

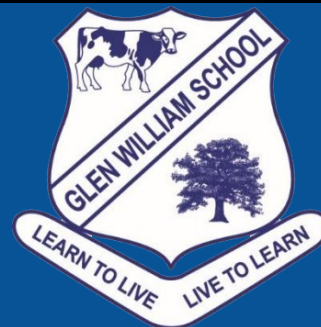
Glen William Public School

Learn to Live- Live to Learn

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Upcoming Events:

Educational Engagement
Monday 8th April @9:30am–
10:30am

Cultural Day @ Paterson PS
Tuesday 9th April

Stage 3 Peer Support Training
Wednesday 10 & Thursday 11th
April

Final Day Term 1
Anzac Service, Frisbee, PBL
Reward day
Friday 12th April

Anzac Day March
Clarence Town
Thursday 25th April

Term 2 Return
Tuesday 30th April

Film Making
Wednesday 1st May @ Paterson
Public School

Cross Country
Friday 3rd May @ 10am
Parents Welcome

Notes Due:
Cultural Day
Peer Support
Anzac Day
Film Making
Cross Country

Attendance:

Week 9 96%
Week 10 81%



Term 1 Week 10

With just one week remaining before we draw the curtains on Term One, I am thrilled to reflect on the incredible journey we've embarked upon since the beginning of the school year. As we bid farewell to the first term, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and enthusiasm, particularly during our Easter celebrations. Our "Eggshibitions" were nothing short of fabulous, and it was truly heartwarming to witness the dedication and creativity displayed by both students and families in crafting the wonderful displays.

Moreover, our recent Harmony Day festivities served as a poignant reminder of the rich cultural tapestry that defines our community. It was a joyous occasion where we embraced diversity and celebrated the essence of cultural identity. At our school, we take immense pride in fostering a safe and inclusive environment where every voice is valued, and every opinion respected. As we approach the conclusion of this term, our students have had the opportunity to partake in enriching experiences such as the Game Jam, the Soccer Gala Day and Raw Art. Next week promises to be equally exciting as we come together to celebrate our Aboriginal students and friends at Paterson Public School's Cultural Day.

In preparation for the upcoming term, our Stage 3 students will be gearing up for the implementation of Peer Support—a remarkable leadership opportunity that underscores the importance of collaboration and peer-to-peer support within our school community. I would also like to extend my gratitude to those families who have granted permission for the filming of students in anticipation of our 175th Celebrations in September. Your cooperation is truly appreciated, and for those who are yet to respond, I kindly urge you to do so at your earliest convenience.

Lastly, I would be remiss not to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our dedicated P&C and Ms. Clarke, whose unwavering commitment has been instrumental in showcasing the essence of our school community through film. As we prepare to farewell Term 1, let us carry forward the spirit of camaraderie, inclusivity, and enthusiasm that defines our school. Together, we will continue to inspire and nurture the bright minds of tomorrow.

Have a safe holiday

Mrs Bultitude & Staff



Parent Helpers

We wanted to say a big thank you to all of our parent helpers who have helped our students with their reading this term. Phoebe, Kate and Bethany - thank you!

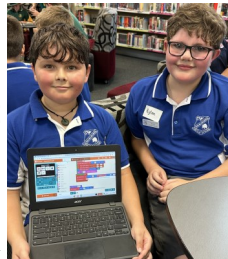
Both the Infants and Primary classes are looking for parent helpers for Term 2. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Premier's Sporting Challenge

Our school will be participating in the Premier's Sporting Challenge across Term 2. Students will be challenged to participate in as much physical activity as possible across their week, and record their efforts in a log book (only Primary students will receive a log book, Miss Parr will record Infants physical activity). Let's increase our fitness levels and overall health by doing as much physical activity as possible! Lunch play, recess play, P.E, sport, riding bikes at home, swimming in a pool, riding a horse...it all counts!

Game Jam

This year's Game Jam theme was 'Space'. Using the program Arcade, we learnt how to code our own games. Our games were called 'Space and Time Continuum' and 'Berry and his Sprite'. Thank you for hosting Dungog High School. Special shout out to Mr Prior and Mrs Manning for organising such a fun filled, educational day.



Year 5 Opportunity Class

Applications for Year 5, 2025 opportunity class placement opened on Thursday 4th April and will close on Monday 20th May.

Click [Application process](#) to find further details. Once applications are finalised students will sit a placement test on 1st August. If you have any questions please contact the school office during office hours.

Lunch Drumming Group

This term students had the opportunity to learn bucket drumming at lunch time as an interest group. Our drumming journey took us on a whirlwind tour of world rhythms, from the heart-pounding beats of Queen's *We Will Rock You* to the sultry sounds of Michael Buble's *Feel Good*. Bucket drumming offers a fun and accessible way to develop a range of musical and non-musical skills while enjoying the creative process and connecting with others through rhythm and percussion.

