

GLENFERRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Buzz

April 2nd 2026



Principal's Message



The 'Domino Effect' in Wellbeing

If you were lucky enough to be at Monday morning's assembly this week, you would have been treated to a short performance put together by our Wellbeing captains and teacher Ms Ingelfinger.

The play featured Le Vy, Louisa, Miharu, Kaitlyn, Hashvitha, Frankie, George, Ben, Sophia, all in Year 5/6.

They modelled a scenario in which two Year 5/6 students help out a Year 1/2 student who has hurt herself in the playground. That Year 1/2 student went on to help her classmate in maths, who later offered to help his teacher carry her belongings. That teacher went on to buy a coffee for her colleague, and so we saw the 'domino effect' of showing kindness to one another.

It was a beautifully-performed lesson for us all, and a reminder of the power of kindness—something that we try to instil in the culture here at Glenferrie Primary School.

Well done to the Wellbeing team, especially Ms Ingelfinger, for reminding us of the power that we all have to change someone's day for the better, and how that choice can have a flow on effect. Let's all think about the domino effect as we head into the Term 1 holidays - be kind to our parents, siblings, friends and neighbours and watch it spread throughout our community.

Parents & Friends Term 1 Thank you

Thank you to all our wonderful parents who have helped out around the school this term. There are so many ways to be involved in our school community, whether it's formally through P&F or from home, by responding to a seesaw post.

I have loved coming into the Junior School and seeing parents volunteering to hear children read in the mornings. Or seeing our Year 5/6 parents helping out with inter-school sport on Friday mornings, volunteering to come to camp, even taking some students to a Futsal tournament yesterday.

On Harmony Day, the students were so supported by our community, tasting food that parents had prepared and brought in to share, learning about aspects of different families' cultures, watching performances and even receiving henna on their hands from parent helpers.



I am so grateful to everyone who has contributed to our school community this year, from the welcome picnic to the Yard Clean Up Day, to the hot cross buns fundraiser - thank you for everything!

Harmony Day

What a wonderful day on our school calendar. I loved seeing this celebration of cultural diversity at our school, and am grateful to all the parents and students who got involved with their activities, enthusiastic singing and dancing, and fantastic orange clothing or cultural dress.

I hope that all of our students have a safe, happy and restful holiday, and look forward to seeing everyone back at school, enthused and ready to go for Term 2.



Important Dates

- **Last Day of Term 1** - Thursday 2nd April, 2:15 assembly for a 2:30 dismissal
- **Curriculum Day (no school for students)** - Monday 20th April
- **First Day for Term 2 for students** - Tuesday 21st April
- **Year 5/6 Coonawarra Camp** - Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May
- **School Photo Day** - Thursday 14th May
- **King's Birthday Public Holiday** - Monday 8th June

Art: Year 1/2's Hansel and Gretel Houses



MusicCorp Performance

By Ethan DV and Yijune

On Tuesday the 17th of March, we did a musical performance. The whole school came to watch the wonderful performance. The order of instruments played were: Violin, Guitar, Piano and Drums.

The violin was played by Reehan and Bethany. They played 'Counting Stars' by OneRepublic. Next the guitar was played by Mila, Leo and Ved. They played 'Seven Nation Army' by The White Stripes. After that, the piano was played by us (Yijune and Ethan DV) and George. They played 'In the Hall of the Mountain King' by Edvard Grieg. Lastly, the drums were played by Phoom, Dion and Riley. They played a beat.

Us music students have been working very hard on our songs. It was very exciting to play our songs to other fellow students.

Year 5/6 Author Incursion by Maggie

On the 30th of March, the Year 5/6 students had a special visit from an author and illustrator named Judith Rossell. She spoke to us about some of the books she has illustrated and explained how books are published. We also learned how authors work with illustrators like her to bring stories to life.

Judith Rossell has worked on 18 books in a row! She told us about her love of the 1920s, especially the giant airships that were popular during that time, and shared some interesting old photographs she has seen from that era.

