

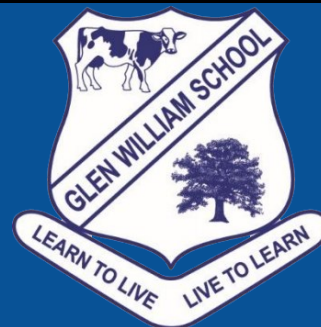
Glen William Public School

Learn to Live- Live to Learn

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Upcoming Events:

Easter Celebrations
Wednesday 27th March

Good Friday
Friday 29th March

Easter Monday
Monday 1st April

Students Return
Tuesday 2nd April

Game Jam @ DHS
Tuesday 2nd April

Soccer Gala Day at Kurri
(Primary)
Wednesday 3rd April

P&C Meeting
Friday 5th April
9am

Notes Due:

Gala day notes
Game Jam notes

Attendance:

Week 7 98 %

Week 8 95 %



Term 1 Week 8

As we enter the final downhill run of Term 1, it's time to reflect on our achievements and celebrate the wonderful events that have taken place over the past weeks. Firstly, I want to extend my gratitude to our Year 3 and 5 students for their participation in NAPLAN. Your engagement with technology has been commendable, and it's heartening to note that there were no major disruptions. Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to the assessments. A special mention also goes out to our Year 4 and Year 6 students for their maturity in managing disruptions to the normal timetable. Your adaptability and responsible behaviour are truly appreciated.

In the sporting arena, we've seen some remarkable successes over the past two weeks. Congratulations to our relay team for their outstanding performance! Not only did they improve on their zone qualifying time, but they also placed 8th in the Hunter region. This accomplishment is truly remarkable and reflects the dedication and hard work put in by our athletes. Well done!

This week, we celebrated Harmony Day, a day dedicated to celebrating our cultural diversity and fostering respect for all. I want to thank our entire community for joining us and participating in the festivities. It was wonderful to see everyone come together and learn about the various cultures represented in our school. At Glen William, we take pride in embracing and celebrating our differences every day.

I would like to emphasise the importance of ensuring our students bring nutritious lunches to school. As a community, it is crucial that we prioritise the health and well-being of all our students. Water should be the preferred drink, packed in reusable drink bottles. Under no circumstances should carbonated drinks be brought to school. Moreover, it is imperative that we collectively make a concerted effort to minimise risks to our students, including the packing of non-nut food items and spreads. Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction, when the body's immune system overreacts to a harmless substance, such as food. These substances, known as allergens, can trigger life-threatening reactions. Anaphylaxis typically develops within minutes of contact with an allergen, but in some cases, it can occur up to 4 hours later. The school is mandated to ensure that risk management strategies are in place for any student with health concerns, including those at risk of anaphylaxis.

It's important to recognise that anaphylaxis can be triggered through various means, including contamination through breath, touch, and ingestion.



Therefore, it is crucial that as a community, we take collective responsibility to ensure everyone's safety. In the event of an anaphylactic reaction, it is a serious medical emergency that requires immediate intervention. Therefore, I urge all members of our community to be vigilant and proactive in preventing exposure to allergens and responding swiftly to any emergencies. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the well-being of all our students.

As we look forward to Easter next week, I am thrilled to witness the creativity of our students on display through their "Eggshibitions". Your efforts are truly impressive, and you should all be proud of your creations.

Our Year 6 students will be hosting their first two fundraisers for the year. The first fundraiser will involve the sale of Hot Cross Buns at our Easter celebration, and the second will be a crazy sock day to support the P&C Easter Raffle. Your support for these initiatives is greatly appreciated, and I encourage everyone to participate enthusiastically.

I want to express my gratitude to our students, staff, parents, and the wider community for your ongoing support and commitment to Glen William School. Together, we continue to create a vibrant and inclusive learning environment where every individual can thrive.

Have a safe fortnight

Mrs Bultitude & staff

Peer Support Training

Our Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in two training days in Week 11 for our whole school peer support program. Peer Support is a program where our students are placed in mixed groups K-6 and our Stage 3 students lead the activities in the groups. The program explores four key responsibilities: resilience, sense of belonging, connectedness and sense of possibility. Year 5 & 6 students will be able to come to school out of uniform for these two days. A Compass notification will be sent out with more information.

OOSH

Thank you to our wonderful families who have enrolled in OOSH. A reminder to students accessing this service, classrooms are out of bounds before and after school. Students are to remain in vision of the OOSH manager at all times.

Staff Development Days

In Terms One, Two and Three, our staff have a staff development day to implement professional learning to all staff for areas of development. In Term Two this day will be the first Monday of Week 1 29th April. It is proposed that the Term Three staff development day will be moved to Week 2 of Term Two. (to be confirmed). We are extremely fortunate to have access to an expert in Explicit Teaching and we have a one off opportunity to participate in a Foundational Skills Conference on the Tuesday 7th May. This will mean students may have a pupil free day on 7th May and in Term 3 students may commence school on Monday 22nd July.

