

GLEN OSMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning for Life – Aiming for Excellence



Thursday 7th February

Week 2

Term 1 2013



Government of South Australia
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Child Development



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

After the summer holidays, parents, students and staff can find it hard to get back into the routines of school. Making important connections helps get students quickly back on track for a successful year. The focus of teachers' work has been on reconnecting with students: Connecting with students to build rapport and foster a friendly, purposeful classroom climate; connecting students to each other using cooperative learning techniques; and connecting students with expectations by establishing classroom rules, learning goals and standards.

Making connections with families is central to improving relationships and working together in meeting individual educational needs of all learners. Acquaintance Night is an opportunity for teachers to connect with parents and caregivers by welcoming them into their classrooms; connecting parents to their children's education by providing information about short and long term plans for teaching and learning in 2013; and connecting parents with other parents to build community.

Priorities of the school's current Strategic Plan include reconnecting with families: Connecting families with the school's vision, values, plans, achievements and outcomes; connecting with families by providing timely communication and information about their children's learning; and connecting families to student support programs and services. The AGM provides opportunity for Governing Council to connect with families through an invitation to be part of the decision-making at a number of levels - from being well-informed about the learning improvement initiatives, learning highlights and student achievement outcomes for 2012 to nominating for Governing Council or one of its sub-committees.

The flyer for the AGM and the AGM Self-Nomination form are in the digital forms at the end of this newsletter.

I am looking forward to meeting with families on Wednesday February 13.

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THE GOPS APP

Last year we launched our GOPS APP for Smart phones / iPhones.
Please read on to find out how to get the app for yourself.

[Read more...](#)



TRAFFIC: ROAD CROSSING ON FISHER STREET

Our Year 6 and 7 students patrol our Fisher Street crossing each morning and night, ensuring safe passage for our students and families. We appreciate the actions of families dropping off their children by using the appropriate sections of the roadway, and not stopping in the NO STANDING areas. Safety is our number one concern and we want to have a 2013 with a zero record of incidents. Please help us achieve this target by being in tune and attentive when driving, riding and walking in the region of our school.

TRINITY GUILD DRAMA & SPEECH CLASSES 2013

This year we will again be offering Trinity Drama & Speech classes as an extra-curricular activity at GOPS, taking a practical exam at the end of the year. Please read on for more information.. [Read more...](#)





NO HAT – NO PLAY

We remind all students that appropriate hats (brimmed or legionnaire) are the correct attire at GOPS. Protect the eyes and skin by keeping those hats firmly on the head.

LUNCH ORDERING

Students wishing to order a lunch at Glen Osmond Primary School do so through our service provider "Metro Canteens". All ordering is done online. Please read on to see how you can participate. [Read more...](#)



Need help? Call 1300 361 769

SOCIAL MEDIA

In the coming newsletters we wish to highlight some of the DECD directives and policies which apply to our school and community with regard to social media responsibilities and the www in general.

Most recently DECD has directed us to be aware of our individual and collective responsibilities regarding use of social media. For this reason, we wish to highlight (extracted from *DECD Social Media Guidelines*):

6. THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN USING SOCIAL MEDIA

6.1 Do not 'friend' students (or their parents) on Facebook, not even with a 'teacher' presence.

Following this guideline, please be aware that teachers will 'de-friend' students and parents from their private Facebook pages. This, of course, will not affect our real relationships with students and families in our yard, school and community!

We direct you to read further detail through the following link:

www.decd.sa.gov.au/socialmedia/



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Our Instrumental Music Program is underway for the year and it is most exciting to see many new students joining in to the world of instrumental music. If your child has not received an instrumental music outline pamphlet, please look to this link to see the latest information.

<http://www.glenosps.sa.edu.au/CURRICULUM/Instrumental%202013%20Offerings.pdf>

Hard copies are available through the Front Office.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 8 th February	Naomi Belgrade Heidi Caudle
Monday 11 th February	Jane Curtis Angela Warrick
Wednesday 13 th February	Megan Scott Cassandra Wilsdon
Friday 15 th February	Emma Clark Lyndi Gepp
Monday 18 th February	Sharyn Gogel Juliet Green
Wednesday 20 th February	Amy Grantham Tania Sulan
Friday 22 nd February	Jill Herriot Andy Farrell

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 13 th February	Acquaintance Night Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 13 th February	Bike Education Program commences
Thursday 14 th February	Valentine's Day
Friday 15 th February	Assembly (9:00am GOPS gym)
Monday 11 th March	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 1 st April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Friday 5 th April	Sports Day
Monday 8 th April	School closure Staff Professional Development
Friday 12 th April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 29 th April	Term 2 Commences



Skoolbag 

Skoolbag Smartphone App for Parents and Students

Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smartphones. It allows the school to keep you up to date with the latest news, notices, alerts, newsletters etc. Parents can check Skoolbag at any time to see the latest updates and information. It is FREE for parents to use.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone Users

Simply search for "Glen Osmond Primary School" in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.



