Values:

Respect Excellence Co-operation Responsibility

School Mission - The community of Glenroy West Primary School works in partnership to inspire every child to do their best and encourages them to grow and achieve excellence

School Vision - Inspire, Grow, Achieve

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
School Website: www.glenroywestps.vic.edu.au

Term 1
February
Thursday 9th February- Meet & Greet Interviews between the times 3.30pm-7.30pm
Friday 10th February- Interschool Sport begins
Wednesday 15th February- Parent Helpers session
Thursday 23rd February- Parent Information night
Tuesday 28th February- Shrove Tuesday-Pancake Day

March
Monday 13th March- Labour day holiday
Tuesday 21st March- Harmony Day
Friday 31st March- Last day of Term with a 2.30pm dismissal

Principal’s Report Pamela Streete

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to students, staff and families.
Welcome back to all our Glenroy West families and a very warm welcome to all our new families joining us this year. We hope you enjoy your time with us at Glenroy West and you will support us in developing strong and lasting partnerships between home and school to help us provide the best possible opportunities for all children.
Please check the newsletter and website to keep informed about what is happening.
As a school we are very proud of our children, the ways in which they demonstrate enthusiasm, commitment and confidence in their learning. We have high expectations of behaviour but also appreciate it takes some children a little longer to develop positive relationships. Adults and peers can provide examples in this area.
Children in grades Foundation to Year 6 have settled in nicely and are working towards developing their Essential Agreements, developing good personal, educational, and social practices. Working with their 2017 classmates and developing new friendships and connections is very important at this time of year.

SUNSMART POLICY: Term 1, 2017
NO HAT, NO PLAY!
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**Newsletters**
Our weekly newsletters will continue to be uploaded to the school website www.glenroywestps.vic.edu.au

**Staffing 2017**
We congratulate Ms Tchung on her marriage over the holidays and we welcome back Ms Luke an experienced teacher from Leave last year. We also welcome the following staff who are joining us:
- Miss Lillian Edwards Grade 5/6
- Mr Scott Hoatson Grade 1-2
- Mrs Vicki King - Curriculum Coach (Teaching and Learning Coach)

**Grade Structure for 2017**
- Foundation - Ms Zerrin Eyigun
- Foundation - Ms Teriann Bryers
- Grade 1-2 - Ms Maureen Luke
- Grade 1-2 - Miss Kirsty Wheeler
- Grade 1-2 - Mr Scott Hoatson
- Grade 3-4 – Mrs Denise Mendham
- Grade 3-4 – Mrs Joelen Kowalski/PYP Co-ordinator
- Grade 3-4 - Miss Phing Tchung
- Grade 5-6 - Mr Patrick Clarke
- Grade 5-6 - Miss Lillian Edwards

**Specialist Class Teachers**
- Miss Jacquie Webster- PE & Maths Intervention
- Miss Kim- Sze- LOTE Indonesian
- Mrs Emma Silveira- The Arts/EAL(English as an additional Language

**Leading Teachers**
- Mrs Anne Kyriacou - Curriculum Coach/ Literacy Intervention
- Mr Steve Allen- Makerspace & Digital technologies
- Mrs Vicki King- Curriculum Coach (Literacy & Numeracy)/Literacy Intervention

**Medical Concerns**
Please let the teacher know if your child suffers from allergies or any special medical condition. The most up to date information you can supply will enable us to take the best care of your child’s needs at school.

**Meet and Greet- Thursday 9th February 3.30pm-7.30pm**
Parent Teacher meetings (Meet and Greet) have been set for Thursday 9th February. Parents will be invited to book in a 10 minute timeslot using our online booking service. The on line booking service has been opened and the event code you need is 9dulp Using this code go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the simple instructions. If you have any problems or unable to access technology please advise the office or your class teacher. Mr Clarke will be happy to assist also.

The purpose of these meetings is to enable you to meet your child’s teacher and inform them about your child’s needs and your hopes for their year at school. On-line bookings will close on Wednesday 8th February at 5pm.

