



We have got to the end of another year at Glenroy Central! I would like to thank all those who have contributed to Glenroy Central over the past year – **parents, community members, staff and students**. Thank you all for working together to support your children's education from both home and at school. When we began this year, we had high hopes for less interruptions, but it was not to be. We have tried our best to meet the challenges and keep on moving forward.

I would particularly like to thank the **President of our School Council Megan Hannan** and all the **school council members** who have been so supportive and positive about all we are trying to achieve; **the staff** who continue to take on many changes and challenges and the **students** who are the reason we are here. I would also like to say a big thank you to my **Assistant Principal, Lisa Iapozzuto** and the **Business Manager Donna Plant** who are always there to support me – I could not do this job without them!

Thank you to all of you who sent along food for today's end of year parties for the students. What a fantastic spread of food from so many different cultures that make up our wonderfully diverse school.

We welcome some new school staff to our teams for next year – Alex Chambers and Mariam Taleb

Our Learning Community Teams for 2022:

Learning Specialist and Leader for the Junior Learning Community:

Samantha

Foundation: Stephanie, Feeona and Alex

Grade 1/2: Oliver, Crystal, Sev and Kelly

Learning Specialist and Leader for the Senior Learning Community:

Margaret

Grade 3/4: Erin M, Thom, Karli and Elle

Grade 5/6: Lisa, Liam and Beth



Our specialist team is Athanasios in Performing Arts, Jacqui in Visual Arts, Cameron in Physical Education, Matthew in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), Lauren in Auslan and Melissa as Librarian.

Tutoring will continue in 2022 with Paola and Kirstin.

The welfare staff are Nicole and Annette.

Let's not forget the hub of our school, our admin staff of Donna and Kerry.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to a number of people this year.

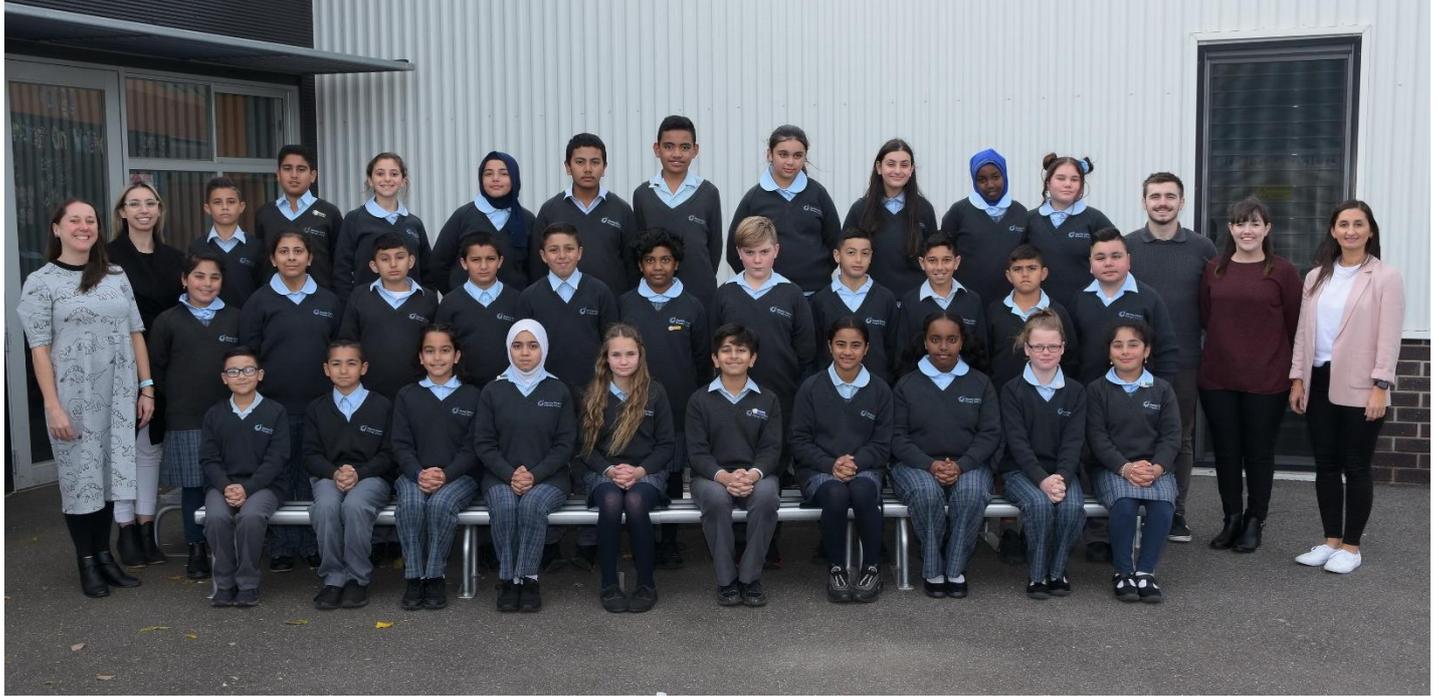
Firstly, we say goodbye to **Rosie**, one of Education Support Staff. **Rosie** has decided to have a rest and retire. I thank her for her wonderful contribution to our school. We wish her well for a long and happy retirement. Another of our Education Support Staff leaving is **Liz**. **Liz** is moving on to secondary school with our visually impaired student to provide support and guidance. She has been a wonderful support to a number of students over many years and I thank her for her fantastic contribution to our school.

