

## Principal's Message



I am very happy to report that our students have settled in well as we return to full time, onsite learning for 2021.

We are expecting to be able to offer camps and excursions, swimming, our support and extension programs, all our usual curriculum programs, additional groups such as Joint Environmental Mission (JEM) and Student Representative Council (SRC) and our new tutoring program. Our extracurricular programs (Kelly Sports, Instrumental Music, Chess and the Music Bus, etc.) all start from Week 3 which commences Monday 8 February.

It promises to be a very busy year – thankfully.

We are being cautious in keeping parents and visitors off site as far as possible, which may change as the term progresses depending on the COVID situation in Victoria. Year 1 and Foundation students will need to be collected from outside their classrooms after school and Foundation students will need to be taken to their teacher in the courtyard between the library and Foundation classrooms each morning please.

If you wish to speak with your child's teacher at any time please make an appointment via the school office, school email or Compass email direct to the teacher.

### Mobile phones at school

We understand that some parents wish their children to have a mobile phone to use when coming to school or returning home for safety reasons however, these phones need to be handed in to the school office by 9.00am and then can be collected after school. **Students are not permitted to have mobile phones with them during the day at school.** If possible it is best to leave mobile phones at home.

### 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. 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.

## What's On...

### February

Monday 8	2:45pm Middle Assembly - Year 3 and 4
Monday 15	9:15am GPG Meeting – Mi Cafe 2:45pm Junior Assembly – Year F, 1 and 2
Wednesday 17	Remote Parent Information Night 6:00-7:00pm – Foundation to Year 3 6:30-7:30pm – Year 4 to 6
Monday 22	2:30pm Senior Assembly - Year 6 only

### March

Monday 1	2:45pm Middle Assembly – Year 3, 4 and 5
Tuesday 2	Year 1 and 2 Swimming
Wednesday 3	Year 1 and 2 Swimming
Thursday 4	Year 1 and 2 Swimming
Friday 5	Year 1 and 2 Swimming
Monday 8	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
Tuesday 9	Year 1 and 2 Swimming
Wednesday 10	Year 1 and 2 Swimming
Thursday 11	Year 1 and 2 Swimming
Friday 12	Year 1 and 2 Swimming
Wednesday 17	<b>Whole School Photo Day</b>
Thursday	<b>Three-Way Conference Day</b>

### April

Thursday 1	9:15am Whole School Assembly <b>2:30pm End of Term 1 Dismissal</b>
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## Please Remember

**Sun Smart Term – No Hats No Play**

### Term Dates

Term 1, 2021 – 28 January – 1 April
Term 2, 2021 – 19 April – 25 June
Term 3, 2021 – 12 July – 17 September
Term 4, 2021 – 4 October – 17 December

## Principal's Message Cont.



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.

Please ensure that you have Ambulance cover as this is not covered by the school.

### School Council 2021

#### Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

I call for nominations for School Council, on 8 February, and give notice that an election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Glendal Primary School. **Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office, from early Monday 8 February, and must be lodged at the school office by 4.00pm on Monday 15 February 2021.** The ballot, if required, will close at 4.00 pm on Monday 1 March. Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school / sent out to families via Compass.

The terms of office are two years from the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023. Membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Parent Membership category – 4 positions

School employee member – 2 positions

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and a call for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

## 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.

如果您的住址和联系电话有变,

请告知我校办公室。

学校办址和联系公室。

#### 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 are onsite for 15 minutes or more, use the QR code displayed around the school to sign in.

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.**

The timeline below is part of the 'Notice of Election'.