Easter Celebrations

There is no Easter celebration like a Glen William Easter Celebration Day! Thank you to all parents, carers, families and friends who came and celebrated Easter with us last Wednesday. We enjoyed our Eggshibition Showcase and voting, a delicious BBQ lunch cooked by our P&C, an Easter egg hunt around our school, scrumptious hot cross buns, and we announced the winners of our colouring competition, Eggshibition and P&C raffle.

Congratulations to the following students who received prizes in our annual Easter colouring competition:

Infants: Eliza

Stage 2: Ava H

Stage 3: Holly



Congratulations to the winners of our bi-annual Eggshibition contest, which saw some of the most creative Easter play-on-words. We thank Clarence Town IGA for their generous prize donations.

Infants: Xavier

Primary: Chayse

Overall: Holly





Our PBL Focus

Our PBL focus next fortnight is We Walk on Hard Surfaces.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are challenged to read or experience 30 books. 20 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books. Books can be read with a parent, carer, teacher or another student.

Students in Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 20 books independently. At least 10 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books.

Students have received a reading log where they can record the details of the books they have read. **The closing date of the PRC is Friday 23 August 2024.**

Soccer Gala Day

On Wednesday 3rd April, some of our Primary students participated in a Soccer Gala Day at Birrale Park at Kurri. What an amazing day we all had. Stage 2 and Stage 3 played 4 games of soccer each with stage 2 walking away with 2 wins and stage 3 winning 1 game. Thank you to all the parents who helped with travel.



PBL Assembly

Next Monday is our Week 11 PBL Assembly, starting at 2:15pm. Our Infants class will be performing the Months of the Year song. All families and friends are welcome to join us.

Educational Engagement Morning

At Glen William PS, we believe that parental involvement plays a crucial role in supporting student success. Research consistently shows that when parents are actively engaged in their Children's education, students are more likely to excel academically and develop a lifelong love for learning. With this in mind, we are delighted to invite you to participate as active observers in our mathematics classes.

Cultural Day at Paterson

This term's Cultural Day will take place on Tuesday 9th April at Paterson Public School. Our Aboriginal students have received an invitation via Compass.

Peer Support Training Dates

Our Stage 3 students will be participating in Peer Support Leader training on Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th April. Stage 3 students may come out of school uniform. Lunch will be supplied.

Anzac Service

On Friday 12th April our school will be holding our Anzac Service. This will commence at 11:00am and conclude by 11:30am. We welcome our families and community members to join us.



PBL Rewards Day

Congratulations to every single one of our students who have collectively filled our PBL jar with milk carton tokens. Students have received tokens for demonstrating our core school values of respect, cooperation and excellence.

To celebrate their success this term, students have voted to participate in a water play afternoon. On Friday 12th April students will enjoy a water play day on our school oval. Students are encouraged to bring a change of clothes, a towel and a plastic bag to store their wet clothes.

School Cross Country

Our school Cross Country race will take place on our school grounds on Friday 3rd May. All students are asked to wear full school uniform, and bring plenty of water. The distances students will run are:

5 - 7 year olds - 1km

8-10 year olds - 2km

11-13 year olds - 3km

Depending on times, students 8 yrs and older may be selected to represent our school at the Port Stephens Zone Cross Country Carnival on 17th May in Raymond Terrace.

Mothers Day Celebrations

We will be holding our Mothers Day celebrations on Friday 10th May. Students will be able to purchase from the Mothers Day stall. Our significant females in our lives— mothers, grandmothers and carers are invited to enjoy a high tea and bingo with us.



Emergency Management Plan

At our P&C meeting today I discussed our Emergency Management Plan. This involved our Evacuation Points– Tennis Court and Car Park, the offsite facility– Scout Hall and the procedures around sending alert messages to families in case of an emergency. It is vital and mandatory that at all times when on site all visitors must sign in at the front office via the Compass Kiosk. This is to ensure office staff have accurate information as to who is on site in case of an emergency. The school will often run an Emergency or Lockdown Drill while parents and visitors are on site. This is to ensure we have the most up to date response to emergencies and we can amend and evaluate our process if needed. The Evacuation alarm is a long continuous alarm whereas the Lockdown is 8 short blast alarm bells.



Staff Development Days Term 2

Our staff development days have been confirmed for Term 2. Students will return to school for Term 2 on **Tuesday 30th April**. Our second pupil free day will be Tuesday 7th May. This will take the place of the Term 3 pupil free day at the start of term.

Students are not to attend school on Tuesday 7th May.

Vacation Care

Families that require care across the school holidays, are welcome to access the vacation care at Stroud Public School. Please make contact with the OOSH staff if you require assistance in booking your child in.



From the P&C

Our school canteen operates each Friday. Unfortunately, our canteen cannot operate without the help of our parent volunteers. If you are available to help in the canteen in Term 2, please contact Sharna.

