



**GLOWREY**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



# Glowrey Catholic Primary School

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Students,

A huge congratulations to our Parents and Friends Association led by Enza Nanov for organising the recent Colour Fun Run. Nearly \$20,000 was raised which will be used to fund further improvements to our outdoor play spaces. Thank you to all of our families for your very generous support.

The construction of our basketball court and four square courts is nearly completed and should be ready for the children to use by the start of next term.

On a staffing front today we farewell Fran Vasiliadis who will be commencing maternity leave from next week. Our very best wishes to Fran and her husband Michel as they await the arrival of their first child.

Finally our best wishes to all of our Year 5 and 6 students and their teachers who will be heading off to Philip Island on camp next week.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Kelly  
Principal





# SCHOOL FUN RUN

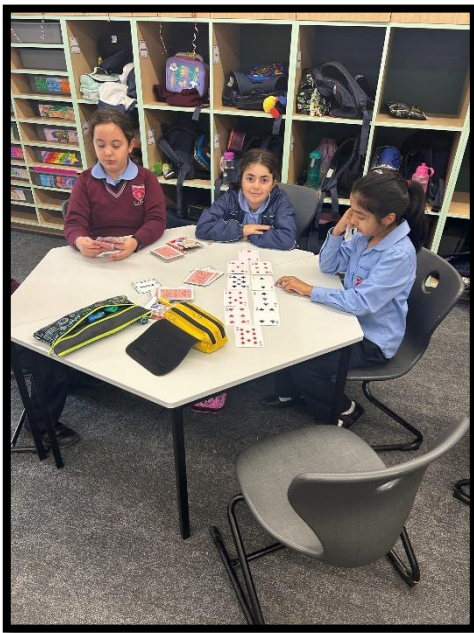


## YEAR 3 - MENTAL COMPUTATION

In 3W, we have been learning to use efficient addition and subtraction strategies.

In mental computation, we have been playing the game 'Tenzi'. To play this game we must work with partners to turn over 10 playing cards.

Each person must organise the cards to make them as easy as possible for their partner to add all 10 cards together. When organising the cards, we make sure we look for, tens facts, doubles and near doubles.



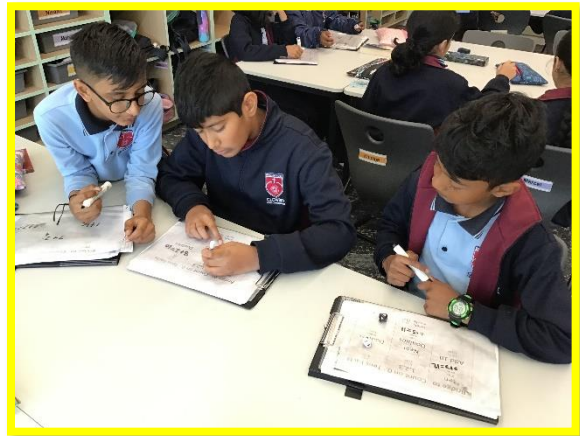
## YEAR 4- MENTAL COMPUTATION

In Maths, 4HF have been learning different strategies to help add bigger numbers. Some of the strategies are Bridge to Ten, Doubles, Near Doubles, Add Ten and small facts help bigger facts.

We have also been playing lots of Maths games to help us with our addition, like Salute, Strategy Game, 99 or Bust and Target Game.

We can use these skills to help add lots of different, larger numbers.

Written by Niya & Alisha





## FIRE CARRIER PROGRAM



Glowrey has recently become a FIRE Carrier School. FIRE carriers share a passion for learning about First Nations culture and history and are committed to sharing this knowledge and promoting Reconciliation within and beyond the school community.

FIRE Carriers stands for:

**F**riends  
**I**gniting  
**R**econciliation through  
**E**ducation

On Thursday the 11th of May, our school captains, Caley and Massimo, along with Isobel and Millie from Grade 2 attended a Fire Carriers Commissioning ceremony. It was held at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Thornbury. Leila Gurruwiwi the Aboriginal representative from MACS joined us which made the day extra special.

We were taught about how the Fire Carriers program began and what it stands for. Aunty Vicki took us through an acknowledgement of Country. There were 4 schools there. We stood in a circle around the campfire and Aunty Vicky used the smoke to commission us. She put her hands near our head, our ears, our mouths and our heart so that we can use our voice, our ears and our hearts to be a Fire Carrier. It was really special.

We worked in a team to brainstorm some actions that Glowrey can do under the headings of:



Cultural Recognition and Awareness



Spirituality



Practical Recognition and Justice

Our official FIRE Carriers are Alexander Tarquinio (PS), Millie Lowe (2R), Isobel Jenkins (2B), Caley Powel (6C) and Massimo Turano (6C) and staff members Mrs Billington and Miss Rocca.

