

GEPS NEWS

Term 2 Week 2

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The Newsletter of Glendale East Public School

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New Sandpit

A great big thank you to Mr Higgins and to Mantle's landscaping supplies for building our new sandpit! It has certainly been a success. Mr Higgins put all his skills to good use by building the sandpit from mainly recyclable material found around the school and Mantle's Landscape supplies provided 9 cubic metres of sand to fill it. The kids have been having a great time and the P and C are planning on purchasing some sand play tools in the near future for the kids to enjoy. If you have young children who would like to play in the sandpit around bell times feel free but could you please make the effort to re-cover it when you are finished. Thanks!



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

Term 2

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| 9th May, 2013 | — Mothers Day Stall |
| 10th May, 2013 | — Mothers Day Stall |
| 10th May, 2013 | — Mothers Day Pancake breakfast |
| 14,15 & 16th May | — NAPLAN |
| 17th May | — PSSA Soccer/ Netball |

ASSEMBLY—Every Friday at 10.30am

Assembly Items:

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| 10th May | - Class item 1M & Glee Kids Performance |
| 17th May | - Class Item K/10 |

123 Magic Program

An exciting opportunity exists for parents to take part in the 123 magic program. There are 16 places available in the program and anyone who wishes to take part needs to register as soon as possible as places will fill quickly. Check out the flyer attached or find more info on facebook.

Kids Matter

Thank you to all the parents and carers that completed the school survey at the end of last term. The answers you provided gave us a chance to examine how you feel about the community and culture at Glendale East as well as the effectiveness of our communication methods with families. This survey was one of the first steps towards implementing a new framework into the school called KidsMatter. KidsMatter is a mental health and wellbeing initiative for Australian primary schools. Part of the framework is to promote a positive school environment based on respectful relationships and a sense of belonging and inclusion for students, parents, families and staff. The information you gave us in the survey will help us to make decisions on how we can improve the Glendale East community and ensure that everyone feels welcomed and involved.

Together with the newsletter this week you should receive a brochure that outlines in more detail the process of KidsMatter and how it can help your child.

Parking in Pandel Avenue

Recently I have been contacted by local highway patrol. They would like to make the community aware of the rules surrounding kiss and ride zones. These are not parking areas but are provided to allow parents to drop their children safely without leaving the car. The **maximum time a car can spend in these zones is 2 minutes**. Also these kiss and ride zones work best if people are patient and wait in line to pick up their children.

Police have warned that they will be conducting regular visits to this area and the fines are serious.

Winter Sport

Winter sport is well and truly about to kick off. PSSA Soccer and Netball will begin in week 3 whilst the school will be playing in the statewide Softball knockout Thursday 24th May (week 4). Mr Overdijk will be taking the soccer. Mrs Littlewood will be taking the Netball and Mr Pryce will be coaching the Softball teams. Good luck to all our sporting teams!

Opportunity Class Placements Test

Applications forms for 2014 Opportunity Class Placement are now available from the school admin office or go to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Applications need to be in by Friday, 17th May, 2013.

Naplan

The annual NAPLAN assessments will take place for years 3 and 5 students next week. On Tuesday students will sit the reading and the conventions of English exam. On Wednesday they will sit the writing exam and on Thursday they will complete the mathematics exam. We wish all our students the best of luck we know they will do really well. If you have any queries regarding NAPLAN or you do not wish for your child to participate please contact the office.

Vegetable Garden

The area where the vegetable garden was constructed sits on Council owned and maintained land. It has become unviable for the school maintenance staff to maintain this land due to Work Health and Safety obligations. Whilst this is disappointing and unfortunate the safety and wellbeing of staff in any workplace is highly important. Also, Lake Macquarie Council will not maintain this piece of land as it is deemed a nature reserve.

However, any parents or community members who wish to utilise the vegetable patch are more than welcome to do so.

Jungle Book Production



There will be a production meeting next Thursday at 3pm in Miss Druces' room. All welcome to attend.

K/1O



We have had a great start to the term. Everyone has returned to school re-energized and ready to continue

making great progress!

Last Thursday we had our first peer support session. Students have been working with other students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The peer support lessons are run by the senior students and they offer a great opportunity for students to interact and engage with students from across the entire school.

This term we will begin having a class news day to replace individual student news. All students are welcome to bring something in each Wednesday to share during class news.

On Friday 17th May (Week 3), we will be presenting some work at the school assembly. As always, parents and family members are most welcome to attend the assembly.

As part of our unit titled 'School Safari', we will be going on excursion to the Hunter Wetlands Centre. Permission notes will be sent home shortly for all students in Kindergarten and Year One. The excursion is set for Tuesday 11th June (week 7).



5/6BM News

Last Thursday was the first lesson of our Peer Support program involving all children from kindergarten to year six.

Students have been put into small groups of 7 or 8 with two leaders from year six. Last term leaders were trained in how to implement the program.

Leaders are responsible for introducing and teaching topics such as: why should we have rules, what is special about me, being a good friend, playing fair, joining in, including others and bullying. Students will be involved in Peer Support lessons until the end of term 2



Winter Woolies

During the holidays we cleaned out the lost property and there are many, many jumpers, school shirts and other items that are in excellent condition, some almost new! Items with names on them have been returned to students however most items were unnamed. These are now available for purchase for a gold coin donation.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

From Monday 8th April to 9th June you will be able to collect 1 sticker for every \$10 spent at Woolworths supermarkets.

Last year we earned over 75,000 points which enabled us to purchase much needed literacy and numeracy resources.

Please look out for Glendale East Public Schools box at Glendale Woolworths (it is not a green box). Please return completed sheets to school and place in the box located in the school foyer.

Included with this newsletter is a sheet to place your stickers on.. Please send back to school when completed.

Let's try and beat last years total!!

CANTEEN ROSTER 2013

Monday 13th May
Tuesday 14th May
Wed 15th May
Thursday 16th May
Friday 17th May

CLOSED

Sonia
Jenny Merrick
L Davidson, J Stamford
R Coxon, D Savin

Monday 20th May
Tuesday 21st May
Wednesday 22nd May
Thursday 23rd May
Friday 24th May

CLOSED

M Cooper
S Munro
D Wilson, R Cross
C Maytom, T Morris