She also showed us how to write a quick and easy story using a worksheet with sentence starters. Our stories had to follow the title pattern: "The ___ Story of the ___ in ___," which helped us create our own fairy tales.

We had a great time and hope she comes back again!

Art: Prep's Summer Fruits on a Plate



Buildings and Grounds

THANK YOU!

A very big thank you to those families who attended our recent Yard Clean Up and Gardening Day on Sunday 22/3/26!

- It was a very successful morning, with a great deal of work achieved including:
- spreading mulch across the front of the school
- clearing, trimming and tidying the Cottage Garden
- clearing and trimming the climbing plants in the bike enclosure
- clearing and trimming the climbing plants outside the cottage
- watering our large pots

Well done to everyone who attended, we are so appreciative of your time and efforts. We are very lucky to have families that take pride in our grounds and help maintain and improve them. Please stay tuned for the next Yard Clean Up and Gardening Day at GPS!

Congratulations OWEN! by Sophia, 5/6M

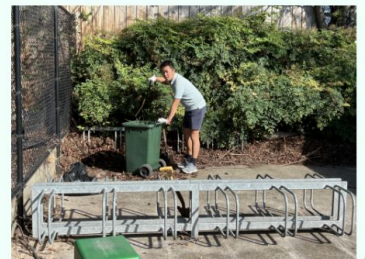
Term One House Winners!

We were all waiting eagerly in the hall to find out which house had earned the most points for the term. "It is OWEN!" announced the house captains.

There were cheers and excited screams. It was so loud we could barely hear each other! Owen had worked incredibly hard, and they truly deserved the win. They always supported one another, and even when things did not go their way, they showed respect to other houses.

Now they could finally celebrate and relax after all their effort. Everyone was happy, even students who were not in Owen. People were very considerate and did not rub it in, which made the moment even more special.

Owen House has shown kindness, teamwork and thoughtfulness, and I believe they deserved to win.



Harmony Day! by Bethany, 5/6M



On Monday the 23rd of March, we celebrated Harmony Day. It is important to celebrate Harmony Day because it gives us a chance to learn about different cultures and beliefs.

Each year level had a dance incursion. They taught us traditional Māori, Bollywood, Tinikling (from the Philippines), and African dance styles. We also made Harmony Day flowers which are now on display in the library window. Make sure you take a look when you're at school!

The preps were lucky to have Alisha teaching them about her Indian heritage and culture, as well as Mani and Simon teaching some Farsi.

In 1/2, we were lucky to have help from the amazing Jiaan and Gabriel, Solomon's mum, Leo's mum, and Elva's mum.

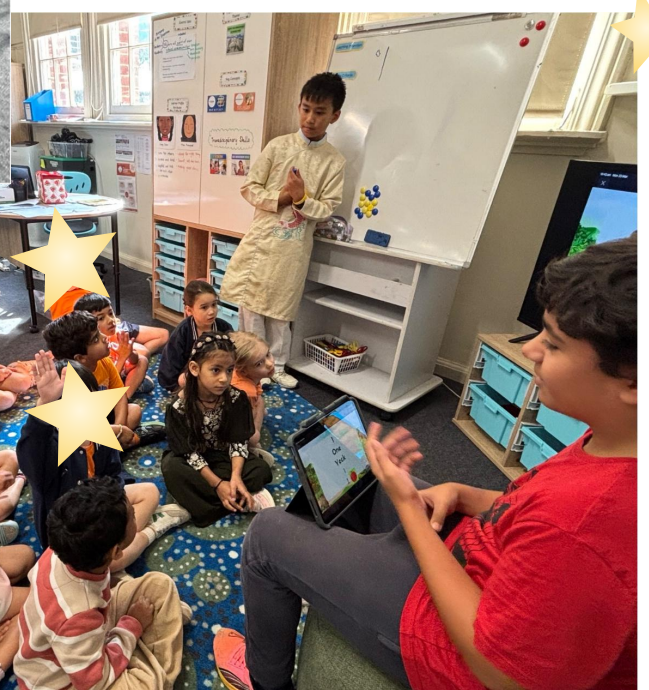
In 3/4, Leo, Max and Simon taught us easy words in Chinese, including numbers. Ms Fowler showed us some of her Austrian culture when we painted eggs. We also had class feasts where people got to taste lots of interesting food!

