



Principal's Message

Wednesdsay, 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 privledge 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

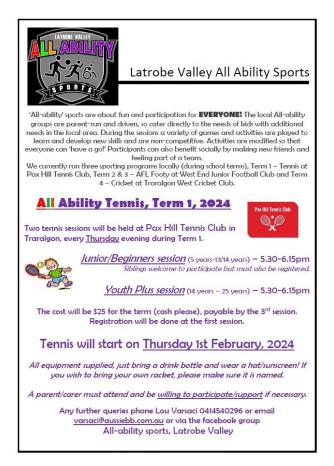
Term 1 Dates

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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 Incursion
- 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





Before and After school care

