glencoe Primary has undertaken almost 6 weeks of swimming lessons, across Pre-Primary to Year 6. With the cold weather now setting in, staff and students are grateful to return to the routine of everyday school life, uninterrupted by daily trips to the beach or pool.

That said, we still have a great deal to look forward to before Term Two ends, with Winter Sport fixtures for our Year 5 and 6 students, a PJ Day fundraiser for Year 6 Camp (see attached poster), St John Ambulance incursion, Glencoe Primary Cross Country carnival, NAIDOC Celebrations, and the Kaboom Percussion incursion for Year 1-6 students (details to be sent via Compass in the coming week). As always, the school will be a hive of exciting and educational activity, and we look forward to sharing this with you.

I must also mention, among all of this busy-ness, the gorgeous assembly item from A4 in Week 3, linked to being thankful. Congratulations Mrs Roberts and the students of A4. Tomorrow we welcome C3 to the stage for their assembly item, and next week (that's correct – two assemblies in a row), we will welcome D2 to the stage for their class item.

Staffing Update

A significant change to staffing occurred over the last school holidays, which was not expected by staff or the school community. I wanted to communicate this in person at the Week 3 assembly, before sharing in the newsletter. Mrs Donna Shepherdson, Deputy Principal at Glencoe since 2021, was appointed to a Principal role in the wheatbelt, over the holiday break. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Shepherdson, and we extend our most sincere congratulations to her, on this appointment. Of course, Mrs Shep will be greatly missed by staff, students and families at Glencoe, and we also extend our thanks for her commitment to the school and its students, throughout her tenure.

Taking up the Deputy role this term, we welcome Mrs Janelle Walters, who brings Early Childhood and Learning Support expertise to the team.

Mrs Griffiths' Retirement

You may have heard along the grapevine, that our longest-serving member of staff, Mrs Lesley Griffiths, has made the difficult, yet exciting decision, to retire. While we are devastated to lose Mrs Griffiths at the end of this term, we are of course, delighted for her, as she moves into this next chapter of her life.

A community celebration will be held on the afternoon of Thursday, 3 July (week ten). All past and present families are welcome to attend, and we would appreciate you sharing the event information (attached to this newsletter) with your contacts, who have a connection to Glencoe and to Mrs Griffiths.

GPS School Board (Governance)

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we had two parent positions and one community member position available on our Board. With just two nominations from parents, and one nomination from a community member, there was no need for an election.

We welcome to the Board, Mr Rob O'Halloran as a parent representative, and thank Mrs Marija Vladusic for re-nominating as a parent rep, along with Mr Marty I'anson from Elevation Church, for re-nominating as a community representative. If ever there are school governance matters you would like to discuss, you are encouraged to contact one of these reps, to have the matter addressed at a School Board meeting.

School Development Day

A reminder that this weekend is an extra 'long' long weekend for students, as staff will be engaged in Professional Learning on Tuesday, 3 June. Students will return to school on Wednesday, 4 June, after the WA Day Long Weekend.



STUDENT FREE DAY

STAFF ONLY

(SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY)

Safety Reminder

Particularly in the Early Childhood area, but also in other areas of the school, we would like to kindly remind adults to close gates behind them, and avoid letting other children out, such that toddlers/small children do not quickly disappear out of the sight of their parents or caregivers. With busy roads around the school, especially at drop-off and pick-up times, we aim to keep all children safe, and appreciate your assistance and vigilance in this regard.

P&C News

If you follow our school Facebook page, you may have seen a very cute video compilation of classes thanking our P&C for the valuable contribution they make to the school. This was prepared in recognition of P&C Day, which was celebrated nationally on Friday, 23 May.

Coming up at the end of next week, the P&C have arranged a Rebound Trampoline Park fundraising event, with all profits going directly toward reducing the cost of Year 6 Camp. A Quiz night is also planned for later in the term. Please see below, Compass, or the P&C or school Facebook page, for details.



Date : **Sunday 8th June**

Time: **3pm-5pm**

cost: **\$30+ (socks)**

How to book!

please book online, on the [Rebound Mandurah](#) website.

select **book now**

scroll to the bottom and select **FUNRAISING**

(Glencoe primary school Fundraiser)

select **sunday 8th June @3pm** and the amount of tickets and socks you want.

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO YEAR 6 CAMP.
Thankyou for your support



Select a time

120 left
3:00 pm

Select tickets

Fundraiser Peak
\$30.00

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Glencoe Garden produce sale

Every Monday

8.15am - 8.45am

at the vegie garden
produce \$2 each

- *Herb bundle
- *Silver beet bundle
- *4 x capsicums

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





Celebration of Service

(Community Retirement Party):

Lesley Griffiths



Thursday 03/07/25

3:30pm - 5:00pm

@ Glencoe P.S. Canteen Under-Covered Area



All current and former students,
families and staff are welcome

For the purposes of catering,
please RSVP by 27 June, to:
glencoe.ps.enquiries@education.wa.edu.au



We look forward to celebrating
Ms Griffiths'
40 years of service to Glencoe
(and 46 as a teacher) with you!

Pajama

Date
6th of June

Day!

Raising
money for year 6
CAMP



Reminder for year
5 and 6 students
to either wear or
bring your normal
School shoes for
winter sport.

Everyone can wear
Pajamas, please bring a
gold coin donation!



By Student Councillors