PUPIL FREE DAYS: 29th April & 7th May (to be confirmed)

Cultural Day Paterson

On Tuesday 9th April, our Aboriginal students will be participating in the first cultural day for the year.

NRL League Tag Gala Day

Congratulations to the Stage 1 students who joined Miss Parr at Bennett Park in Dungog on Tuesday to participate in the NRL League Tag Gala Day. What an incredible display of sportsmanship and it was great to see so many happy faces running on the field.



Our PBL Focus

Our PBL focus next fortnight is:
We Eat Our Crunch n Sip.



Big Veggie Crunch

Yesterday we took part in the Big Veggie Crunch to promote healthy, crunchy eating. Students tasted different vegetables such as capsicum, snow peas, mushrooms, tomatoes, baby cucumbers, celery and sugar snap peas. Don't forget, our daily crunch n sip time is a perfect opportunity to introduce more vegetables into your children's diet.

Crazy Sock Day

Thank you to the students and staff who participated in today's Crazy Sock Day to increase donations to our P&C Easter raffle. We loved seeing what crazy and colourful socks you enjoy wearing.

Musical In a Day

The Hunter Drama school holiday workshops - Musical in a Day or Play in a Day are the ideal way for students interested in drama to test out the Hunter Drama experience. With a cost of just \$60 per workshop it's a fun affordable day where students get to learn and perform either a musical or a play in just one day!

Hunter Drama School Holiday Playground
Ever wondered if drama was for you? Why not try Hunter Drama's Musical in a Day or Play in a Day these April school holidays?
Learn from all-time favourite musicals and plays including Shrek, Seussical, Wild West, Time Travellers and Beauty & the Beast.
At just \$60 per workshop spots will fill fast.
Book now at <https://hunterdrama.com.au/school-holidays/>

From the P&C

The Glen William PS P&C meeting will be held at school on Friday April 5, commencing at 9am. All are welcome to attend.

Glen William Public School Term 1 Canteen roster 2024

Easter raffle tickets have been sent home with each family. **Please return all tickets** (sold and unsold) and money **by Monday 25th March 2024.**

Date	Volunteer
9 th February	Sharna Kirkham
16 th February	Phoebe Cross
23 rd February	Trudy Balstad
1 st March	Phoebe Cross
8 th March	Sharna Kirkham
15 th March	Rose Roberts
22 nd March	Josie Wright
29th March	Good Friday - no school
5 th April	Kate Wheeler
12 th April	Laura Saville



PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION



HAPPY EASTER

WE ARE REQUESTING DONATIONS FOR OUR ANNUAL
EASTER RAFFLE. EGGS, CRAFTS, DECOR ETC.

**Please send easter raffle
donations to the box in the office by
Monday 25th March**



Keeping up with Kinder / One / Two

What a wonderful start to the year we have had in the Infants classroom! We are beginning to learn the routines of our school and classroom, and we are proud to share with you.

In English, we have been exploring non-fiction texts. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading *Eric Carle's Book of Amazing Animals* and learning new and interesting facts about animals. We have learned that nouns are words that name people, places and things. We have also learned that adjectives are describing words. We even used magnifying glasses to get up close and personal with some animals in our



library books, and describe their features. It is fantastic to see Kindergarten learning to read and write their name. We have been using playdoh, letter tiles and whiteboards to practise practise practise. Did you know, Kindergarten are so clever that they already know the sound /m/ and /s/?



In Mathematics, we have started every lesson with a daily review. This is where we use our whiteboards to quickly practise concepts we have already learnt to make sure they move into our long term memory.

Kindergarten have been learning to read and write numbers 1-10 correctly, and are beginning to combine and separate quantities. Stage One are learning ways to add and subtract with speed, and have been identifying and describing 2D shapes.



In Creative Arts this term, we are focusing on photography. We have learned the difference between a portrait and landscape photo; explored self-portraits, and edited our photos using different effects.



Our favourite memories from this term include:

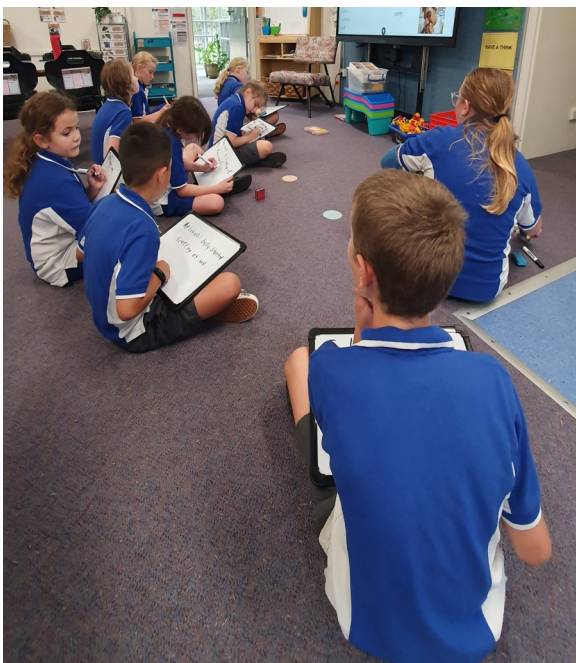
- Reading with our new reading buddies
- Playing soft hockey under the COLA
- NRL League Tag Gala Day
- Harmony Day
- Crazy Sock Day

We look forward to making more wonderful memories as a class this year, and cannot wait to show you our assembly item for the Week 11 assembly. Stay tuned!

