

GEPS NEWS

Term 1 Week 8

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The Newsletter of Glendale East Public School

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Glendale East Student gets Bravery Award

A few weeks ago one of our students was recognised by Lake Macquarie City Council when she was awarded a bravery award!. Caitlyn Cooper was swimming at Speers Point Pool when she noticed a young boy on the bottom of the pool. With the help of her father Caitlyn got the boy to the surface, notified the lifeguard and the little boy's life was saved! We are especially proud of her!



COMING EVENTS, please note these important dates on your calendar:-

22/3 School Cross Country 2-3pm

27/3 Years 1&2 Transport Excursion

28/3 Easter Hat Parade (classes KE, K/1O, 1M, 1/2D) 10am to approx. 11.15am

29/3 Good Friday (no school on this day)

ASSEMBLY—Every Friday at 10.30am

Bullying & Teasing

Last week was National say no to bullying day and all students took part in some lessons regarding this subject. Bullying is a very serious subject that as we know can have long term and serious effects on the emotional, social and even physical well being of our children. However, we must not be confused about the differences between bullying and teasing.

Bullying is long term, sustained name calling, physical intimidation or violence, exclusion and not a one off event. Bullying can take many different forms and it is important that we recognise the difference.

If your child is called a name once or bumped then this is unfortunate and will be dealt with but it is not bullying.

As carers it is important that we focus on teaching our kids to be resilient and to learn to deal with minor incidents that may occur at school. Of course if children are being bullied then they need our support and this starts by teaching them to understand what bullying is and to speak out against it.

Softball

The school has entered a boys and a girls side in the state softball knockouts. Training and selection of sides will start in the coming weeks.

Naplan Testing

Please be aware that the dates for NAPLAN testing this year are the 14th -16th May for all students in years 3-5. If you do not wish your child to sit these exams please contact the office as soon as possible.

P & C Ipads

A big thank you to the P&C for a donation of \$3500 to assist in the continuing upgrade of our technology. The school now has 30 iPads which will be used in the classrooms generally K-4 to access a whole range of learning apps. The 4-5-6 students will have 14 laptops in their classrooms and some Android tablets to assist them. The purchase and maintenance of our technology would not be possible without the support and the tireless work of the P and C.

L3 Training

Ms Eggins and Mr Overdijk will be attending L3 training throughout the year. L3 stands for literacy, language and learning and is a specialised teaching method aimed at improving the literacy levels of students in kindergarten. This program has had outstanding success around the state and we are fortunate to have 2 teachers undertaking the training. Ms Leah McFayden has already been trained in this method and it is extremely exciting to see the progress that the K-1 children are making already.

Citizenship Winners



Jess McCosker ..

As mentioned last week Ms Jess McCosker will be replacing Mr Barber whilst he is on extended sick leave. Ms McCosker has started with a great deal of enthusiasm and has the classroom brightened up and going along nicely.



Excursion to Newcastle Airport

Year 1 & Year 2 Excursion to Newcastle Airport on 27th March, 2013 children from Year 1 and 2 will be participating in an excursion to Newcastle Airport, they will then experience a ferry ride from Stockton to Newcastle and then catch the train to Cardiff. **Please remember students must be at the school at 8.30am as the bus departs at 8.40 sharp. Please note no further payments will be accepted after today.**

CANTEEN ROSTER 2013

Monday 25th Mar	CLOSED
Tuesday 26th Mar	J Williams
Wed 27th Mar	N Down
Thursday 28th Mar	R Cross, D Richardson
Friday 29th Mar	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 1st Apr	EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday 2nd Apr	F Harris
Wednesday 3rd Apr	J Merrick
Thursday 4th Apr	L Davidson, JStamford
Friday 5th Apr	R Coxon, D Savin

Zone Rugby League

Well done to Angus McBride, he has been selected in the Zone Rugby League side. Angus will now play against other zone sides in an attempt to make the Regional side which will contest the state cup! We wish Angus the best of luck!



GEPS Cross Country

This Friday all students aged eight years old and up will be competing in the annual GEPS Cross Country run around our school grounds. The students who run a place in their age group will go on to represent our school at Zone Cross Country on Friday 5th April, 2013. As the school grounds can be a little muddy at times you might like to pack your child spare clothes to change into before the event begins. Please ensure that your child has a hat, joggers and water bottle on Friday.

P & C News

The P & C need donations of Easter eggs for our annual raffle. Anyone who can make a small donation please bring them to the office. Thankyou

1M News....



Term 1 seems to have disappeared in the blink of an eye. The students in 1M have been working very hard to reach their full potential. They continue to impress me each day with their fantastic attitude to learning and life itself. I am particularly pleased with the progress all students are making in Reading, with some students moving through 6 Reading levels in as many weeks. The students in 1M are really enjoying working through their learning maps on Reading Eggs and love using the iPads and the Smart Board in Literacy and Numeracy groups. Thank you to our parent helpers for the great work you do in the classroom.

This week our new class pets arrived. 1M are the proud new owners of two goldfish, who are yet to be named. The class developed a care plan for our fish to ensure that all students have the opportunity to be involved in keeping our class pets happy and healthy.

Finally, I would like to congratulate 1M for their 2nd prize in the Newcastle Show Scare Crow Competition. The school received a \$50 voucher, a commemorative plaque and a ribbon.

Award Winners



Kindy News...

Kindergarten continue to participate in literacy and numeracy lessons every day and are making excellent progress. They are well on the way to reading and writing. They can manipulate objects to help them count, add, subtract, multiply and divide.

KE also participate in activities to improve their oral language skills. Their favourite activity is using our new puppet theatre, made for us by Mr Paul Higgins. Thank you Mr Higgins.

