



Glowrey Catholic Primary School

7th February 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to the 2020 school year and to all of our new families to Glowrey a very warm welcome to our school community. I would especially like to extend a welcome to our new students who have started this year including all of our preps. Congratulations to all of the students who have settled in just so well this week it has been a very smooth start to the year. A very warm welcome to our new staff, Mrs Janelle Reid in Year Four, Mrs Katrina Carey, Mrs Sue Saba and Mrs Poppy Alexopoulos in Year One, Mrs Molly Pitcher in Year Three, Mr Frank Catalano in Year 5/6 and Mrs Hiroko Coleman who will be teaching Japanese. We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs Melissa Cerra who will be providing support to students in her role as a Learning Support Officer.

Please ensure that the school has up-to-date medical information and contact us immediately if there are any changes that would affect the medical management of your child. A reminder that all medication with the exception of asthma medications needs to be sent to the office with an authority filled in for us to administer the required dosage. (medication authority form is attached) This a copy of your contact details was sent home to each family. It is imperative that the school has correct and accurate parent contact information. So if you can please check these details and update if required and in the event there is no change just sign the form and return it.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone in our community a very successful and happy year. On behalf of all the staff we are looking forward to working with your children over this coming year. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at any stage.

Your sincerely,

Tim Kelly
Principal



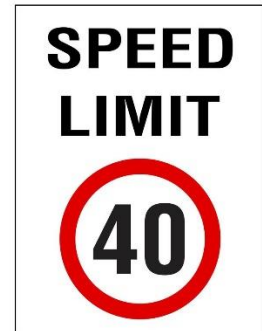
TERM ONE 2020 KEY DATES

Friday 7th February	Parent Welcome Morning Tea Year Five/Six inter-school sport commences
Wednesday 12 th February	No Preps Today Rest Day
Tuesday 18 th February	Parent Teacher Interviews 1pm -7pm Students Dismissed at 1pm
Wednesday 19 th February	No Preps Today Rest Day
Thursday 20 th February	Opening of the School Year Mass 10am at St Peter's Church <i>(children will travel by bus leaving at 9am)</i>
Wednesday 26 th February	No Preps Today Rest Day Ash Wednesday Mass 12pm at Glowrey
Thursday 27 th February	Year 4/5/6 Excursion Melbourne Arts Centre
Wednesday 4 th March	No Preps Today Rest Day
Monday 9 th March	Public Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 10 th March	Staff Professional Learning Day – Student free day.
Friday 27 th March	School concludes 3.30pm End of term one
Tuesday 14 th April	Term Two Commences



SAFETY

As we start a new year I would like to remind all parents about safety in regards to traffic management around the school. We are very fortunate to have a 'drop-off' zone in Baltrum Drive which functions very well providing cars are not left unattended. Your co-operation in keeping this 'moving' by not delaying when you drop children off will ensure that this is safe and effective for the children. I would especially ask that you **do not double park** and have children weaving around cars as often, simply by their size, they are hard to see. Also there is a **40km speed restriction** that applies around the school that needs to be adhered to for the safety of our young people and families. I would in the strongest terms urge all families to please use the **school crossing** in Baltrum Drive if you need to cross this road. This week we have seen parents crossing children literally meters away from the crossing. It is just so important to model safety to all students. Thank you in anticipation for your support in these important safety considerations.



Esafety Free webinar

eSafety parents



Helping kids thrive online

Free webinar

This webinar from the eSafety Commissioner is a great opportunity to start 2020 with the latest information to keep your child safe online and gather some tips to help manage technology at home.

Cost	Free
Audience	Parents and carers of young people aged 5-12 years old
Date/Time/Registration	12 February 2020 – 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM AEDT
	14 February 2020 – 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM AEDT
	Register here - esafety.gov.au/sid/families

The session will cover:

- ideas to 'start the chat' about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- how to get help if things go wrong

It is Safer Internet Day on Tuesday the 11th of February. We will be uniting with people around the world to raise awareness about online safety issues and inspire a positive change within the cyber world. On this day teachers and students will be engaging in discussions and complete activities to promote a positive change when we are online. Below is also a free webinar that you can listen to hear the latest online information. If you could please take the time to get onto the webinar would be great and will create ideas to 'start the chat' about online safety.



eSafety Commissioner

esafety.gov.au/sid

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

School Lunch orders will recommence next Friday 14th February.
An email will be sent out on Monday with all the details.

We are excited to announce we will be using a new catering service for the children's lunches, called Lunch Mums. Please read some information below that they have forwarded to the school.

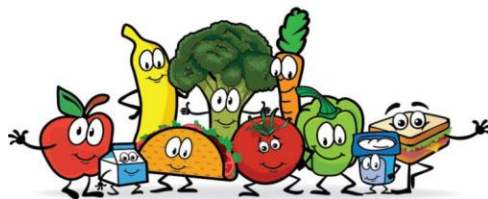


We are an exciting new business to Glowrey Catholic Primary School, "Lunch Mums".

We are an external business that provides lunch orders to the local Schools. We pride ourselves in providing wholesome and tasty lunches to the school community. Our aspirations are not only to offer healthy lunches and treats to children, but to also offer a simple and effective solution to help busy parents, without the worry or fuss.

Lunch orders will commence from February 14th 2020, and will be available every Fridays. Parents will be able to place orders via an online App "My School Connect". Making this a hassle-free ordering solution for the school and parents. Orders can be placed in advance, leaving one less thing for parents to do.

We look forward to working with the school community in providing school lunches for your children.



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