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Newsletter

Principal's Message

Wednesday, 24th January, 2024

Welcome to 2024

Hello and welcome to our 2024 school year!

I hope all of our families had a wonderful holiday break and feel energised and ready to return for a fantastic year ahead. My family and I had a relaxing break; spending some time at Seaspray, catching up on jobs around the house and being a personal taxi service for my 3 kids.

With a new year, comes new possibilities - and of course, a little bit of change. As you are aware, I have the great privilege to be leading Glengarry Primary School as Principal and I am excited to build, grow and excel our school to become the best it can be. I feel thankful for our passionate and dedicated Assistant Principal, Learning Specialist, Teachers, Education Support Staff, Business Manager and Admin officers that will continue to support our school to improve and succeed.

I had the opportunity to meet the students on the last day of term and I cannot wait to get to know each and every one of your children. I am also keen to meet you as parents/carers and get to know you and your families. A special welcome to our new families for 2024 - we welcome you to our school community and look forward to getting to know you all.

During the school holidays, our Riversale building has had painting completed and it is looking wonderful! The interior of the remaining building will occur throughout school holidays periods this year. We also anticipate the construction of our Inclusive Playground early in the year. Once this stage is complete the repainting of playground lines will occur.

Planning for 2024 is well underway and key dates will be going on the Compass Calendar shortly, as well as highlighted in this newsletter. A reminder that students start back at school on **Tuesday 30th January**. 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. In the first 5 weeks of school **prep students** do not attend on Wednesdays to support their transition to school and a rest day midweek.

A Bit about Me

You may be wondering who I am and where I have come from. My previous position was at the Department of Education as Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Manager for the Inner Gippsland Area since 2021. Simply put, my role was to implement, develop and support Principals and leaders in their PLC practices. I had the great pleasure to support this work in our 84 schools in Primary, Secondary and Specialist school settings. PLCs are an important way for our schools to work and it is how our teachers at Glengarry Primary School work; developing ourselves by challenging, reflecting, changing and evaluating our teaching practice.

Before moving into the PLC Manager role, I was the Assistant Principal at Trafalgar Primary School with my role covering both Teaching and Learning as well as Wellbeing. Prior to this, I was PLC Link Leader at Grey Street Primary School where my position enabled me to work with other schools including Traralgon South Primary School, Kosciuszko Street Primary School and, our own Glengarry Primary School.

Now with my work hat off, I am a wife and a Mum to 3 beautiful children; Deakin is 18, Mia is 16 and Cleo is 12. I enjoy going to the beach, listening to music, watching the cricket and buying too many indoor plants. If I could spend my entire weekend at Bunnings, I would absolutely do this! I love Glengarry. I spent every Saturday as a child visiting my Nan and Pop, playing at, what was then, the end of Kyne Street climbing trees. I also watched my brother score 100 not out as a teenager - not that I would need to remember considering he reminds me on a very regular occasion! My daughter also played Netball for Glengarry for a number of years, so I feel really drawn to and connected to the township.

Please feel free to come and say hello or come and chat to me if there is something you want me to know, or just to say hello. Enjoy the rest of your holiday break and I am looking forward to meeting you very soon.

Bri Simpson


Term 1 Dates

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- Wednesday 24th January - **booklist collection opportunity**
- Monday 29th January - Staff begin. **Booklist collection opportunity**
- Tuesday 30th January - **First day of school for students**
- Tuesday 6th February - **School council meeting @ 6pm**
- Tuesday 13th February - **Student Free Day - Staff Professional learning**
- Tuesday 20th February - **School Photos**

- Wednesday 21st February - **Questacon Science Incurion**
- Sunday 25th February- **Parents club Bunnings Sausage sizzle**
- Thursday 29th 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**

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 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

Before and After school care



Before & After School Care

Before School Care Routine

- 7:00am - 8:00am** Breakfast is served. The main aim of the morning session is to have the children ready for a full day of learning at school. Free time or Special Activity.
- 8:00am - 8:30am**

After School Care Routine

- 3:30pm - 4:00pm** Put away school bags, roll call, wash hands and have **afternoon tea**.
- 4:00pm - 4:30pm** Homework supervision, reading or other quiet activity and Free Time.
- 4:30pm - 5:00pm** Special Activity time.
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm** Finishing up projects, free time and cleaning up.

SESSION TIMES (MON-FRI)
Before School Care: 7:00am - 8:45am
After School Care: 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Booking Types
Permanent
Bookings that reoccur on the same day every week.
Casual
On the day or short-term bookings.

In 2 Learning is an approved service for the Child Care subsidies. We are more than willing to discuss this with you and assist where necessary in confidence.

Why In 2 Learning Glengarry?

- ◀ Kids love our engaging programmes, participating in adventurous, creative activities and good old-fashioned play.
- ◀ We focus on children's health and safety
- ◀ Open door policy
- ◀ A staff to learner ratio of 1:15 allows for loads of engagement
- ◀ We build positive relationships with the children and families
- ◀ We offer a professional service with our core focus on CARE

Weekly Themes



Enrolment Forms and Flyers are available at the school office.
For any other enquiries, please contact Juliana Arenas (Director):
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