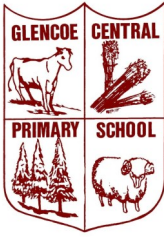


# Glencoe Central Primary School



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## Diary Dates

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
12 Governing Council AGM	11 Adelaide Cup Holiday	1 Easter Monday
16 Student Free Day	29 Good Friday	12 Last Day Term 1

Welcome back to the 2024 school year! I am hopeful everyone was able to enjoy Christmas and New Year and managed to spend quality time with those close to you. As we commence a new school year, I would like to remind families of some key information relevant to the first few weeks of school.

### Governing Council AGM

The AGM will be held on Monday February 12th, 6:30pm at school and we urge you to attend and consider being on our Governing Council. Everyone is welcome to attend! Our first Governing Council Meeting will follow on after the AGM. The Governing Council is an important aspect in the governance of our school and the current time commitment is just two evening meetings per term.

### New Families

I would like to welcome our new Reception students and their families to the school this year. Our school community is looking forward to working with you and supporting your child's learning as they commence their Primary school journey.

### School Uniform

A reminder to all families that Maroon broad brimmed hats are required to be worn by all students this term (and term 4). Students should also be wearing our school uniform each day which consists of Maroon or Yellow polo shirts, Maroon/White checked dresses, and Grey, Black or Navy bottoms (shorts/pants).

### Pupil Free Day – Week 3

Last year, our Governing Council approved a pupil free day to be held on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of February (week 3). The pupil free day has been scheduled so all school staff can attend professional learning based on the Berry Street Education Model. The learning will enable us to learn more strategies which support students' self-regulation, relationships and wellbeing to increase student engagement and significantly improve academic achievement. If you would like to find out a bit more about the model, please visit their website <https://www.berrystreet.org.au/learning-and-resources/berry-street-education-model>.

### Morning Drop Offs

Students are welcome to come to school from 8:30am onwards in the morning, which is when doors open and teachers are on duty. Before this time, staff are preparing for the day, either in the Front Office or in their classrooms/learning areas and are not on duty. There are a number of clear safety concerns with a student arriving before this time, as they will spend time unsupervised behind the building, often in bad weather, and often without us being aware they are on site. We ask that students arrive from 8:30am onwards, for both safety and legal reasons. We remind families that students enter the building through the back doors where they hang their bags and not via the Front Office which at times can be disruptive and congested.

At 8.55am when the bell rings, learning time begins. We ask that parents have said goodbye to their children by this time so teachers can begin the day without disruption to the class.

### Thankyou

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the Dunn, Manser, Sinkunas and Smith families who assisted with caring for the Ducks and Chooks over the holiday break. We really appreciate your efforts.

**RESPECT**

**RESPONSIBILIY**

**KINDNESS**

## Governing Council

Our first Governing Council meeting will be the AGM to be held on Monday February 12th at 6:30pm. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

## Communication

At GCPS we share information to all of our families across a number of mediums. Our main form of communication between school and families is via the Seesaw app, with different profiles for Admin and individual classes (a QR Code for each family/ students has been provided). Seesaw app for classes is used to share student work and class communication, the admin group is for sharing our newsletter and whole school communication and reminders. We have our fortnightly newsletter which goes home on a Monday via the Admin Seesaw group or if requested, a paper copy can be provided. Our Facebook page also advertises upcoming events and last minute reminders. We ask that families make sure they are aware and familiarise themselves with all forms of communication to ensure we are all getting the information that is coming from school.

## Labelling Clothing/Personal Items

Throughout the year we have quite a few personal items (clothing, drink bottles, lunch boxes etc) that are deemed as lost property. We ask that **all** clothing items (hats, jumpers etc) and personal items (drink bottles, lunch boxes) be labelled so we can return them to their rightful owners. We have a very large collection of unnamed lost property from last year. If you are wanting school jumpers you are welcome to come and take anything you need.

## Medications At School

We feel it is important to once again share information regarding student medication at the beginning of the school year. Students are under no circumstances to have medication (panadol/ antihistamines/asthma inhalers etc) in their school

bags or desks. We are legislated by Department For Education to ensure medications are handled correctly in accordance with DforE regulations. Should your child require antibiotics/pain relief to be administered at school, a Medication Agreement needs to be signed by a parent. Any medications administered need to be in a 'Pharmacy Labelled' container with the prescribed dose. This includes Panadol, car sickness tablets etc. Please see Jacqui if you have any questions.

## Canteen

An updated price list for Canteen will be sent home during this week. Canteen operates on a Monday and Friday with our first canteen to be held this Friday. For new families, students write their name and order on a brown paper bag with money included and put in the class basket at the beginning of the day. Families are to provide their own paper bags.

## Wanted

We are once again we are in need of egg cartons. We seem to have a lot of 18 hole egg cartons, but need the 12 hole cartons. Please bring them in to the Front Office if you have any spares.

