

## NEWSLETTER 13/03/2026

Dear Families,

The past few weeks at school have been exceptionally busy, filled with memorable events and wonderful achievements from our students. It has truly been a period of celebration, creativity, and accomplishment across so many areas of school life.

Our Book Week was a particular highlight. The week was packed with excitement, ending with our fantastic Book Week Parade, where students arrived in wonderfully imaginative costumes that brought their favourite stories and characters to life. The creativity, enthusiasm, and joy on display captured exactly what Book Week is all about, celebrating the magic of reading.

We were also incredibly fortunate to welcome several visiting authors who inspired and captivated our students with their stories, experiences, and passion for writing. Rachel Ip worked with our Year 3 and 4 students, encouraging them to explore their creativity and see themselves as storytellers. AJ Low inspired our Year 5 and 6 students with engaging insights into the world of adventure writing and storytelling. Our younger students in Years 1 and 2 were thrilled to meet Ben Clanton, who delighted and inspired them with his warmth, humour, and wonderful approach to creating stories. Thank you to the PTA for generously funding these authors.

A particularly special experience for our Year 1 students was their recent camp with Backyard Gang at Tai Tam. This was a wonderful opportunity for our youngest learners to spend time outdoors, build independence, and strengthen friendships beyond the classroom. Throughout the experience, students worked collaboratively in teams, tackling challenges, exploring nature, and supporting one another. It was fantastic to see them communicating and problem-solving as they embraced new experiences together. Opportunities like this play an important role in helping our students develop confidence, resilience, and strong relationships with one another.

Another major highlight was the Year 3 and 4 Performing Arts Show, which transported us on an imaginative journey across the globe. The storyline followed curious aliens travelling the world and discovering dances from a wide range of international cultures. It was a vibrant and joyful afternoon filled with colour, energy, and creativity. Our students performed with confidence and enthusiasm, delivering a truly entertaining show that had the audience smiling from beginning to end. Their commitment, teamwork, and stage presence were simply fantastic.

Sport has also been thriving across the school, with students taking part in a wide range of competitions and tournaments. From tag rugby tournaments to the inter-school hockey tournament, our students demonstrated outstanding teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. It has been wonderful to see so many children proudly representing the school and embracing the spirit of teamwork.

Our Chinese Battle of the Books team performed brilliantly, finishing in an impressive 5th place. Meanwhile, our Year 6 GECKO Mathematics team travelled to Island School to compete against other schools. Despite competing against older students, our Year 6 mathematicians achieved outstanding results, finishing 7th and 9th out of 18 teams, an exceptional accomplishment for students competing at this level.

And just yesterday evening, we were treated to a spectacular performance of our school musical, *Frozen*. Our talented cast and crew delivered an enchanting show that captivated the audience from start to finish. The confidence, musicality, and commitment displayed by our performers were truly impressive, and it was a wonderful way to celebrate the creativity and talent within our school community.

When we look back over these past few weeks, what stands out most is the incredible spirit and enthusiasm of our students. Whether performing on stage, competing in tournaments, meeting inspiring authors, celebrating

reading during Book Week, or taking part in camps and outdoor learning experiences, they have embraced every opportunity with energy, confidence, and pride.

It has been an outstanding period for our school community, and we could not be more proud of everything our students and staff have achieved.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards,

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 our school website at [https://glenealy.esf.edu.hk/parent/school\\_information/school\\_calendar/](https://glenealy.esf.edu.hk/parent/school_information/school_calendar/)

Please make a note of the following events that will take place in Term 2:

### **KEY DATES Term 2 - 2025/2026**

- **17 March**- Friends and Family Fun Run 1515-1630
- **18 March** - PTA Parent Workshop Series: First Aid and CPR Basics
  - Impact Walk GS
- **20 March** - T3 ECA sign up opens
  - PTA Eid Arts & Crafts on the LPG
  - PTA Y3 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **24 March** - Parent workshop: The Regulated Mind-Balancing the Sensory System to Improve Behavioral Regulation and Learning Readiness.
- **25 March** - Y6 Exhibition
- **26 March** - MMR/HepB/HPV Vaccination Day
  - T2 reports go live
- **27 March** - End of T2: Half day
- **30 March - 10 April** - Easter Break
- **13 April** - Term 3 begins
- **14 April** - Term 3 ECA Sign Up Closes
- **17 April** - Parent Coffee Morning: Intro to ESF Hub
- **21 April** - Hearing Screening
  - Y6 IS Taster Day
  - Student Learning Conference (3:00 PM - 7:00 PM)
- **23 April** - Student Learning Conference (3:00 PM - 7:00 PM)
- **28 April** - Term 3 ECAs begin
- **29 April** - ESF Primary Choral Concert at QES
- **01 May** - Public Holiday (Labour Day)
- **08 May** - PTA Y2 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **14 May** - PTA Family Bingo Night
- **25 May** - Public Holiday (Buddha's Birthday)
- **29 May** - ESF Wide Transition Day
- **04 June** - Glenealy Art Walk (5:00 PM - 6:30 PM)
- **12 June** - PTA Y1 Bake Sale Fundraiser

