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Newsletter

Principal's Message

Monday, 12th February, 2024

Dear families,

Thank you to all our wonderful families for attending our first assembly. I was really proud of our School Captains and I am excited to watch them, and all our student leaders, continue to grow and push themselves in their leadership roles.

This Thursday, there is a student leadership day for all our student leaders. This day is led by Julie Telford (School Captains Leader), Sarah Bickley (Sports Captains Leader) and Alice Kenneth (Values Team Leader together with Amy Missen). This is going to be a fabulous day for our leaders to develop skills to take into their new roles.

A few **reminders** as we move into Week 3:

- **School Closure Date:** School Council also approved a student free day for **Tuesday 13th February** so that our staff can attend professional learning together on Literacy - one of our key Strategic Plan Goals.
- **Welcome BBQ**
 - On **Wednesday 14th of February**, we are hosting a Meet the Teacher family BBQ **from 5pm**. This year, our classroom teachers will hold an information session for 10 minutes so that teachers are able to share with you some important information about your child's learning and classroom routines. These will be held as P-2, 3-4 and 5-6 year levels. We have staggered these for families to be able to get between children in different year levels. We hope that this will allow a window into your child's learning, as well as an opportunity to ask some questions if you have those too.
 - **5:00 - 5:10pm** - Prep - Year 2
 - **5:15 - 5:25pm** - Year 3/4s
 - **5:30 - 5:40pm** - Year 5/6s

- During the evening teachers will also be out and available for informal catch-ups. The **school will provide the BBQ meat**, bread and sauce and we encourage families to prepare, **bring and share a salad**. There will be free Zooper Doopers for dessert. Please BYO plates, cutlery and picnic seating. This is an alcohol-free and bike-free event for the safety of all. We will have some games and sports equipment out for families to use.
- If you could please help with numbers for catering using the following link, that would be appreciated. It is a quick 3 question survey. **RSVP ASAP** to <https://forms.office.com/r/XLr4EDG7BX>

Have a fantastic week!

Regards,

Bri Simpson

Principal

Attendance

ATTENDANCE - SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOUR CHILD IS HERE

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates.

It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)



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:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

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.



Breakfast Club each Wednesday



back for...

2024

Breaky Club

Wednesdays
8:15 - 8:45am

We extend our welcome to all
Glengarry community members.
Please join us for breaky, games,
and social joy to start the day.

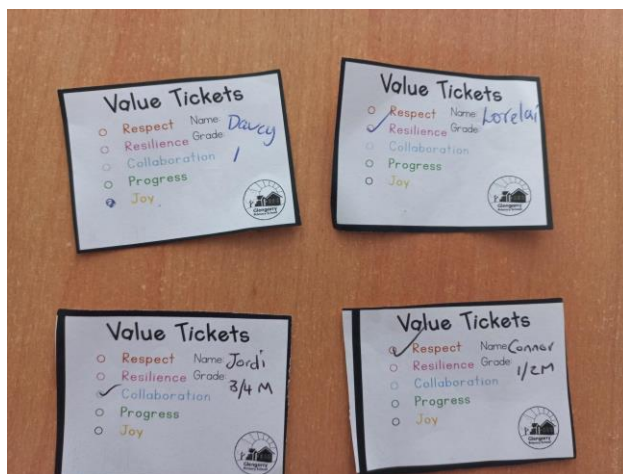


Our successful 'Breakfast Club' program has started back and is running each Wednesday from **8:15am - 8:45am**. All Glengarry community members are invited to join us in the Riversdale building for breakfast every Wednesday morning.

The intention of this program provides access to a nutritious breakfast and positive community connections. Healthy food and a sense of belonging are the most powerful fuel for the mind, we strongly believe the overall well-being of our community can be improved through this program.

We would like to thank the **Glengarry Angling Club** for their immense support in setting up this initiative. Through their partnership we are set to continue this program for the term ahead and long into the future. As we watch this take off, any support from our wonderful community is greatly appreciated including any home grown fruit donations or volunteers who would be available from 8 - 9am to help set up/pack up.

Students of the Week and School Values



Term 1 Dates

TERM 1 2024

- Tuesday 13th February - **Student Free Day - Staff Professional learning**
- Tuesday 20th February - **School Photos**
- Wednesday 21st February - **Questacon Science Incursion**
- Friday 23rd February - **STEM Excursion for 3/4s to Biotech Yinnar**
- Sunday 25th February- **Parents club Bunnings Sausage sizzle**
- Friday 1st February - **STEM Excursion for 3/4s to Biotech Yinnar**
- Wednesday 6th March - **First full week for Preps**
- Wednesday 13th March - **NAPLAN testing begins for year 3 and year 5**
- Wednesday 20th -Friday 22nd March - **Grade 5/6 Camp to Sovereign Hill**
- Thursday 28th March - **School Athletic sports and last day of term 1**

Glengarry PS Parents Club



About the Club

Welcome to the Glengarry Primary School Parents Club.
* Our club helps to contribute to the wellbeing of the school.
* It is great place to get to know other parents.
Club membership is free.