In 5/6, we had support from Diana, who taught us about Thai culture, Miharu, who is from Japan and taught us some origami, Aria, Hashvitha, and Tanvi, who focused on Indian and Sri Lankan culture, and Miranda, who shared her Venezuelan culture.

At the end of the day, we had a whole-school assembly where the choir beautifully performed "The Teamwork and Cooperation Song." Shortly after, we all performed the dances we had learned.

On behalf of Glenferrie Primary School, I would like to thank everyone who contributed their time and knowledge to make Harmony Day possible. We couldn't have done it without you.






Year 3/4 reflections on Harmony Day

My Egg



On Harmony day we colored Ed-eggs that were from the European Easter tradition I liked it because it was very imaginative.

Yours if I had my this




My favourite thing about harmony day was the flower making because you get to design pattern and use your favourite color.

by Valerie




On Harmony day, 3/4F had a wonderful feast. I ate the most lamingtons in class! I ate 8 lamingtons. I brought muffins and cookies. Everyone ate them.

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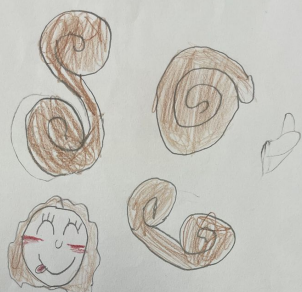


I made a egg which was the colours of the rainbow. It was very nice! It was from Ms fowlers culture. Austria! Harmony day Amazing! 3/4F was AMAZING!

veera



On Harmony day I wore this outfit from my culture. It has flowers and sparkles on it. It comes from India.

