

This week has certainly been a challenging one. I want to assure everyone that the health and wellbeing of our students, staff and community is a top priority and we are doing all we can to maintain good hygiene practices.

As a **Government School** we will be directed by the Government and Department of Health as to any closure. In the event that schools close, then our understanding is that DET will provide guidance and resources for more formal instruction to be provided to all students at home.

We are currently preparing some **home learning packs** for your children in the event of a closure. These will be put out on our **Xuno app** with some ideas and links to websites that will provide some practice of skills already learnt at school. We will also provide an exercise book for all students to complete any work and this will need to go home with each child. Making sure your child reads every day, keeps a diary or writes stories each day, plays word games and practises spelling words will all assist them to keep up their skills!

Until then, we will continue to support and educate your children with teachers planning and implementing programs as usual. Keeping normal routines is an important way of reassuring children. Thank you for your support and understanding.

On a positive note, on Monday we had a wonderful day celebrating **Harmony Day** at Glenroy Central by dressing up and having a parade. There was also a wonderful drumming performance from some 5/6 students. Celebrating Harmony Day is important – a great way to show that we care about everyone in our community. We have students from 22 different nations around the world at Glenroy Central and it was great to see everyone joining in this wonderful chance to celebrate and embrace our diversity. The colour of Harmony

Day is **orange** and we saw lots of that colour too! Thanks you so much to all of our families who came along and joined in the parade. Here are some photos from our celebration. We love the diversity of our community and embrace all of the great

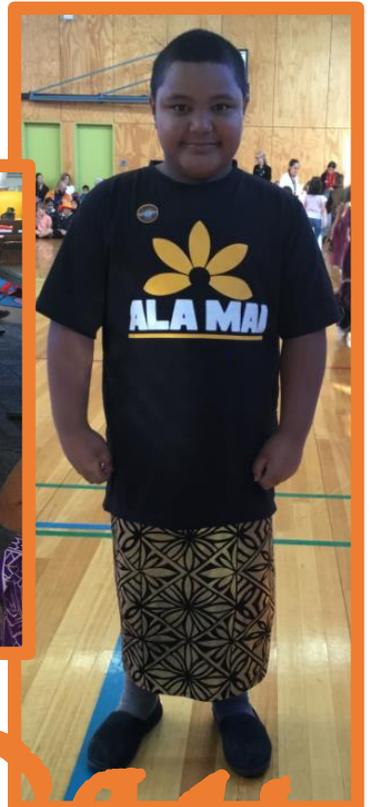
opportunities this provides to enrich all our lives.



Harmony Day is about celebrating our differences and making everyone feel they belong.

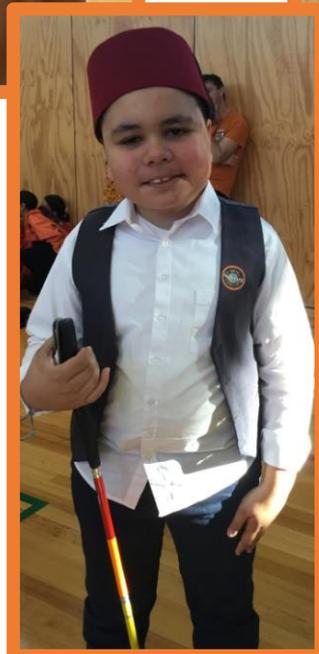
*Our School Captains:
Shazariah and Ayah!*





Harmony Day

2020





**A reminder
there will be no
more assemblies until further notice.**

Remember - Every Day Counts!

**Jo Money
Principal**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of GLENROY CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL:

DATE: Thursday 26th March 2020

TIME: 5.00pm

ALL WELCOME

The first meeting of the new school council will be held at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. The new school council will then make a decision about meeting times for the coming year.

Notice from CommBank School Banking

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20 March 2020** until the start of **Term 2**. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.



KINDER NEWS

The children enjoyed a visit from Aussie wildlife handlers. We have been learning about different Australian animals and with this experience we got to see and touch real Australian animals and learn a little more about them.