Current School Councillors are also able to re-nominate for these positions

Monday 8 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Call for nominations and Notice of Election</li> <li>➤ <b>Nomination forms available at office</b></li> </ul>
<b>Monday 15 February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Completed nomination forms delivered to the Principal</li> <li>➤ <b>Nominations Close at 4.00pm</b></li> <li>➤ <b>If the number of nominations is equal to the number of vacancies there will not be a vote and ballot</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday 17 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Principal will display names of the candidates, their nominators and seconders, and take appropriate steps to either commence the ballot process if needed, declare candidates elected, or call for further nominations</li> <li>➤ If any additional nominations are required, they close at 4:00pm on 25 February.</li> <li>➤ If the number of nominations is more than required, steps will be taken to commence the ballot requirements **</li> </ul>
Monday 22 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ If needed ballot papers prepared and distributed</li> </ul> <p><b>7.00pm Current School Council meeting</b></p>
Monday 1 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ballots close at 4:00pm; votes counted 4 March and ballot declared and all candidates contacted 6 March.</li> </ul>
Monday 22 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>First meeting of new School Council to elect office bearers, AGM and Co-option Meeting 6.30pm in the Conference Room</b></li> </ul>

**\*\* If the number of nominations is equal to, or less than the number of vacancies then there will be no ballot.**

### School Council, Information and Responsibilities

School Council assists in the governance of the school with responsibilities to: approve student camps and overnight excursions and student overseas travel; approve the annual budget; develop, review and update school policies in line with Department of Education guidelines and legislation; raise funds for the school; oversee the school grounds and building maintenance and oversee the strategic plan development and implementation. They:

- assist in the efficient governance of the school
- ensure that its decisions affecting students of the school are made having regard, as a primary consideration, to the best interest of the students
- enhance the educational opportunities of students at the school
- ensure the school and the council complies with any requirements of this Act, the regulations, a Ministerial Order or a direction, guideline or policy issued under this Act.

**I must emphasise** that it is NOT the role of School Council and parent members of School Council to involve themselves in any concerns and complaints that parents may have regarding staff, other students or parents and the school. Please see the school Principal class leadership and / or your child's teacher if you have a concern, question or complaint. We are very approachable and keen to alleviate concerns and resolve problems. School Council is not involved in any school operational and management matters or day-to-day running of the school.

### WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

## **WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?**

For most School Councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of School Council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the Council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

## **DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?**

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

## **HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?**

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term One each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the School Council
- encouraging another person to stand for election
- joining the Education sub-committee of School Council.

## **WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?**

The Principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All School Council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the School Council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on Council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

#### REMEMBER

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to Council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

**Contact the Principal for further information.** I am very happy to discuss School Council with interested parents considering nomination.

**Please note** that School Councillors are expected to commit to attending all Council meetings each year, excepting unforeseen work or family events. Meetings are held twice each term on a Monday evening, usually the third Monday in a month, from 7.00pm. Without the required quorum at Council meetings we cannot complete our compliance demands relating to educational and financial policy and operations work at the school.

Deborah Grossek  
Principal



## Glendal Parents Group

(GPG)

Welcome back! And a very big welcome to all of the new families in our Glendal community.

The GPG team are a group of parents who help create fun events for the children throughout the year. These events often raise money that goes back into the school to buy new equipment, playgrounds, seating, etc.

We are aware that many parents are working, but those who can, are asked to volunteer any spare time to assist with simple tasks. This does not have to be a regular commitment, any assistance you can offer is always appreciated. In the past such tasks have included; helping and serving at the Family Night BBQ/picnic, setting up and serving at the Mother's Day stall, or assisting with supervision at the school disco.

We have found that parents often find assisting in these simple ways very rewarding as they see the smiles on their children's faces, knowing that their parent/s is showing an active interest in helping out at the school. Plus, you have the opportunity to see your child enjoying school.

You can be a part of this and feel connected to Glendal by contributing to your child/ren's school and make some great friendships for yourself too!

The GPG meet once or twice per term to discuss the events and divide up the tasks for which parents can help.

The first meeting will be held at the school in the Mi Cafe on Monday 15th February at 9.15am.

We would love to see as many parents as possible attend. Please make sure you register using one of the QR codes posted around the school before coming into the meeting. You are welcome to wear a face mask as an option if you so choose.