How to get involved

Join our Facebook group



Contact Us

✉ glengarryps.parentsclub@gmail.com

☎ 03 5192 4292

"Education is one thing
that no one can take away
from you"



Community News

Glengarry Junior Netball are holding a registration day at Glengarry netball courts next **Thursday 15 Feb 3.30-5.30pm**. New and returning players are welcome.

Players that can't make it to sign up day can find more information in the Glengarry Junior Netball Facebook Group.

Please request to join.



**BRING A FRIEND TO...
COME AND PLAY!**

Woolworths NetSetGO Centre:
Traralgon

Session Day & Time:
Saturday 17th February at 10am til 11:30am

Location:
Agnes Brereton Reserve, Breed Street

Contact:
Naomi - netsetgo@traralgonnetball.com.au

Further Information:
FREE EVENT & fresh fruit morning tea provided

 **Woolworths NetSetGO**



Latrobe Valley All Ability Sports

'All-ability' sports are about fun and participation for **EVERYONE!** The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with additional needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills and are non-competitive. Activities are modified so that everyone can 'have a go!' Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team.

We currently run three sporting programs locally (during school terms), Term 1 – Tennis at Pax Hill Tennis Club, Term 2 & 3 – AFL Footy at West End Junior Football Club and Term 4 – Cricket at Traralgon West Cricket Club.

All Ability Tennis, Term 1, 2024



Two tennis sessions will be held at Pax Hill Tennis Club in Traralgon, every **Thursday** evening during Term 1.



Junior/Beginners session (5 years-13/14 years) – 5.30-6.15pm
Siblings welcome to participate but must also be registered.

Youth Plus session (14 years – 25 years) – 5.30-6.15pm

The cost will be \$25 for the term (cash please), payable by the 3rd session.
Registration will be done at the first session.

Tennis will start on Thursday 1st February, 2024

All equipment supplied, just bring a drink bottle and wear a hat/sunscreen! If you wish to bring your own racket, please make sure it is named.

A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate/support if necessary.

Any further queries phone Lou Varsaci 0414540296 or email varsaci@aussiebb.com.au or via the facebook group All-ability sports, Latrobe Valley

SUPPAUT PLUS+



Latrobe Region Parent/Family/Peer Support group for those who have kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and/or other Neurodiversities/Co-occurring diagnosis

**In 2024 we are expanding the Parent/Carer network...
Introducing...SuppAUT PLUS**

A parent-run group that aims to support one another as Parents/Carers/Families of a child/children with Autism and/or other Neurodiversities/Co-occurring diagnosis. Some of the other diagnosis include (but not limited to) – ADHD, PDD, Learning difficulties, Intellectual disability, OCD, ODD, Dyslexia and/or other similar conditions. The group is open for all, whether your child is a baby, pre-schooler, school aged – specialist school, mainstream school, home-schooled or is an adult – we all need support and can support each other. We share our own experiences, problems, joys, successes and support each other with a listening ear and understanding.

It is a very informal gathering, sometimes a guest speaker is invited. All parents/carers/family members are welcome and children/siblings are welcome too. Please join us!

We meet every **FIRST FRIDAY** of the month – except during School/Public Holidays

Meet at Daily Living Disability Services - 7 Rocla Road, Traralgon

From 10am - 11.30am



ALL WELCOME TO COME FOR A CUPPA,
MORNING TEA AND A CHAT IN A RELAXED
SETTING

2024 Daytime Meeting dates:

*Term 1 - Friday 2nd February
Friday 1st March*

*Term 2 - Friday 3rd May
Friday 7th June*

*Term 3 - Friday 2nd August
Friday 6th September*

*Term 4 - Friday 1st November
Friday 6th December
(Christmas lunch. Time & venue TBC)*

2024 Dinner Meeting dates:

Monday April 22nd - Tuesday July 23rd - Wednesday October 23rd

*Times & Venues for Dinner meetings to be confirmed.
RSVP will be required for night meetings.*

Join our group on [Facebook](#) – SuppAUT PLUS, Family support - Autism and Neurodiversity, Latrobe Valley, VIC

For more info or enquiries about the group phone/text Louise Varsad 0414540296 or email varsad@aussiebb.com.au

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