Android Users

Step 1

Tap the Applications icon, then tap the Internet icon to open your web browser.



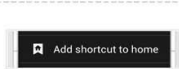
Step 2

Type www.skoolbag.com.au/gops into the address bar.



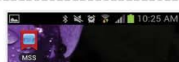
Step 3

Once loaded you can save the Skoolbag icon to your home screen for easy access every day. For example with a Samsung Galaxy S2 & S3 phone, tap the menu button, then tap the "Add Shortcut to Home".



Step 4

The Skoolbag icon will then show on your home screen. This provides a shortcut to make it easy to view updates each day.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 
Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parent smartphones



GOPS APP

Last year we launched our GOPS APP for Smart phones / iPhones. We would like to highlight the APP for everyone – recommending the FREE purchase. Further into the newsletter you will see the steps for purchase and installation. It is very straight forward – and you will be rewarded with being right up-to-date with what is happening at GOPS. We send out reminders for upcoming events, messages and newsletters. There is no finer APP to have in your hip pocket, purse or on your work and play desks.

One of the tools we are using to communicate with our community is the Skoolbag application. We are keen to ensure that you know what is happening in your child's world – here at GOPS!

This information is again highlighted in our calendar- www.glenosps.sa.edu.au/ABOUT_GOPS/calendar

newsletters-

www.glenosps.sa.edu.au/ABOUT_GOPS/newsletters.html

tweets- [@GlenOsmondPS](http://www.twitter.com)

assemblies-

Odd week numbers in each term, hosted by students and presented in the GOPS gym. And, if you are a Facebook follower, please follow the steps from our webpage and join the growing band.

Trinity Guild Drama and Speech

This year we will again be offering Trinity Drama & Speech classes as an extra-curricular activity at GOPS, taking a practical exam at the end of the year. The idea that the student prepares not only for an end of year Showcase for parents and friends, but also a graded exam in front of a British examiner - an industry professional - gives an extra edge to their performance. As exam sessions are not stressful and examiners are friendly, students are not impeded by the concept of exam, in fact they are encouraged to produce their best work. These drama classes give students an ideal opportunity to hone their practical drama skills, as well as life skills including confidence, team work and respect for others. There are currently vacancies on Mondays at 3.30pm for students in years 3-7. Interested students are to contact Alicia Zorkovic on 8338 1168 or familyzorkovic@gmail.com for more information. Private lessons also available.



Welcome: New Families

At last week's assembly we welcomed our new students and families to GOPS. It was a pleasure to see so many new faces and to hear the welcoming applause which our community extended.

Photos from each assembly are online and we invite you to visit our GOPS "aRHu" site to catch up on what is happening around the school. You can find us at www.gopsarhu.weebly.com.au

New families will find, in their information packs, details to receive notifications via email regarding our digital newsletter. Please contact our Front Office staff if you require assistance with this information.

LUNCH ORDERING

Students wishing to order a lunch at Glen Osmond Primary School do so through our service provider "Metro Canteens". All ordering is done online. Included in our digital newsletter this week is the flyer which gives you the information you need to know to arrange access to this service.

For existing clients, please visit the website www.metrocanteens.com.au if you need to update any account details. We remind students that the school receives a copy of the orders made each day and these match up with the orders delivered.

If a lunch does not arrive (but is on our order list) we will follow this up. If it is not on the order list, it has not been ordered.

Order your lunch the FUN & EASY WAY!

Lunch Orders Online

Our school now has a great online lunch ordering facility:

- Replaces paper bag orders
- Pre-paid online - no cash required
- Fast and accurate
- Order up to 9:00am on the day, or a week in advance

A parent or guardian will need to register on the website to order from the online menu. Instructions below...



**Save Time
Order Online!**

Registration is easy:

- Go to www.metrocanteens.com.au
1. click **Register Now!** and enter your email address
 2. you will be emailed a link to complete the registration form with username, password, contact details and credit card information
 3. nominate how much you would like to put into your online canteen account
 4. for each of your children click **Add a Student** with the school code:

Start placing advance canteen orders
immediately

Registration for the online ordering system is free.



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**GLEN OSMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS AND SUBCOMMITTEE NOMINATION
SELF NOMINATION FORM 2013**

Self nomination for election as parent representative

All parents of the school are eligible to nominate for election.

Elections of parent councillors will by an election at the Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council to be held on Wednesday February 13, 2013 at 7.30pm in the Glen Osmond Primary School Resource Centre.