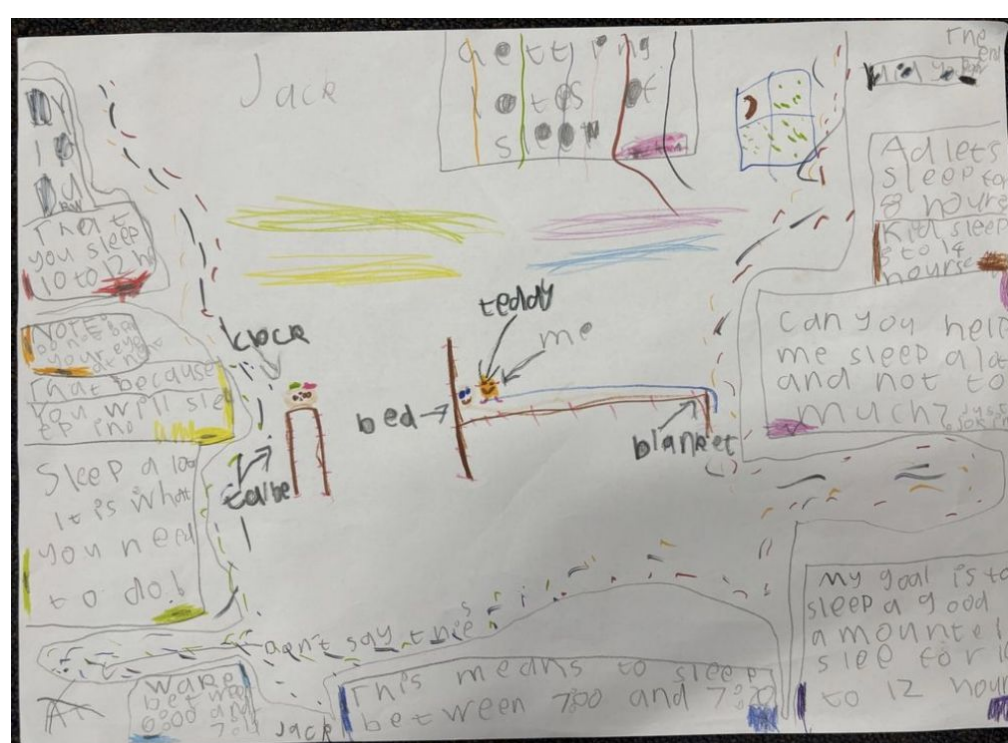
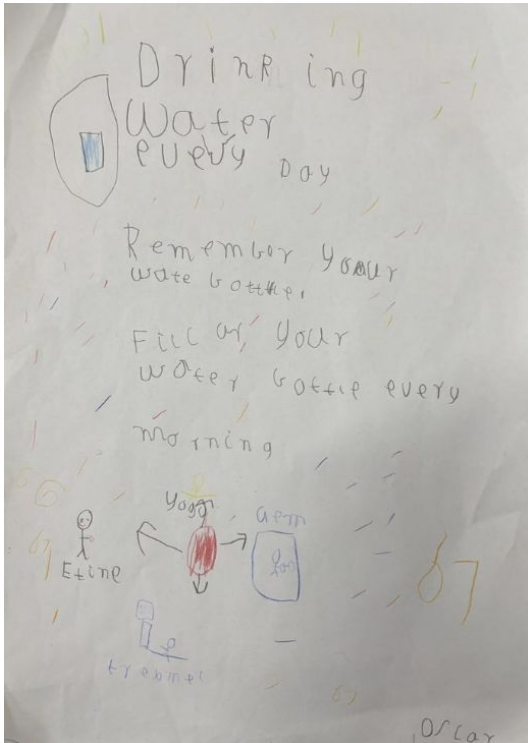