Peering into the Primary Classroom

What an incredible start to the year for our Primary students. We have a few new faces in our class this year and it's been so nice to see how welcoming everyone has been as we get back into the swing of things.

In English, we have been learning about narratives and reading the novel *Blueback* by Tim Winton. Miss Forde has been so impressed by the level of effort the children have put in; their hard work is evident in their writing and analysis of the story so far. We are so eager to find out how the novel ends and if Stella really is Costello's daughter.



In creative arts this term, we have been researching Salvador Dali. Salvador was famous for his surrealism style of art. We loved looking at his different paintings throughout the years especially the famous melting clock.



In Mathematics, we have started doing our reviews before every lesson. The children have really gotten into a great routine now and are ready on the floor for learning with their whiteboards and markers. Stage 2 have been focusing on number with addition and subtraction, and place value. We love playing the game closest to 100.



We are looking forward to the rest of the term where we will be sharing celebrating Easter with our family and friends and an egg hunt.

Community NEWS

What to pack for **Crunch&Sip®**
It's simple!
Crunch&Sip means vegetables, fruit and water only.



Sometimes



For more information on Crunch&Sip, download the parent brochure from the Crunch&Sip webpage:
www.health.nsw.gov.au/health/schools/Pages/crunch-and-sip.aspx



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to try healthy Easter treats.

Before the kids get too crazy on chocolate, why not mix up the Easter treats with some fun but healthy festive fare?



Egg-cellent surprises: fill brightly-coloured plastic eggs with the kids' favourite fruit and veg.

Breakfast bunny: add fruit adornments to pancakes to create a "you-beaut" bunny.



Or try carrot pot plants and fruity chicks.



For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

Eat It To Beat It



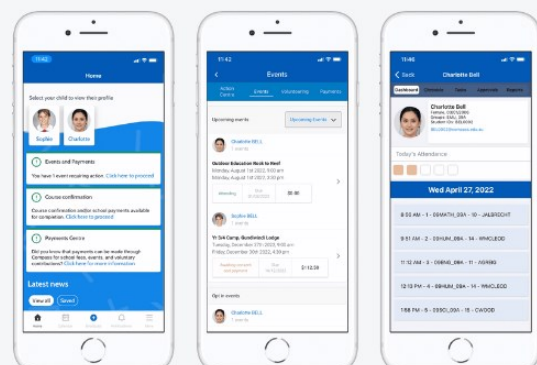
Easter Saturday
30th March 2024
Rodeo
Food stalls
Much much more!

Compass Apps

You can download the Compass App on iOS and Android devices, simply search for Compass School Manager in the store.

Using the app you can:

- View the school news feed
- Receive messages from the school
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- View Learning Tasks
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Add Attendance Notes
- View academic reports





Glen William Public School's Easter Celebrations

Wednesday 27th March

- 11:00am – Eggs-hibition walk and vote
- 11:30am – Easter BBQ picnic lunch &
Hot Cross Bun Stall Fundraiser
- 12:10pm – Year 6 Egg Hunt
- 12:30pm – Colouring competition drawn
- 12:35pm – P&C Easter Raffle Drawn
- 12:50pm – Conclusion
(Students return to class)



2024 Calendar Term 1

MONTH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
JAN / FEB 1	29	30 SDD	31 SDD-Iona	01 STUDENTS RETURN	02 Kindergarten Starts	03
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FEBRUARY 2	05 Cultural pro-gram	06	07	08	09	10
					Newsletter	11
FEBRUARY 3	12 Small Schools Swimming	13	14	15	16	17
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FEBRUARY 4 Best Start	19 Cultural Pro-gram	20	21	22	23 Newsletter	24
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FEB / MAR 5 NAPLAN fa-miliarisation	26 PBL Assembly	27 Zone Swimming Carnival	28	29	01	02
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MARCH 6 NAPLAN fa-miliarisation	04	05	06	07	08 Newsletter	09
						10
MARCH NAPLAN begins 7	11 Parliament	12	13 ILP/PLP meet-ings	14	15	16
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MARCH NAPLAN continues 8	18	19	20	21 Harmony Day	22 Newsletter	23
						24
MARCH 9	25 Cultural pro-gram	26	27 Easter Celebra-tions	28	29 GOOD FRIDAY	30
						31
APR 10	01 EASTER MON-DAY	02 Game Jam @ DHS	03	04	05 Newsletter	06
						07
APRIL 11	08 PBL Assesmbly	09 Cultural Day @ Paterson 10-2	10 Peer Support Training	11 Peers Support Training	12 Last Day of Term 1	13
						14