The animals we saw, patted and learnt about were:

3 python snakes

A shingle-back lizard

A blue tongue lizard

A black spotted cockatoo

An island kangaroo Joey

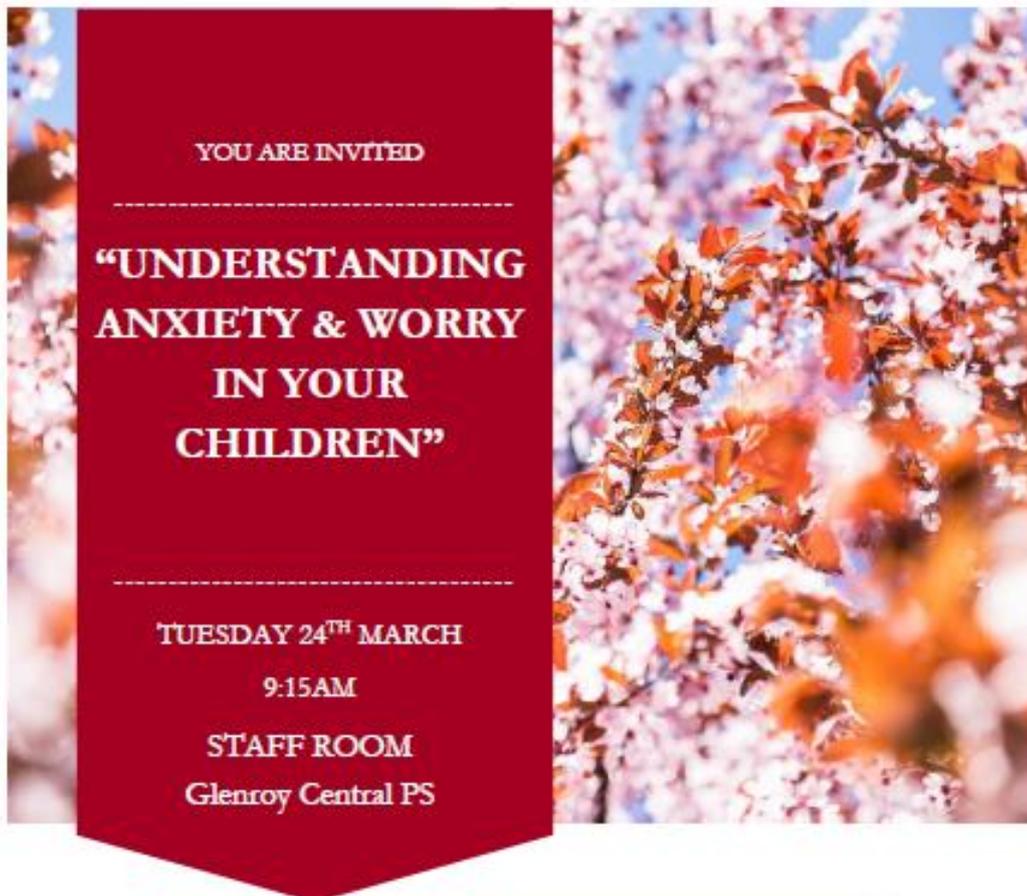
An endangered Squirrel glider

and a baby crocodile



On Monday we also enjoyed being a part of the school's Harmony day parade assembly. Thank you for the invite!





Bernie Beyer – Mental Health Clinician will be presenting to the parents of our school on the topic of Anxiety and Worry in Children. Bernie is based at our school one day a week, working with various students.

Do you or your child need support?

Come along to hear about the different aspects of dealing with anxiety and to learn some strategies to help you and your child cope with a range of situations.

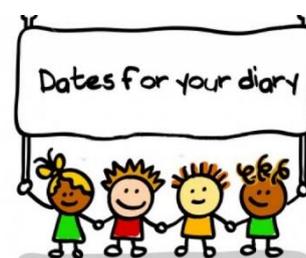
Coffee and cake will be provided!

Term 1 Diary

School Banking: Has been cancelled until further notice

Parent Information Session: Understanding Anxiety and Worry in Children: Tuesday 24th March 9.15am

Annual General Meeting: 5.00pm Thursday 26th March





Ten ways to reduce your risk of coronavirus

- ✦ **WASH** hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. DRY with paper towel or hand dryer.
- ✦ **TRY** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- ✦ **COVER** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- ✦ **ISOLATE** yourself at home if you feel sick. If you take medication ensure you have adequate supplies.
- ✦ **PHONE** your GP first if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- ✦ **CONTINUE** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep, and now is the time to quit smoking. Call the Quitline 137 848.
- ✦ **DON'T** wear a face mask if you are well.
- ✦ **BUY** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol.
- ✦ **GET** the flu shot (available April).
- ✦ **SHAKING HANDS** is optional!



Find out more
www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

If you are concerned, call the
Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 (24 hours)
Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only

To receive this publication in an accessible format email COVID-19@dhhs.vic.gov.au
Authorised and published by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne
© State of Victoria, March 2020 (2001628)



Health and Human Services