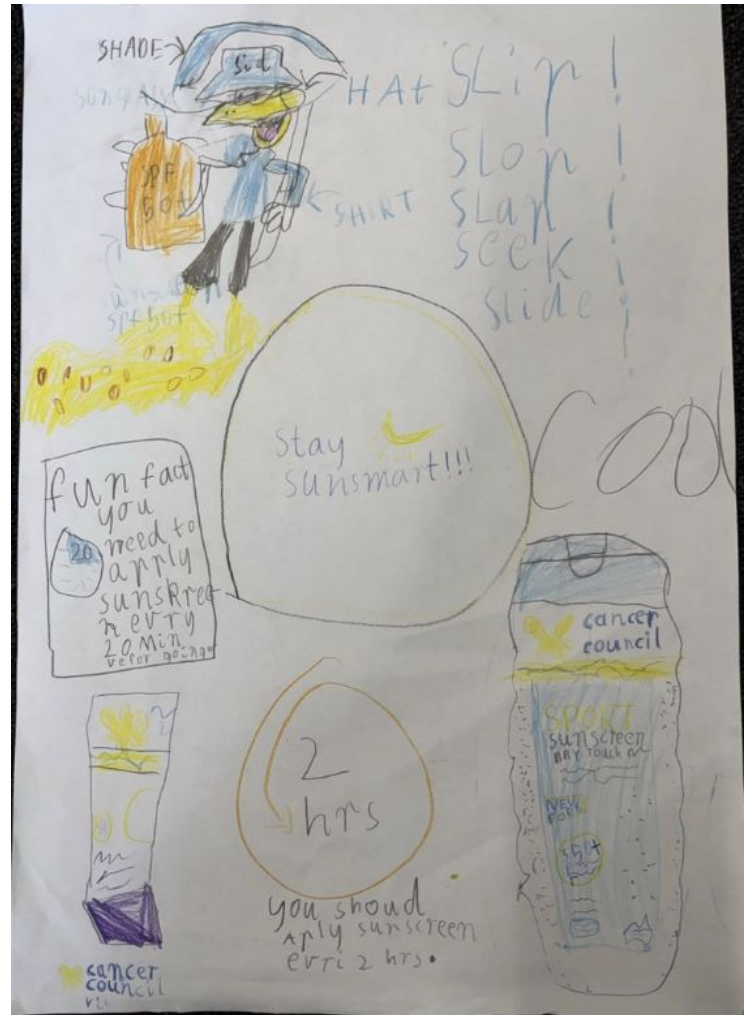
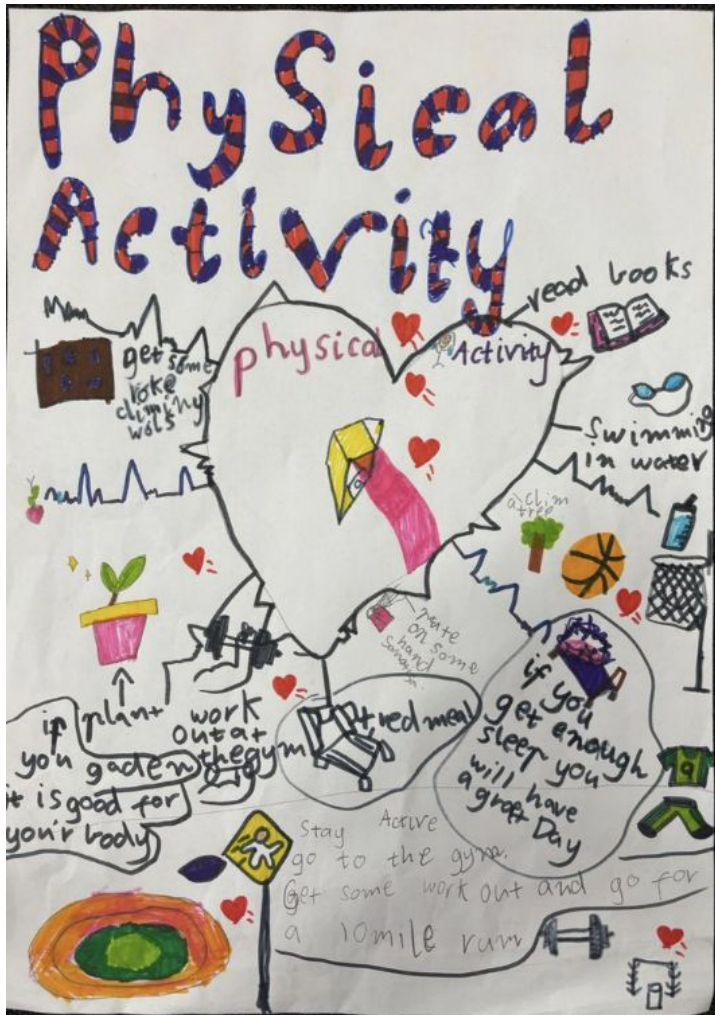