Massimo and Caley

"We went to teach the people the new prayer. We put on our Fire Carriers badge" - Alexander PS

"I liked talking about things we can do around our school to teach people about Aboriginal culture" - Isobel 2B

"I liked when Aunty Vicki put the smoke from the fire on my forehead" - Millie 2R



**"Each Fire Carrier participant has committed his or her selves to bring true peace, justice and reconciliation not only to their schools, but to their families and their communities. The project started as a dream and has evolved into something so much greater."**

*-Vicki Clark Mutthi Mutthi*



## TERM TWO SCHOOL CALENDAR

|  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June | Year 5 & 6 Camp                 |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June                   | King's Birthday – School Closed |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June                  | School Closure Day              |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June                 | Glowrey Confirmations 9-10am    |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                 | Parent Teacher Interviews       |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June                   | Term Two Concludes 3.30pm       |



## SCHOOL UNIFORM



Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform and school shoes



# Literacy News

## BOOK CLUB

*A few words from our members...*

It feels great to be a member of the Book Club for 2023 and I think the good thing about this team is that we have a chance to share our opinions and our thoughts to the other members of this group. This association can bring out the best in students and help them throughout the year and helps them prepare for high school by giving deadlines and more homework.. It's a privilege to be part of this club and I'd like to share how I feel about the book.

This book is about friendships and overcoming challenges. The main character, Omri has many hurdles to jump and is finding a way to fix these problems. When he gets a toy native American in a cupboard and turns a key the Indian comes to life.

Personally I think this is a good book and a good thing is that they open up to American-Indians life a long time ago. This book can help children with their comprehension skills and so can this group.

So far I'm very impressed about how Book club works and progresses. I can't wait to advance into the year with the book club.

By Prachi

I am very happy to be a member of the book club for 2023. In this group we get to share what we think about the book "The Indian in the cupboard".

The story is about a boy named Omri who gets a plastic toy Indigenous American and a magical cupboard that turns plastic toys to life as birthday presents. Omri puts the Indian in the cupboard and closes it, after a few minutes he opens the door and the Indian is alive. In the book Omri has a lot of challenges to face

when the Indian keeps on thinking that he is still in America. Omri puts other plastic figures into the cupboard and takes their things such as an axe, a bow and arrows and bandages for the Indian.



is a good book so far and we also get comprehension and vocabulary questions about the book. I think that the book club is really fun and I really like it.

By Srinika

*I am very happy to be included in the book club for 2023. I can't wait to learn much more about the book "The Indian In The Cupboard". This book is about friendships where two friends come together and uncover their secrets. Omri had his birthday and as a present Patrick gave Omri a plastic American Indian. He was a bit ungrateful at the start, but as he worked out that the Indian had a big secret he instantly took that back. In this book the main characters are Omri, Little Bull (The Indian) and Patrick.*

*We get assigned a number of chapters and at the end of the week we have a discussion about what has happened in the book. For homework we are assigned one to two pages of questions and vocabulary.*

*I can't wait to read more about this book and even more new books throughout the year.*

By Manan,

As a 6C 2023 book club member I am first and foremost impressed by the way we do book club. I can safely say that the book club can not only produce knowledgeable book loving students but also responsible and accountable kids ready for high school because we practise working with deadlines and extra homework with responsibility. The text we are reading; The Indian in the Cupboard is a story about a kid who locks a toy Indian (native American) in a cupboard and it comes to life. The main themes of the book are friendship and fantasy. I especially liked the weekly book talk because we could share and discuss our understanding of the text as well as build vocabulary and learn through reading. It was very intriguing to listen to my peers' predictions. I think book club is very good and exciting. Every grade needs a book club!

By Davin

Hi I'm Eric Paul Singh and I am delighted to join the book club for 2023 because it's a chance to express my thoughts and feelings in a place where no one makes fun of others and it's just a really great opportunity to study and upgrade my reading skills. I also like reading the book The Indian In The Cupboard and working on the questions assigned to us to prepare for our weekly discussion. I am very Excited to work with Mrs Italia as the year goes on.

By Eric

Hi my name is Maksim Dimeski and I am very happy that I have been selected for the Glowrey Book Club 2023. It is a great opportunity to learn and read with my classmates and express my thoughts and feelings about reading. We have started reading *The Indian In The Cupboard*. It is a book where a boy Omri puts a figurine into a magical cupboard and he comes to life. It is a very interesting book and is a great book to read. I am very excited to read with Mrs Italia as the year goes on and enjoy my final year of primary school.

By Maksim

I think that book club is a great experience so far and “*The Indian In The Cupboard*” is an interesting read. It may not be what I usually read but I think that is a good thing because it gives me the opportunity to explore books with different themes and styles. Book Club is a way for me to interact with my classmates in a safe environment for sharing opinions and ideas about books.

By Caley



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# St Monica's College, Epping

## Enrol Now for Year 7, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers,

If you have a child presently in Grade 6 and have not yet enrolled into St Monica's College for **Year 7, 2024** please do so immediately as **places are limited.**

Applications for **Grade 5 students starting Year 7 in 2025** are now open and will close on **Friday 18 August, 2023.**

Application for enrolment is available on the St Monica's College Website [www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply](http://www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply). Click on the apply button to complete your online form and submit with documentation required.

If you would like to attend a school tour, please visit our website to make a booking.

For enquiries, please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Lina Sirianni on 9409 8800 or email [registrar@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:registrar@stmonicas-epping.com).