**Book Packs and Fees**
IF YOU HAVENT COLLECTED YOUR CHILD’S BOOK PACK YET THERE ARE STILL SOME AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE. Fees can be paid at collection time.
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Enrolments Places for 2017
The demand for places at Glenroy West Primary School and York St kindergarten is high. Enrolment forms are located on the school website or alternatively an enrolment form can be obtained from the school office. School Tours are conducted on Tuesday and Thursday from 9.15am. If these days are not suitable we can arrange an alternate day and time for your convenience. A personalised tour with the school principal Pam Streeete can be arranged at your request.

2017 School Term Dates
Term 1: 30 January (school teachers begin) to 31 March
Term 2: 18th April to 30 June
Term 3: 17 July to 22 September
Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

2018 School Term Dates
Term 1: 29 January to 29 March
Term 2: 16 April to 29 June
Term 3: 16 July to 21 September
Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

Financial Assistance 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, School and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.
CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the cost of 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:
$125.00 for primary school students
$225.00 for secondary students
A new application must be submitted each year. 2017 application online or at the school office.
EVERY DAY COUNTS- ATTENDANCE
At Glenroy West Primary School we are committed to providing your child with an excellent education. The building blocks of an excellent education begins with all students coming to school each and every day. Regular school attendance is vital and missing school days can have a big impact on a child’s future. Missing one day a fortnight will equate to missing four full weeks by the end of the year. Each day a student misses school puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Some of the reasons for student absence at GWPS
- Staying home to celebrate a birthday
- Going shopping
- Looking after a sibling
- Spending time with a relative
- Extended weekends
- Overseas travel
- Dental and medical appointment
- Illness

If for any reason your child must be absent from school, parents or guardians are required to provide written notification, stating the reason for their child’s absence. This information will be retained by the teacher and archived by the school. This is a DET requirement.

Please be aware from March 1st 2014, new federal government laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason. If you are having attendance issues with your child, please inform your child’s teacher so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

OSCH PROGRAM- BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Hours: School Council approved
Before school care: 7am- 8.45am
After school care: 3.15pm- 6.00pm
Please phone OSCH Coordinator Nicole Jackson for any bookings on her Mobile 0423 308 293 or phone the school office on 9306-8955.
You may also continue to contact the office for bookings on 9306-8955.

Kind regards and enjoy your week,

Pamela Streeter
Principal
**Time for School!**

From this term, school starts at 8:50. The music will begin at 8:45 and the bell for school will ring at 8:50. At this time all children are expected to be in their classrooms. Please remember to set your alarm clock earlier!

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**Every Minute Counts!**

If your child is going to be away for any reason, please can you ensure you have contacted the school on 93068955. We need to know if your child is absent to ensure our rolls are marked accurately.

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**Breakfast Club**

Every Friday morning throughout each term, GWPS offers a free breakfast to all students. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. We offer a complete breakfast for students.

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**Playgroup and Engaging with Place**

If you have younger children between the ages of 0 and 5, or know of some friends with children this age, then please come along to our friendly playgroup. Playgroup runs each term on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:15 – 11a.m. Our first Playgroup session for 2017 will commence on Friday 10th February. See you there!

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**Mathletics**

By next week your child will have received their login usernames and passwords for Mathletics. These will be pasted inside their homework books or diaries. Please make Mathletics part of your homework routine. The teachers can see how much time your child spends on Mathletics and will allocate appropriate activities dependent on their ability, and what they have been studying in class. Your child can earn bronze, silver and gold certificates throughout the year! Join in the fun and challenges.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

In our rapidly changing world, it is becoming more and more important for our children to develop strong skills as they progress through their education. While our curriculum-based assessments test a student’s ability to recall what they have learned in a variety of subject areas, we think it’s important to do more than that, particularly in the foundation years of schooling.

Therefore, Glenroy West Primary School will be implementing ICAS, a comprehensive skills-based program that assesses higher order thinking and problem-solving skills. We believe ICAS will give us deep insight into our students’ true capabilities and help us plan more effectively for their future years at school.

HOW ICAS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER ASSESSMENTS YOUR CHILD WILL TAKE:

1. ICAS can tell us whether students really understand what they are being taught.

2. ICAS can help us discover student talents and student weaknesses that don’t always get picked up by the curriculum testing framework.

3. ICAS will not add extra workload to a student’s study or homework regime because ICAS is an assessment they can’t study for. It evaluates thinking and problem-solving ability, not memory.

