NEWSLETTER 27/06/25

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that the summer holidays are already upon us! As the school year comes to an end, we have been reflecting on a memorable and successful year at Glenealy School. Our school community can feel proud of the achievements we have made together. The school community has remained steadfastly supportive and children have continued to be engaged and grow in their learning.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all members of staff who have worked so hard during the school year. They are a tremendous team of dedicated professionals whose caring and commitment ensure we provide the best possible opportunities for children to flourish and make a positive difference.

I would also like to thank our families and community members for the incredible support shown over the year, including the support offered by our wonderful PTA who have worked on the various events we have been able to organise.

It is a privilege working with and leading such a dedicated school community this year and I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. See you in August!

Christopher Coyle Principal

DATES & EVENTS

An overview of the key dates and school events can be found in the calendar on the ESF App. You can also find the school calendar on the homepage of our school website at [Web Link]. Please make a note of the following events that will take place early in Term 2:

KEY DATES Term 1 - 2025/2026

- 13 August Term 1 Begins
- 15 August T1 ECA Sign up opens
- 27 August Meet the Team Meeting
- 2 September Parent Workshop Understanding the PYP and Inquiry Walkthrough
- 4 September Open Day for Prospective Parents 1:30 2:30 PM
- 9 September T1 ECA start
- 10 September Parent Volunteer Workshop 08:30 AM 09:30 AM
- 12 September Y1 to Y6 Coffee Morning & PTA Annual General Meeting
- 16 September Language Workshop and Walkthrough
- 17 September Chinese Language Workshop
- 25 September Y1 to Y6 RSE Parent Question and Answer Session
- **01 October** Public Holiday (National Day)
- 02 October Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration
- 06 to 10 October ESF Mid-term break
- 13 October CPD No school
- 14 October DTap Vaccination Day
- 15 & 16 October Student Conference
- 20 October Flu Vaccine Date for Students
- 23 & 24 October Student Photo Days
- **28 October** Y3 Camp

- 29 October Public Holiday (Chung Yeung Festival)
- **30-31 October** Y4 Camp
- 4-7 November Y6 Camp
- 10 November CPD No school
- 13 November Parent Workshop: Early Years
- 17 November Flu Vaccination 2nd dose
- 21 November Winter Fair 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
- **26-28 November** Y5 Camp
- 27 November T1 ECA Ends
- **05 December** Christmas Carols
 - T2 ECA sign up opens
- **08 Decemb**er HK Election Holiday (School Closed)
- 11 December Y6 Panto AM
- 12 December Term 1 ends: Half-day

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025/2026

Please find a copy of the School Calendar for 2025/2026 at the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aNKtK0vOuJTkzPPsAH6jIdhF9elkndIu/view?usp=sharing

SCREEN TIME SAGA PRESENTATION

We welcomed Anna Kuit, ESF Educational Technologies Coach, last Thursday 19 June where she presented a workshop designed for parents seeking positive and collaborative approaches to managing devices with their children. If you would like to watch a video of the presentation please view it here

You can also access an interactive slide deck here

REMINDER: THE "TOILETRIES PROJECT" BY THE AMBER FOUNDATION

This week, Glenealy School donated its third huge bag of toiletries and airline kits to the Amber Foundation. The "Toiletries Project" collects airline amenity kits and hotel toiletries, which are sorted and repacked into men's and women's toiletries kits. These are then offered to Charity Partners who support women in shelters, domestic workers, the homeless, refugees, the elderly or disabled, and many others.

So, with our summer break ahead of us, this is a friendly reminder to continue to collect airline kits and hotel toiletries from your travels. These can be placed in the large designated tub at the front of our Community Hub. New items that can be donated include complete/partial airline amenity kits; travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, body lotion, face cream, mouthwash, hand cream, etc; dental kits; shaving kits; sleeping/eye masks/shades; airline socks; hotel slippers; face washer; lip balm; comb; vanity kits; cotton buds; shower cap; empty pouches.

Thank you for your continued support of the Amber Foundation.

Please <u>click here</u> for more information about the Amber Foundation.



THANK YOU

As we close the chapter on an unforgettable school year, let's take a moment to celebrate all the fantastic moments we've shared. From our very first parent comedy night to our wildly successful family bingo night, your contributions have added even more excitement to our community!

A huge shoutout to our amazing year group representatives and volunteers—your enthusiasm and hard work in organising bake sales, countless arts and crafts activities, and other events have made a real difference.

We're also incredibly grateful to our fantastic ECA partners (<u>ESF Explore</u>, <u>Mindful Wing Chun Martial Arts</u>, <u>Pitter Paint</u>, <u>Read for Meaning</u>) not only for providing us with so many amazing ECA opportunities, but also for their generous support and sponsorship prizes, which have added a special sparkle to our events! If you are interested in any of their summer courses, check out their websites by clicking the links above.

A big round of applause for our wonderful staff at Glenealy and our dedicated PTA committee. Your unwavering support at every event has been nothing short of phenomenal!

We can't wait to kick off another exciting year in August! Mark your calendars for these upcoming PTA events:

- 12 September PTA AGM
- 15 September Parent Social (TBA)
- 2 October Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration
- 14 October Diwali Arts & Crafts (Lunch Play)
- 24 October Y6 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- 14 November Christmas Arts & Crafts (Lunch Play)
- 21 November Winter Fair
- 2 December Hanukkah Arts & Crafts (Lunch Play)
- 5 December Y5 Bake Sale Fundraiser

Thank you all for making this year a blast! Here's to more fun times ahead!