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# Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Friday, 2nd February, 2024

Dear families,

We have had a wonderful start to the 2024 school year.

Students have settled into routines of the school and their classroom quickly and I have been really delighted by the calm feel around the school.

An area we worked hard on last year and reinforced on Monday at our Staff Learning Day, was having routines and procedures that were the same across our classrooms. This is so students feel confident that no matter which teacher or specialist they have, the routines of lining up or entering and exiting the classroom, would be the same. This fosters a sense of security for students from day to day, and year to year.

It has also been wonderful to see our Grade 6's in their new shirts and jackets - they look fantastic! These are usually a long awaited item throughout their primary school years, and one to treasure and look back upon in later years.

A few **reminders** as we move into Week 2:

- **Compass:** This is our main platform for all communication from the school. You will notice whole school events are on the calendar and there will now be a standing News Item that encompasses the Key Dates for the school as well.
- **Welcome BBQ:** Our welcome BBQ will be on Wednesday, 14th of February at 5pm. More information will follow early next week on Compass.
- **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.
- **Hats:** School hats are required as part of our sunsmart policy until Term 2. We currently have hats on backorder and these should arrive over the next week or so.

- **First Assembly (Prep Bags are Presented):** Our first assembly will be next Friday, 9th of February. Our assemblies are run by our School Captains and I will present Prep Bags to our Prep Students at this first assembly. We welcome all families to come along.
- **Eating Time:** Last year, the school made some changes that would come into place with regard to eating time. In order to reduce the rubbish in the yard, we implemented a change in bell times for recess, with eating time in the classroom from 10:55am - 11:05am. This reduces play time by 5 minutes, but allows 10 minutes in the classroom for supervised eating. This helps the teachers support students to eat plenty of their food before going out to play. Students are welcome to take their recess or lunch outside to eat if they have not finished, providing they take the wrappers off first. I am taking onboard any feedback around this change and appreciate that this is an initial adjustment for some students.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I am looking forward to seeing all our students on Monday.

Regards,

*Bri Simpson*

Principal

## Breakfast Club - Starts WEDNESDAY

Our successful 'Breakfast Club' program is starting back next **Wednesday the 7th of February at 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.

## Term 1 Dates

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- Tuesday 6th February - **School council meeting @ 6pm**
- Friday 9th February - **First assembly @3pm (Prep Bags Presented)**
- 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

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



## Community News



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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**



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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](mailto:varsad@aussiebb.com.au)

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