4. ICAS’s diagnostic reports will give all of us (teachers and parents) far more insight into your child’s strengths and weaknesses. At school, we can act on that by tailoring our teaching and learning programs; at home, you will know where to direct more encouragement.

5. ICAS will also give us an external benchmark we can rely on to ensure our school is keeping pace with national and international standards—ICAS is the most comprehensive international assessment program, with schools in over 20 countries participating every year.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE
If you would like your child to participate, please complete the permission slip and return it, with payment to the school no later than 24th March 2017 PLEASE NOTE LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Kind regards
Kind regards,

Anne Kyriacou
Curriculum Coach
2017 ICAS Permission Form

Please return this form with your payment, to your school no later than 24 March 2017

I give permission for my child, ___________________________ of ___________________________

Child’s name Class

to participate in the following 2017 ICAS assessments.

Please select the subjects you would like your child to participate in:

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TOTAL

Students must sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals.

Please find ___________________________ enclosed for payment of the total fee.

Amount

______________________________
Name of Parent/Guardian

______________________________
Date

______________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian
Dear Parent/Carers in the community,

Are you interested in enrolling your child at Glenroy West Primary School?

There are still vacancies for 2018 available. We wish to inform you about our International Baccalaureate programme in support of quality education for all students, and invite you to ring for a tour to see what else we can offer.

Kind Regards
Pam Streete
Principal

Phone 9306 8955  Fax 9300 1028
Email: glenroywest.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Webpage: www.glenroywestps.vic.edu.au

What we can offer you

Our school is a place of structured inquiry, learning and purpose, with a caring ethos developed in a child safe, happy and supportive environment. This contributes towards the development of independent, confident and resilient learners.

We aim to prepare students to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global society, where they will have the skills, values, understandings and courage to undertake a positive, productive and rewarding role in that world. We also encourage our students to develop optimism and enjoy a sense of humour. To help us achieve our aims, the Primary Years Programme of the International Baccalaureate (IB) underpins much of what we say, what we do and who we are. The diverse curriculum provides students with numerous opportunities to shine and experience success in many ways.

Underlying Philosophy

Our school embraces international mindedness. All children at Glenroy West Primary School, progress along a continuum, from simple to more complex material, at their own rates, making continuous progress.

- Our classes lend themselves to developing appropriate curriculum to support and enhance each individual child’s whole learning needs, recognising that children learn at different rates.
- Our classes help develop social skills between students, building on values such as tolerance and respect.
- In our composite classes, the older students in the group become role models for the younger ones whilst gaining and building on leadership skills.
- Students learn from each other in an environment conducive to interactive learning and collaboration.
- Our classes support the idea of children being active learners, taking responsibility for their own learning.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2018 STILL BEING TAKEN
WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to a new and exciting year at GWPS. As the children start getting back into school life and routine I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and children including new families to the school that library is held once a week. Children are encouraged to use the library class time to explore the wonderful array of books and to borrow a book each week to take home and read. Parents please remind your children that books are borrowed out weekly and must be returned the following week as a fine will be sent home for any overdue/lost books.

Thankyou for your co-operation.

Kind Regards

Maria Ziccarello
iPads at GWPS:
Frequently asked questions

Q. What type of iPad can I bring?
A. The model that we recommend is the iPad Air 2 (wireless only), with a capacity of 32 gigabytes. This is to enable the device to install software updates that will not run on older iPads. Any device that is higher than this (such as an iPad Pro or a device with higher capacity) is also supported. Please check the iPad portal to see the pricing offered by our preferred supplier (https://shop.cr.org.au/B2C/glenroy/) on our school website.

Q. Does it have to be the full sized iPad or can I use a mini iPad?
A. The mini iPads do not have as much screen space, and this is reduced even more when students are using the on-screen keyboard. Student posture is also more greatly affected with the use of the smaller screen. Wherever possible, we encourage the use of the full sized iPads.

Q. When can I bring the iPad to school?
A. The iPads will need to be connected to the school network on Thursdays, when our technician is onsite. The Acceptable Use Agreement must be completed and returned to your child’s teacher first, and the required apps must be installed on the iPad (see the Bring Your Own iPad Program handbook for the list of required apps).