Glen William Public School Term 1 Canteen roster 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 | Phoebe Cross |



P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held in Term 2 Week 2, Friday 10th May at 2pm.

Mothers Day Stall

We are seeking for any donations that we can contribute to our Mothers Day Stall. Please leave any donations in the front office basket.



Community NEWS

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Screen habits to improve sleep

Did you know?

School aged children need between 9 & 11 hours of sleep each night to help them play and learn during the day.

Using screens can affect the quality of sleep and the time it takes for your child to fall asleep.

Try these tips to reduce the negative effects of screens on your child's sleep:

- 1. Avoid using screens for at least one hour before bedtime. Wind down by reading or playing quiet games
- 2. Keep tablets, mobile phones and other screen devices in a dedicated place outside of the bedroom every night
- 3. Encourage your child to connect with friends during the day, rather than messaging or playing games at night
- 4. Encourage active play outside, rather than using screens after school



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Fundamental Movement Skills Activity: Balancing Act

Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) are the building blocks of movement. Just like kids need to learn to read and write, they need to learn how to master FMS for a lifetime of enjoying being physically active.

Try the activity 'Balancing Act' to develop balance!

Students try balancing different objects to see which shapes are easiest to balance.

What you need:

Various balancing objects, such as feathers, shoes, caps, broom handles, balancing poles (made from rolled up newspaper and sticky tape), etc.

What to do:

- Students balance various objects to see which shapes are easiest to balance
- Students use different body parts to balance the objects, such as the palm or back of their hand, or their knee, foot, elbow or chin

Change it up:

- Students try walking or lying down and getting back up again while trying to balance the object
- Students 'jump' the balancing object from one body part to another i.e., one hand to another
- Compete with others and see who can hold a balance the longest



Source: Playing for life (www.sportaus.gov.au)



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Glen William PS Mothers Day HIGH TEA & BINGO

You are the one that makes me feel
special

10th May, Friday

10AM START
RSVP: MONDAY 6TH APRIL
LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

Term 2

Tuesday 30th April

School and Community Communication

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Office

Any questions or information that can be directed to our office staff is much appreciated. We ask that you contact the office during open hours.

Please leave a message if the phone isn't answered and staff will return your call as soon as possible.



Teacher Meetings



Teacher's are available to discuss your child's schooling with an arranged meeting. We ask that you either call the office, or email your child's teacher with times you are available Monday - Friday 8-8:30 or 3:15-4pm.

GLEN WILLIAM PS *Office Hours*

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| Monday | 8:30am - 9:20 am |
| Tuesday | 8:30am - 9:20 am |
| Wednesday | 8:30am - 9:20am 2pm - 3:30pm |
| Thursday | 8:30am - 3:30pm |
| Friday | 8:30am - 3:30pm |



Contacting Staff



Emails are the best way to pass on information or ask questions, as our daily routines are very busy, especially from 8:30 - 3:30 when we are setting up for learning, or with your children teaching. Staff will endeavour to respond to emails Monday - Friday 8am-4pm.

Staff will also respect your time, and will strive to keep to these hours when emailing community.



Ways of Communication



Facebook: This is a space for celebrations and achievements, not direct communication between parents and staff.

Compass: Events that require parental permission, notifications and important information is posted on compass.

Emails and Phone: Purposeful communication specific to your child. This is the most effective way to contact staff.



Term 2 Calendar

| MONTH | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT / SUN |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| APR / MAY 1 | 29 SDD curricu- lum | 30 STUDENTS RETURN | 01 Film making training BP, RF | 02 Catch up Fris- bee | 03 School Cross Country | 04 |
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| MAY 2 | 06 Cultural Pro- gram | 07 SDD - Explicit Teaching | 08 | 09 | 10 Mother's Day Stall High Tea/ Bingo | 11 |
| | | | | | | 12 |
| MAY 3 | 13 Parliament | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Zone Cross Country | 18 |
| | | | | | | 19 |
| MAY 4 | 20 World Bee Day Cultural Pro- gram | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | | | | | | 26 |
| MAY / JUN 5 | 27 PBL Assembly | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 01 |
| | | | | | | 02 |
| JUNE 6 | 03 UoN SMART Robotics stu- dent workshop | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 |
| | | | | | | 09 |
| JUNE 7 | 10 KINGS BIRTH- DAY | 11 | 12 | 13 STEAM DAY for Science Week | 14 | 15 |
| | | | | | | 16 |
| JUNE 8 | 17 Parliament? | 18 | 19 | 20 NAIDOC Day DHS | 21 | 22 |
| | | | | | | 23 |
| JUNE Reports due this week 9 | 24 Cultural Pro- gram | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | | | | | | 30 |
| JUN / JUL NAIDOC week 10 | 01 PBL Assembly | 02 | 03 | 04 Reports Home | 05 | 06 |
| | | | | | | 07 |