Nominations for parent representatives on the Governing Council will be received at the Glen Osmond Primary School Front Office and up until the start of the AGM on Wednesday February 13, 2013.

Nominations will also be accepted from parents interested in becoming members of one or more of the Governing Council sub-committees. Parents do not need to be members of the Governing Council to be eligible to join one of the sub-committees.

I _____ (full name)

Of _____ (address)

Nominate to be elected as a member of Glen Osmond Primary School's Governing Council.

I hereby declare that:

- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of Glen Osmond Primary School's Governing Council will cease.

Signed _____ Date _____

Subcommittee Nomination Form

I _____ wish to become involved in the school by nominating to be on the following subcommittee (Please circle):

*Education & Curriculum *Grounds & Facilities *Finance *Out of School Hours Care
*Sports *Parents and Friends *Canteen

Signed _____ Date _____

Child/ Children's Names	Teacher

PLEASE RETURN to Principal Joy Milward before the 7.30PM start of the AGM on Wednesday February 13, 2013

GLEN OSMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Glen Osmond Primary School Governing Council Needs You!

The Governing Council's role is to involve the school community in the governance of the school and to strengthen and support public education in the community. To do this Governing Council has a range of functions which include setting the broad direction and vision of the school, strategic planning, monitoring and reviewing its plans, determining some school policies, budgeting, and ensuring that the educational needs of the community are understood and met.

Governing Council meets twice each school term usually on Tuesday evening in Week 3 and Week 8.

Much of the work of Council is undertaken by its sub-committees that report and bring recommendations to Council for approval. Parents with an interest in any of these areas are welcome to join the committees and do not need to be members of Council to be eligible to join. The Governing Council Committees:

- meet at least once per term (no committee meets more than twice a term)
- arrange meeting times (daytime, late afternoon, early evening) to suit the committee membership
- are usually limited to 2 hours
- have a staff representative and a representative from the school leadership team

There are seven Governing Council Committees:

Education Committee

The Education committee has 3 main roles, which are to consider educational issues at the request of Governing Council and the school community, and to monitor the educational targets and performance indicators as outlined in the school's strategic directions.

Finance Committee

The Finance committee provides planning, advice and monitoring of the school global budget to support achievement of all the school's strategic directions. It is required to meet at least once each term and its membership must include the Treasurer and Principal.

Grounds and Facilities

The Grounds and Facilities Committee provides planning and feedback on the maintenance and development program relating to buildings, grounds and the general facilities of the school which enhance the physical appeal, as well as the safe, secure and effective teaching and learning environment. This committee also organises school working bees.

Out of School Hours Care

The OSHC Committee provides direction and support for our Out of School Hours Care Service on matters such as the budget and setting of fees, staff selection/ contracts, and the policies of the service.

The committee is made up of the Principal, a Council member, at least 2 parents of children who use the service, a school staff representative and the OSHC Director. It meets twice per term.

Parents and Friends

This committee provides works on engaging parents and families in the social life of the school and promoting the school to the broader community.

Sport

This sub-committee of the Governing Council consists of the Principal, or nominee, a Governing Council representative, and at least one representative from each sport played out of school hours. The committee has oversight of planning, budgeting, monitoring and providing information on training and first aid to coaches.

Canteen

After consulting with the school community, the Canteen committee makes recommendations to Governing Council concerning pricing and the type of stock to be offered for sale.

The Governing Council constitution states that membership will be up to 12 elected members, the Principal and two member of the school staff (nominated by the staff). The Governing Council must also have a majority of members who are not "on the staff of a Government school, employees of the Minister's administrative unit, and those appointed under the Act, *Children's Services Act 1985* and *Technical and Further Education Act 1975*".

If you would like to nominate for a position, please complete the self nomination form and return to Principal Joy Milward via School Front Office before the 7.30PM start of the AGM on Wednesday February 13, 2013

Acquaintance Night

Wednesday February 13

6.00PM Rooms 13, 12, 11, 10, 9 and 8

6.30PM Rooms 7, 6, 5 and 4

7.00PM Rooms 14, 1, 2 and 3

Annual General Meeting

7.30 – 8.00PM

Crèche

**A crèche facility is available for children 3 years of age and over.
For bookings ring Jane Phillips at OSHC – 0411 138 748**

MYRTLE BANK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Would you like to know more about what is happening in Myrtle Bank and our plans and new initiatives for the next 12 months?

It is an exciting time for our suburb!!!!

Our guest speaker, the State Co-ordinator of Customs Watch, will be giving a presentation at the commencement of the meeting. If you are planning to travel overseas in the coming months or purchase goods online from a source outside Australia, this could provide you with some very useful information.

Join us at our next meeting on Monday 11 February at 7.30 pm

Where – Fullarton Park Community Centre

Cnr Fullarton Road and Fisher Street