Q. Can my child bring the iPad home?
A. Yes. The iPad should come to school each day, fully charged and ready to use. Your child will bring their iPad home with them each night. This way, they are able to complete tasks, continue their learning, and share with you what they have been creating.

If you have further questions about using iPads at Glenroy West Primary School, please contact Steve Allen on 9306 8955.
1/02/2017

2017 iPad Information Afternoon
Tuesday 7th February

Dear parents and families,

Our BYO iPad program continues in 2017, for use as our one-to-one device for students from Years 3 to 6. On Tuesday 7th February, we will be conducting an Information Afternoon about using iPads at Glenroy West Primary School.

The Information Afternoon is a great opportunity to find out answers to many of the questions families currently have, and is welcome for all families from Years 3 – 6 to attend.

When: Tuesday 7th February
Time: 3:30pm – 4:15pm
Venue: Room 7 (Makerspace room)

Please indicate whether you are attending on the form below and return it to the Office by Monday 6th February. There is room to add any specific questions to ensure that we answer any concerns you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Warm regards,

Pamela Streeter  
Principal

Steve Allen  
ICT Coordinator

IPAD INFORMATION NIGHT

Name:
Student's name:

☐ I am attending the Information Afternoon on Tuesday 7th February with _________ people.
☐ I am unable to attend the Information Afternoon.

Please add any questions that you have below:

_____________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________

Signed:

RESPECT - EXCELLENCE - CO-OPERATION - RESPONSIBILITY
Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is some important information regarding expectations for home reading at GWPS.

All children from Foundation Year to Year 6 children are expected to read daily at home. Reading books will be given to all students by Friday of this week and Oxford Words will come home next week.

The home reading program at GWPS is differentiated and based upon children having access to rich literature. Children are free to choose their own take home books from a wide selection which allows for individual needs, interest-based, favourite authors etc. It is important that the children choose the books they will take home for themselves.

This practice of allowing children to choose their own take-home books recognises that learning to read is not an end in itself. Reading is always about something and always for some purpose. We learn to read by reading, therefore the more reading children do the easier their journey will be to become independent readers. Children should be reading daily to ensure they build on current practices. Learning the Oxford Words will also support them in identifying words when they are reading and writing at home and at school.

Reading at home should be an enjoyable experience. If your child cannot read the take-home book, you or someone else should read it aloud to them. Later readings may involve the parent and the child reading the book together.

Take-Home books provide an opportunity for children to further practice their developing reading abilities by borrowing books they wish to read or wish to have read to them by someone else. This practice of taking books home also develops in children, a positive attitude toward books and reading.

Beginning in Foundation Year, children take home books for daily reading. Take-home books can be from a variety of sources including: levelled books, books from the classroom library, books children have made, personal books and books from other libraries. As children become stronger readers they will read more independently (including chapter books).

Teachers track and monitor children’s reading via various methods and support reading through differentiated reading groups with essential learning skills and strategies provided at point of need. When a child becomes more independent with their reading, reader covers may not be required.

Any questions can be directed to your child’s classroom teacher or

Anne Kyriacou
Curriculum Coach
PARENT HELPERS SESSIONS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are running a parent helpers' information session here at Glenroy West Primary School. Parent helpers add significantly to the school program and your support is greatly appreciated.

Some areas where parents have traditionally assisted in our school’s operations include:

- Hearing children read
- General classroom assistance- literacy and numeracy groups
- Typing children’s stories
- Helping children write stories
- Working with children on computers
- Attending excursions
- Assisting with Sports’ Teams
- Covering / contacting books
- Working in the garden
- Being on School Council
- Assisting in the Library

We encourage parents who wish to assist in the school, to participate in our Parent Helpers' Programs. These programs may have different focuses but all aim to provide some basic information about how you can help, as well as some protocols and 'etiquette' that we ask all classroom visitors to abide by.

The Parent Helper Information session will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday 18th February: 9.15am - 10.00am

We look forward to seeing you all.

Thank you

Anne Kyriacou & Vicki King
CURRICULUM COACHES

Pamela Streeete
PRINCIPAL

GLENROY WEST PS - PARENT HELPERS SESSION

Yes, I would be interested in attending the Parent Helper Information session and assisting in classrooms.

Child’s name: ........................................... Class ..............

Parent’s Name: .............................................

Please return the form to Office by no later than Friday 10th February.