On Harmony Day, I presented in front of the class and told my class about Greek Easter. I told them about Koulourakia as well. I had lots of fun!

Athora 3/4 F

Health Messages from Year 1/2

As part of their 'Who we are' unit with the Central idea 'Being balanced helps us to stay healthy', our Year 1/2 created informative posters on a chosen health topic. Students presented their posters to the class and have been able to spread their health messages to their classmates. Here are a few of them - have a read and make a positive change!



ELOWYN

about water about water

drinking LOTS of water

Hydration

good for health.

Kids need 5 cups a day.

8 MoSt of our body is made up of water.

Kids need 5 cup of water.

good

Caivo

Hygiene!

Remember:

Wash your hands before you cook or after you pet a dog and your gonna eat. Wash your hands after you go to the toilet.

Soap helps you clean!

I'm washing hands

Sun Smart

sun

water bottle to keep hydrated

hat to protect head

sunglasses to protect eyes from sun.

swim when

Drink water

When you are tired you can't think

You will need drinks of water

if you had no water you can't think

You can fill up your water bottle

water

Remy

Drinking water

Drinking water helps with hydration. Stay healthy.

water

Bruce

Health Messages from Year 1/2

DOING MINDFULNESS

You can do mindfulness EVERYWHERE. You can do 5 finger breathing it can help you calm you down. If you feel nervous you can do deep breaths. Reading can calm you down. Doing mindfulness can help you with things.

5 finger Mindfulness

breathing
open Mind
Mindfulness
quiet reading
Pipa
Mindfulness
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Mindfulness
Pipa

Did you know that exercise is good for you? Show it to your friends!

One night about getting a night's sleep is very important. If you don't sleep at least five days your life might be in danger. Everyone needs sleep you and me. You also have 12 hours of sleep or even more.

health health health

Sleep

Drink water

Kids need to do at least 1 hour of Physical Activities a day. But can benefit from up to several hours of Physical Activity over course of each DAY.

Physical Activities

Charlotte

Health Messages from Year 1/2

WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash soap hands

Always Wash your hands to keep your hands clean by using soap!

SOAP

Keep your hands clean

Anton

Mindfulness you can feel more calm and relaxed.

Bubble breathing

Five finger breathing

mindfulness

reading

ollie

Drinking water

cup

Drinking water

helps us stay hydrated

hydrated

stay healthy

drink water everyday.

drinking water keeps you hydrated

Yan

Staying safe

Slap

It is important to play safely so we don't get a whiplash

Always remember the five f's

Aardb

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Family Activity

MINDFUL MOVEMENT: CONNECTING BODY & MIND

As a family, discuss how often when we move, we do so mindlessly. We are more focused on where we are trying to get to or the thoughts spinning around in our heads. **When we move with mindfulness, it becomes a fantastic way to bring together movement of the body and focus of the mind.**

ACTIVITY IDEA: FAMILY WALKING MEDITATION

Set aside time to take a short walk together. As you walk, practice mindful movement by focusing on each step you take. **Remind yourselves that your body is moving, while your mind remains calm and present.**

Here are some ideas to help you focus:



Pay attention to **your breath** as you walk.



Notice how your **arms swing**, your **feet lift**, and your **knees bend**.



Focus on the sensation of your foot touching the ground: heel, ball, and toes.

After your walk, talk about how it felt. Did it help you feel more centered? Where else in your daily life could mindful movement be helpful?



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GPS Timetable

Our before, after and vacation care program (delivered by TheirCare) is available before and after each school day, on pupil-free days, and during the school holidays.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school				Fit for Kids Basketball (8am)	Fit for Kids Soccer (8am)
AM	Whole School Assembly (Run by Year 5/6s)	Wellbeing with Miss Inglefinger		Physical Education with Ms Roberts	
Lunchtime/ Afternoon play		Senior school Choir		Drama Club Library Club	Library Club
PM	International Club	Instrumental music lessons	Art with Ms Chester		Italian with Signorina Paladino
After school	Robotics (until 4:35)	Electronics (until 4:35)	Arts and Design (3:35-4:35)		
			Next Gen Soccer (3:45-4:45)		

*Classroom-based specialist subjects (pink) are one hour long and may be held on a different day to what is indicated here for your child's class.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT Glenferrie Primary



Robotics



Build, Program & Explore!
In this fun program, kids use LEGO WeDo and Spike kits to build and program their own robots—boosting creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving while having a blast!

Day: MONDAYS

Time: 3:35 – 4:35 pm

Cost: \$240 for 8 weeks

Starts on: 27 April

For Years: Years 1 - 6

Location: Grade 5/6 double classroom

Electronics



Discover the fun of electronics!
A beginner's Guide to Electronics, kids use safe, hands-on kits to build cool circuits and projects—no messy wires, just creativity and fun!

Day: TUESDAYS

Time: 3:35 – 4:35 pm

Cost: \$200 for 8 weeks

Starts on: 28 April

For Years: Preps - Year 4

Location: Italian Room

Arts & Design



Kids will explore drawing, painting, and crafts through fun, hands-on projects. With supportive instructors and exciting activities, they'll build skills, express themselves, and discover the joy of art.