Regards,

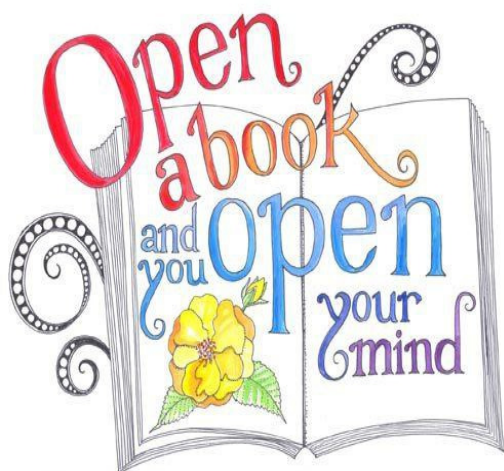
Paul Whitehead

Assistant Principal





## Welcome to a fantastic school year 2021!



- At Glendal Primary School we run child friendly inspirational library systems.
- All the students can borrow once a week.
- Junior grades (Foundation – Year 2) are allowed to borrow *2 books or 1 book and 1 DVD* each week; and they are encouraged to return these the next week.
- Senior grades (Year 3 – Year 6) are allowed to borrow *4 books or 3 books and 1 DVD* each week and have two weeks to return these.
- We encourage our students to *read*; that is why we have a policy of allowing the eager readers to *borrow more books more frequently* according to their *reading interests*.

### ***“The more you READ, the more you can BORROW”***



- Glendal library is active in accommodating each and every child's need for reading.
- Please help your child to grow a *habit* of borrowing and returning resources *on time*.
- Please address your child's *overdue notice* as soon as possible.
- We don't *charge* for an overdue item/s, however in case of missing or lost item/s a replacement cost will apply.

If you have issues regarding your child's overdue item/s or any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time during school hours from *Monday – Friday*.

***Please note that you are welcome to donate towards the library fund at any time in the office.  
Glendal library appreciates enormously all the contributions made by the parents.***

***We are also always on the lookout for good quality fiction and non-fiction books (post 2002 for non-fiction) to help our library grow. So if you are thinking of doing a 'summer clean out' in the coming weeks please keep us in mind.***

***Thank you,***

***Sultana Hassan (Mon – Tues 8:30am – 4:00pm)***

***Sam May (Tues – Fri 9:30am – 2:30pm)***

***Library Technicians***

## 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

### 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.



### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>



# GWSC TRIALS AND GRADING 2021



## WEEK 1

GWSC Trial Dates	Monday 1-Feb	Tuesday 2-Feb	Wednesday 3-Feb	Thursday 4-Feb	Friday 5-Feb	Saturday 6-Feb	Sunday 7-Feb
U8						845 - 945 am	
U9							
U10						1000 - 1100 am	
U11							
U12		600 - 730 pm					
U13							
U14				600 - 730 pm			
U15							
U16			600 - 730 pm				
U17/18							

## WEEK 2

GWSC Trial Dates	Monday 8-Feb	Tuesday 9-Feb	Wednesday 10-Feb	Thursday 11-Feb	Friday 12-Feb	Saturday 13-Feb	Sunday 14-Feb
U8						845 - 945 am	
U9							
U10						1000 - 1100 am	
U11							
U12		600 - 730 pm					
U13							
U14				600 - 730 pm			
U15							
U16			600 - 730 pm				
U17/18							

GWSC looks forward to welcoming past and new players to our trials and grading sessions for the 2021 season. All trials will be held at Wheelers Hill Secondary College, Lum Road, Wheelers Hill at the times listed for each age group. Boys and Girls grading will run simultaneously.

**Note:** The Age groups below represents the age you must be at the end of the year (December 31). For example to play Under 12's this year you need to be 12 or younger at Dec 31st.

registrations@glenwaverleysoccer.org.au  
http://www.glenwaverleysoccer.org.au/



Confidence

Communication Skills

Creativity

# superspeak



## Weekly public speaking, drama & presentation skills for ages 6-14

**IN-PERSON**  
or **ONLINE**

- ★ Leading Curriculum
- ★ Experienced Teachers
- ★ Loads of FUN!

**communication**

- ★ quick thinking
- ★ **expression**
- ★ teamwork
- ★ **confidence**
- ★ leadership
- ★ **persuasion**
- ★ vocal variety

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Canterbury, Rowville,  
Ashburton, Hampton,  
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