

GEPS NEWS

Term 4 Week 6

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The Newsletter of Glendale East Public School

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Swim School Fun



Week 6					16th Nov Swim School Assembly Item 5/6D	17th/18th Sat / Sun
Week 7	19th Nov Swim School	20th Nov Swim School	21st Nov Swim School Captains speeches 9am P&C Meeting 6.30pm	22nd Nov Swim School	23rd Nov Swim School Assembly Item 5/6C	24/25th Nov
Week 8	26th Nov Year 6 Camp	27th Nov Year 6 Camp	28th Nov	29th Nov	30th Nov Assembly Item KE	31/1Dec

Glendale East Public School values Respect, Honesty, Care, Love, Tolerance and Responsibility.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

School Chaplain—Kate Ismay

Presentation Day

On Friday the 14th December, our school will be holding our annual Presentation Day Ceremony at 9.15am, this will be held in the school hall.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell is on the 12th December at St. Thomas Hall at Cardiff. This involves all Year 6 and Year 5 children.

End of year Party days

On Monday the 17th December, K-2 will be going to Hunter Sports Centre at Glendale and children from Years 3-6 will be going to The Forum at Newcastle University. Please note money and permission note must be returned as soon as possible

Thank You Morning Tea

Each year our staff likes to put on a small morning tea in appreciation of the many helpers who volunteer their time to come in and assist in a multitude of ways. The morning tea will be held on Thursday, 13th December. Please ensure your invitation RSVP is handed into the office as soon as possible.

Carols Night

This year Christmas carols will be held on Thursday the 13th December between 5.30 and 7.30pm. This will be a fun night for all your family and friends.

Year 6 Camp

Just a reminder if you haven't finalised your payment for this excursion, can you please do so as soon as possible. Thankyou

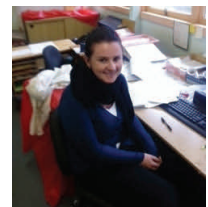
Tomorrow, Friday 16th November is International Day for Tolerance so I thought I would include this short article on 'empathy' from a book called "The Bounce Back Book" which was written by mental health professionals in Canada.

Empathy is the ability to see the world from someone else's point of view. It is the ability to understand another person's feelings – to see/feel where that person is coming from. One way to help children become more empathetic is to talk to them about things people have in common. For example, your child may play on a sports team with someone who is physically challenged. Even though that child may look "different", the most important thing is that both children love sport.

Some children in your child's school may:

- *Be physically or mentally challenged*
- *Have a different skin colour*
- *Come from a different culture*
- *Celebrate different holidays*
- *Wear different clothing*
- *Live in a different kind of family*

You can also lead by example! Show an interest in other cultures by reading your child stories from other countries or attending local multicultural and music festivals. Having empathy will help your child make friends at school and develop the social skills that will be important throughout their lifetime.



Gala Day

42 GEPS students from years 3-6 attended the PSSA cricket, softball and Tee-Ball gala day on Friday 26th October and Friday 9th November. The teachers were very proud of the way our students behaved and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Well done everyone!



Fridays Assembly

Due to the swimming scheme held in weeks 6 and 7, assembly will commence at 9.45am on Friday.

Virtual Excursion to NASA

Last Wednesday 4B and 2/3R went on a virtual excursion to NASA via video conference. We got to talk to Steve who taught us about our solar system. We played space trivia games and even demonstrated how the planets move around the sun by role playing. We had lots of fun and learnt a lot too!



Last Weeks Award Winners



P&C News

Next Meeting is the 21st November at 6.30pm in the school staff room.

Current agenda item—planning 2013 fundraising.

If you have any items you wish to add to the agenda please contact the P&C secretary Victoria Pitt.

Victoria.pitt@newcastle.edu.au,
alternatively leave a note with the canteen or office.

All parents and community members welcome.



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More Award Winners



Be a Volunteer

The Snack Shack (our school canteen) provides an important service to the pupils of our school. It cannot operate without the voluntary help of parents, grandparents and community members. If you can spare some time to help in the canteen please see Shaz or Mel in the canteen.

Also a reminder that raffle ticket books are due back NOW!!

Thanks Rhonda

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Monday 5th Nov	CLOSED
Tuesday 6th Nov	Leanne Fry
Wed 7th Nov	Stuart Munro
Thursday 8th Nov	Shaz Probert
Friday 9th Nov	Tracey French

Monday 12th Nov	CLOSED
Tuesday 13th Nov	Kelly Lawson
Wednesday 14th Nov	L Davidson, J Stamford
Thursday 15th Nov	R Coxon, N Down
Friday 16th Nov	Chelsea Maytom & mum