- 19 June - Public Holiday (Tuen Ng Festival)
- 23 June - Y6 Graduation
- 26 June - End of T3: half day

### SCHOOL TERMS & KEY DATES 2025/2026

Please find a copy of the School Calendar at the following links:

- 2025/2026: [PDF GS Calendar 25\\_26.pdf](#)
- 2026/2027: [PDF GS Calendar 26\\_27.pdf](#)

### PERFORMING ARTS



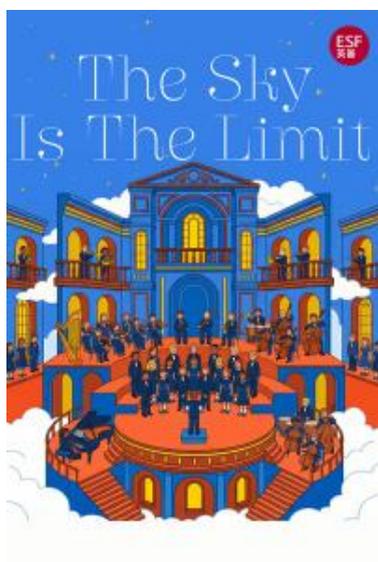
Last night, our Musical ECA students lit up the stage with a truly magical performance of Frozen the musical. From the opening notes to the final bow, the energy, creativity, and joy they brought to the production were unforgettable. Their confidence, teamwork, and expressive storytelling were a testament to the hard work they've put in over the past weeks. Bravo to everyone involved.

### CLARINET SUCCESS

Jacob recently completed his Grade 1 Clarinet ABRSM exam, demonstrating impressive focus, musicality, and confidence. Congratulations Jacob on the well earned achievement.



## YEAR 5 - ESF COMBINED SCHOOL CHOIR



Dear Year 5 Families,

A quick reminder to please check the App message sent earlier this week with full details about the ESF Choir Concert arrangements. And please don't forget to purchase your tickets on URBOTIX so you can join us for this wonderful event.

Thank you for your support!

## NUDE FOOD TUESDAYS

Every break and lunch, too much disposable plastic packaging goes into our bins. We are happy to present to you about Nude Food Tuesday as a way of reducing this. Nude Food Tuesday is a day with no plastic-wrapped snacks or lunch. Every Tuesday, we will be doing this. Here are some foods you can bring: fruits, vegetables, homemade dishes, such as baked cookies, cupcakes and dishes for lunch.

During our Friday assembly, we talked to all classes about Nude food Tuesday. Please help us to take action to reduce our plastic waste.

From Jesper and Hannah (Wild Fins, Year 6 Exhibition Group) and Eloise, Maikin and Jianna (Eco For Life, Year 6 Exhibition Group)

### **PARENT WORKSHOP: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S SENSORY REGULATION**

We are delighted to invite parents to a workshop on Tuesday, 24th March at 8:40 AM, featuring guest speaker and Occupational Therapist Charlotte Stoddart. This session, titled "The Regulated Mind," explores how sensory regulation and interoception impact a child's ability to learn and manage emotions. Parents will learn about the benefits of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and gain practical strategies, such as movement breaks and environmental tweaks, to build resilience at home. Please see app message for further details and sign up.

### **CHINESE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

On 11 March, the Glenealy Chinese BOB team participated in the ESF 2026 Primary Chinese Battle of the Books, which was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our students' love for reading and their achievements in Chinese language learning. Both our competitors on stage and the cheerleaders worked so hard and showed amazing teamwork. This valuable experience is definitely beneficial to their learning journey!





## NEWS FROM THE HUB

### EID CELEBRATIONS - Friday 20 March

Next Friday during lunch play, the PTA will be organising an exciting afternoon of arts & crafts to celebrate Eid, and we need your support! We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with various activities, including DIY bookmarks, ornament decoration, and henna temporary tattoos, as well as helping at our photo booth. If you're available to lend a hand on this special day, [click here to join the whatsapp group](#). Your involvement will make a huge difference in creating a memorable experience for our community!



## PTA EVENTS GALLERY

[Parent Social](#)

[Y6 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)

[Diwali Celebrations](#)

[Christmas Celebrations](#)

[Hanukkah Celebrations](#)

[Winter Fair](#)

[Y5 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)

[CNY Market & Y4 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)