Day: WEDNESDAYS

Time: 3:35 – 4:35 pm

Cost: \$180 for 8 weeks

Starts on: 29 April

For Years: Preps - Year 6

Location: Italian room

HURRY!

SPACES ARE LIMITED

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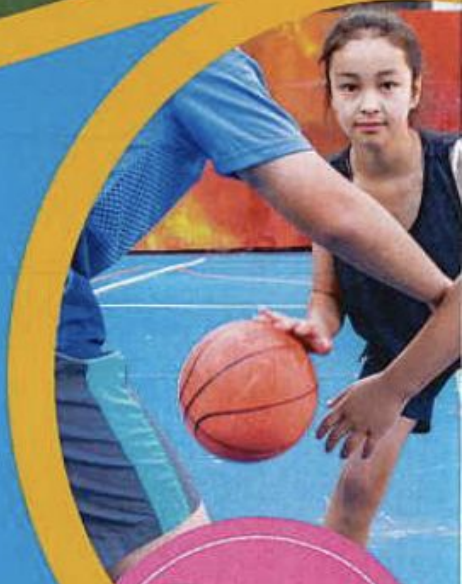


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TERM 2, 2026

SOCCER & BASKETBALL LESSONS AT GLENFERRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ON SITE HERE BEFORE SCHOOL!

Fit For Kids Co runs active group sports classes right here at Glenferrie Primary School!

Lessons run before school from 8:00am to 8:45am.

Yard duty teachers will be on duty from the conclusion of lessons.

Basketball Lessons

Thursday mornings All ages & abilities welcome

Soccer Lessons

Friday mornings All ages & abilities welcome

Soccer sessions are divided into two tailored groups to ensure every child gets the most out of their experience.

Juniors

Our junior and introductory group focuses on building fundamental skills, confidence, and a love for the game in a fun, supportive environment.

Seniors

The senior group is designed for developing players, with a stronger focus on skill progression, game awareness, and structured match play to take their performance to the next level.

**TERM 2
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TERM 2, 2026



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Thinking about learning an instrument for Term 2?

Intro to Music



Wednesdays 4.45pm

An **Intro to Music** course for kids aged 5 - 9 who can't wait to learn music. Maybe you don't know what instrument you want to learn yet? No problem - we've got you!

FUN | EDUCATIONAL | INTERACTIVE

♪ Start Date; **March 4**

- ♪ 30min Classes
- ♪ Location; **Camberwell**
- ♪ Only \$40 per week!
- ♪ Explore **Piano, Guitar + Voice**
- ♪ **Instruments** provided

What To Expect:

- ♪ Try out lots of **instruments**
- ♪ Learn about rhythm, timing, melody and harmony
- ♪ Have **fun** exploring music!



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Info + Bookings here;



Stay safe around schools

It's busy around schools, especially at drop-off and pick-up. To keep everyone safe, please follow these rules, whether you're walking, riding, scooting or driving.



The speed limit around schools is 40km/h.



Drivers can't stop, even briefly.



Making U-turns in busy areas is dangerous.



These zones are for quick drop off and pick up within 2 minutes only.

At the school crossings



Slow down, follow the crossing supervisor's instructions, and wait until everyone is off the crossing.



Always use marked crossings and follow supervisor instructions:
1 whistle means stop and wait.
2 whistles mean cross.

Illegal parking is dangerous.

Parking officers regularly monitor school zones and issue fines for unsafe or illegal behaviour.

You can learn more about parking signs and rules at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/parking-signs-and-rules

Your children. Your school. Your community.

Walking or riding to school is healthy and helps avoid traffic congestion. If driving, consider parking a few streets away and walking the rest.

Let's be great role models for our kids! Stay alert, put away distractions, follow road rules, listen to school crossing supervisors, and keep everyone safe together.



For more information:

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