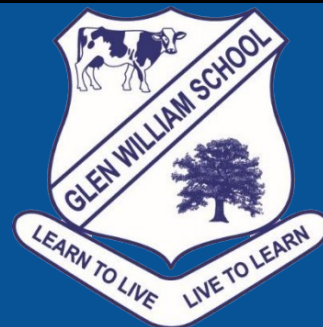


# Glen William Public School

Learn to Live- Live to Learn

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## Upcoming Events:

**Year 1-6 Students return  
Thursday 1st February**

**Kinder students begin  
Friday 2nd February**

Small Schools  
Swimming Carnival  
Monday 12th February

## Notes Due:



K-6	A student misses
1 day per week	1 year of school
1 1/2 days per week	1 1/2 years of school
2 days per week	2 1/2 years of school

## Term 4 Week 10

It is with great pride that I bring you the final Principal report for 2023. It is amazing to think how quickly the year has gone, and even more so, the incredible accomplishments our brilliant little school has achieved.

As I look back over the year, our students have enjoyed a range of extracurricular and learning opportunities and excursions, from our Cultural Days, Camp, STEM initiatives, Education and Book Week activities, through to our end of year celebrations to name but a few.

Collectively, our students, staff and parents and community have made some enormous achievements. Academic highlights include student assessment data in literacy and numeracy which has achieved growth above state level in Check-In Assessment. This is a reflection on the quality teaching that our Glen William students receive everyday. This has been acknowledged through student survey data recording our highest ever scores in student engagement, sense of belonging, quality instruction, effort and school pride, whilst our average attendance is the highest it has been in 4 years. Whilst we still have a long way to go, this is a brilliant start.

Our teaching staff have embraced our change of pedagogy to Explicit Instruction, which has facilitated outstanding growth and change for all of our students, as well as their own personal growth. Personally I would like to thank all of our staff for their incredible commitment and passion for our students and our school. They are a true credit to themselves and Glen William Public School.

To our amazing community, on behalf of the staff I thank you for your support of the school, and advocacy for your children. To our incredible P&C, thank you for your outstanding work and commitment to the school, and your support of initiatives for our students and school.

We have been able to make significant upgrades and redevelopments to our beautiful school, including the refurbishment of our basketball/tennis court, bush tucker garden, restoration of our historic bell, and the construction of our Yarning Circle.

Best of luck to our Year 6 students who are off to high school, you will all be amazing and we can't wait to see what you become.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to two amazing staff members- Mis Emily Dean and Miss Janna Sullivan. Miss Dean has done an incredible job on our Primary class, stepping in from Term 2 and working extremely hard with our students, always with a smile on her face. Miss Janna has been an absolute asset to Glen William Public School, working closely with our students, always willing to do whatever is required to support our students. We wish them all the best moving into the future, and hopefully will see them back working at Glen William soon. I would also like to take this chance to say goodbye. Mrs Bultitude will be returning to Glen William in 2024. As many of you already know, Mrs Bultitude is an outstanding principal and will be bringing back her knowledge and expertise to continue to take our school forward. It has been an absolute honour and privilege to be the relieving principal this year, and I cannot be any more grateful for the opportunity afforded to me. Hopefully I get an invite for the 175th birthday.

Wishing you all a joyous Christmas surrounded by your loved ones, a safe and relaxing holiday break, and a wonderful 2024.

Mr Gray and Staff

## Attendance



Week 9: 93%

Week 10: 90%



## Art Club

This term, students have had the opportunity to participate in Art Club once a week at lunch time. Students created a Peter Cromer inspired collage, and Christmas ornaments from clay.



## Yarning Circle

Thank you to Justin Ridgeway, our students, our staff, our families and our community for joining us as we officially opened our Yarning Circle this week. We basked in a special smoking ceremony using leaves from our country, before yarning with some mates. What a special place.

We also thank Nan Marg and Gav for helping to paint the path to our Yarning Circle. We cannot wait to see the finished product! Keep an eye out as we paint the pathway, and our personalised painted bricks within the sandstone blocks.



## Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation concluded last week with our final visit from next year's Kindergarten buddies. The enjoyed sharing Christmas stories, making reindeer craft, and painting a brick to add to our school yarning circle. We cannot wait to see you in your Glen William uniform on Day 1 next year!



## Term 4 PBL Rewards Day

Congratulations to our students for displaying the school values of respect, cooperation and excellence throughout Term 4. Students celebrated their achievements by participating in a massive game of hide and seek... what a challenge! It is safe to say Miss Parr is the reigning Hide and Seek Finder for now, despite a few sneaky students avoiding her capture. What a fantastic afternoon of laughs, smiles and camouflage.



## Presentation Day

We congratulate our students on a fantastic year of learning, thank our staff for an excellent year of teaching, and thank our parents and community for supporting our small school in 2023. A special congratulations to our perpetual award winners:

Library Awards - Eliza and Ava H

Sports Award - Jed

Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal - Carla

Encouragement Awards - Theodore and Benjiman

Citizenship Awards - Alice and Cuda

Academic Effort Awards - Vincent and Ava JC

High Achievement Awards - Dusty and Isabella

We thank our outgoing Year 6 leadership group on an incredible year of leading our school, as they now hand over the baton to next year's school leaders. With great excitement and pride, we congratulate 2024's leaders. We know you will do a fantastic job leading our school!

School Captain - Rylan

Vice Captain - Carla

School Leader - Holly



## Thank You Afternoon Tea

We thank our parents, carers and family members for supporting our small school this year. Whether it be cooking delicious meals in our canteen, looking after our gardens, helping out at school events, supporting our school fundraisers or assisting your child with homework, we thank you. It takes a village to raise a child, and we have the best village imaginable.

## Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 students enjoyed a wonderful day our ten pin bowling, playing mini golf, and returning for a movie with ice cream and popcorn on Tuesday to celebrate them finishing primary school. All 5 had a great time, with their bowling skills drawing some laughs and smiles. It was lovely to be able to spend some time with them having fun before they move into the next chapter of their schooling.



## Surf Fun Day

What a way to end the term! We had a fantastic day on the sand at Nobby's Beach yesterday. Students were able to ride small waves into the shore on body boards, compete in a flag race, demonstrate teamwork in a water relay, and enjoy a refreshing swim. Our students are ready to stay safe at the beach this summer.



## Colouring In Competition

Congratulations to the winners of our annual Christmas colouring competition. There were many fantastic entries to choose from this year. Thank you to all students who participated.

Infants winner: Eliza  
 Stage 2 winner: Jed  
 Stage 3 winner: Isabella

## 2024 School Dates

Year 1-6 return Thursday 1st February  
 Kindergarten start Friday 2nd February

## P&C Christmas Luncheon

We couldn't believe our luck when Santa said he could find time in his busy schedule to visit our school! On Wednesday we celebrated a successful year at Glen William Public School with a visit from Santa, and a delicious luncheon provided by our wonderful P&C. We thank every single P&C member who helped to put together such an incredible Christmas spread for our students and staff.



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*A small school atmosphere in a quality learning environment*

**ENROLLING NOW FOR 2024**

*Is your child starting school next year?  
 Have you recently moved to the area?  
 Come and join us!*

Glen William Public School is accepting enrolments for all ages from Kindergarten to Year 6 for 2024.

Kindy Orientation Dates and Times:

**Tuesday November 7 8:30am-10:00am**

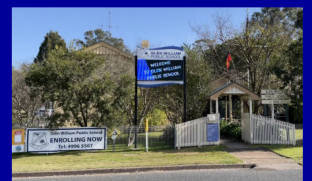
**Tuesday November 14 10:00am-11:30am**

**Tuesday November 28 10:00am-12:30pm**

**Tuesday December 5 11:30am-2:30pm**

For more information about Kindy Orientation, the school or to enrol, please contact us on  
 02 4996 5507 or [glenwillia-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:glenwillia-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**BRAND NEW BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE OPENING ON SITE IN 2024!**



*Be a part of our school for our 175th birthday in 2024*