We also say goodbye to **Tyler** who is returning home to South Australia. We have loved having her as part of our team and we wish her the best for the future.

We say goodbye to **Lina** who has worked this year in STEM and **Chris** who has worked in tutoring to help those students most affected by the interruptions to school. They are both moving on to new schools. On behalf of the Staff, Students and Community, I would like to thank them all for their dedication and commitment and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.



We, of course, say farewell also to the Graduating Class of 2021. We wish them all the best for their secondary schooling and hope that their futures are happy and successful. The next years of their lives will be full of new adventures, new teachers and new friends. As you venture into those teenage years, remember to study hard and be kind to your parents!



A **HUGE** thank you to the Gr 5/6 staff – Margaret, Lisa C, Liam, Beth, Liz and Rosie who put in so much effort to create a memorable graduation ceremony. The students did you all proud. GREAT JOB!

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to some relaxation and fun – I know I am! It has been a really challenging year and one that most of us are happy to put behind us. I look forward to seeing you all back here at the beginning of 2022..

School begins for Years 1 to 6 students on **Monday 31st January** at 9.00am and for our new Foundation students on **Wednesday 2nd February** at 9.00am when they will attend full time. I remind the new Foundation parents that on the 31st January and 1st February, all Foundation students will need to attend their interview time for assessment.

An email was sent out about the school contributions for 2022. These can be paid via bank transfer or at the office from the 24th January 2022.

Lastly, please find attached to this newsletter a letter from Stephen Fraser, Deputy Secretary, Department of Education regarding vaccinations for primary school aged children.

Happy holidays and a great 2022!

Jo Money

Principal

**Reminder: Last day of school:
Tomorrow dismissal at 1.00pm**



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Dear Parents and Carers

Children aged 5 to 11 will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations from 10 January 2022.

These vaccinations will be available at participating general practices (GPs), pharmacies, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, and state vaccination centres.

The vaccine is one third of the adult dose and will be delivered at 2 separate appointments, expected to be 8 weeks apart. The time between the two doses can be shortened in special circumstances, such as in an outbreak response or for international travel.

The commencement of the program from 10 January 2022 provides an opportunity for all children aged 5 to 11 to receive at least one vaccine dose before they return to school, and their second dose before the end of Term 1 2022.

You are strongly encouraged to book your child or children in to receive their first vaccination before Term 1 begins.

COVID-19 vaccines have been tested, and shown to be safe and effective in protecting against serious illness and reducing the likelihood of COVID-19 spreading. They are important to protect you and your loved ones from COVID-19 and to reduce disruption to your child's education and out-of-school activities.

Vaccination is not mandatory to attend school, but it is highly encouraged to keep all children and their families safe.

[How to book an appointment](#)

Bookings will be available later in December 2021.

You will be able to book a vaccine appointment at a participating general practice (GPs), pharmacy or community health service, or at state vaccination centres through the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

[Victorian Coronavirus Hotline](#)

The Department of Health's [Coronavirus Hotline](#) 1800 675 398 can assist you with bookings at general practice (GPs), pharmacy and state vaccination centres, and help with any questions you have about vaccination.

[What to bring](#)

For information on what to bring to a vaccine appointment please visit [Checklist: before your COVID-19 vaccination](#).

[Support for students with disability or special requirements](#)

There is [extra support](#) for students with disabilities and specialist requirements to access COVID-19 vaccinations.

Parents of children with disability who need extra assistance to access a vaccination should contact specialist [Disability Liaison Officers](#) who can help make the process easier.

The [Association for Children with a Disability](#) will hold a Facebook live session for families with children with additional needs on Tuesday 11 January at 10.30am. [Register online](#).

Parent and community webinars

Experts from the Royal Children's Hospital will hold a Facebook live session – 'COVID-19 vaccinations for 5- to 11-year-olds: Your questions answered' on Thursday 16 December at 11am.

Refer to [the Facebook page](#) for more information.

The Department of Health and leading medical research organisations will run webinars for parents and carers about COVID-19 vaccinations for 5- to 11-year-old children. Details to follow.

More information

Resources are available to help you and your child or children prepare for the vaccination:

- [Needle phobia - The Melbourne Vaccine Education Centre \(MVEC\) \(mcri.edu.au\)](#)
- [Tips to help a child afraid of needles and stop it becoming a phobia - ABC Everyday](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination social scripts - Amaze - Autism resource](#)
- [Sesame Street ABC of COVID vaccines](#)

The Victorian Government's coronavirus.vic.gov.au website also has [information about COVID-19 vaccines in 63 community languages](#).

To ensure the safest start to the 2022 school year for your child or children, I encourage you to help them get vaccinated before they return to school.

Kind regards

Stephen Fraser
Deputy Secretary
School Education Programs and Support