

GEPS NEWS

Term 2 Week 8

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The Newsletter of Glendale East Public School

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4/D Life Education Visit

Yesterday 4/5D went to visit Healthy Harold at the Life Education Centre. We learnt about safe and unsafe drugs and how they can affect the body and the digestive systems. The best part of the session was seeing Zac give Harold a snuggle and Sara getting kissed on the cheek by Harold. Next Monday all of the other grades will go and visit the Life Education Centre.



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

Term 2

- 21st June 2013 - PSSA Plattsburg
- 24th June 2013 - Life Education Visit for Classes Kindy, K/10,1M,2D,3/4L,5/6BM
- 24th June 2013 - Uniform Committee Meeting
- 28th June 2013 - Touch Gala Day
- 25th-27th June - Canberra Camp Years 5&6

Term 3

- 15th July 2013 - Staff Development Day— No students this day
- 16th July 2013 - Students return to school
- 19th July 2013 - NAIDOC Day Celebration

ASSEMBLY—Every Friday at 10.30am

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

Absenteeism

You may have been called in recent weeks by either Michelle or Wendy in the front office to explain why your child was absent from school. It is legislated that schools must follow up all unexplained absences within 48 hours of your children returning to school.

Please try and ring or send a note explaining why your kids were absent from school on the day they return from an absence. Students with too many unexplained absences must be referred to the Home School Liaison officer.

Prac Students

We currently have 6 second year prac students from the University of Newcastle with us. They are working with KE, 1M and 4-5D. We welcome them to our great school and hope that they learn a lot.



Headlice

We have had an unprecedented number of head lice cases over the past week. It is vital that you check your child's hair every day before and after school to ensure that they are free from eggs and live lice. There are a number of products available on the market for the removal and treatment of head lice but it is also important that all bedclothes and linen are washed in warm water. Some other hints include:

- Cover your child's hair in conditioner and comb the lice out.
- Blow dry your child's hair as the heat kills the lice
- Use plenty of hair spray before school. The lice cannot get into the hair.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2014-2015

If you plan to enrol your child in Kindergarten 2014, 2015, or 2016 we would appreciate if you would fill out the survey form that has been sent home to each family. The survey is for families living within our school zoning area, so if you have neighbours with children about to start school could you pass the survey on to them. Survey forms need to be back at the school admin office by Friday, 21st June, 2013.

Thank you to those parents who have already sent their survey in.

Holiday Breaks

School Breaks up on Friday 28th June and students return to school on Tuesday 16th July, 2013.

2D Class Report



We have had a very busy Term so far in 2D! 2D have been busy learning about living things and mini-beasts in our science unit 'What's Alive?' We have learnt about the thousands of species of mini-beasts that live around us, what their characteristics are and how they interact with each other to survive. Here are some interesting facts we have learnt so far:

- Worms have five hearts.
- When a spider loses one of its legs, another will grow in its place.
- Crickets eat their own dead.
- Ants can lift more than 20 times their own body weight.
- Termite mounds can be up to 13 metres high and 30metres round!

This unit has been very exciting, especially when we went on a bug-catching expedition in the playground and found witchetty grubs, centipedes, cockroaches and stink bugs. Year 2 also took part in the infant's excursion to the Shortland Wetlands Centre where we learnt about the importance of wetlands, different species that live there and got to go dip netting in the pond where the class caught more than 50 mini-beasts!

On the 24th of June we will be travelling to the Life Education Centre, which will tie in nicely with what we have been learning in PDHPE. 2D would also like to welcome four new students to our class this Term; Paige Grant, Billy Rolfe, Hayley Penfold and Zoe Hawkins. Our new students have settled in well and are already making fast friends with our class.



School Beautification

There are plans to "jazz up" some of the school buildings. This has already started with Mr Higgins painting window panels on the staffroom. Hopefully by the end of the year the school will be awash with colour and design.



Canberra Excursion

Next week years 5 & 6 head off to chilly Canberra for their excursion.

They will be visiting places such as Parliament House, Questacon, the CSIRO, Cockinton Green and many more fun and fabulous attractions over three fun packed days.

The students are all getting very excited!!

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Reports have gone home with your children today. All teachers K-4 will be holding parent teacher interviews at various times next week. Parents of students in 4-5D will have the opportunity to have a formal interview with Ms Druce in the first week of term 3 as she will be away in Canberra during the final week of term.

Uniform Committee

The uniform committee will be meeting next week, 24th June.

Naidoc Day Celebrations

NAIDOC WEEK this year is occurring during the school holidays. As a result the school will be celebrating NAIDOC on Friday on Friday 19th July.

CANTEEN ROSTER 2013

Monday 24th June	CLOSED
Tuesday 25th June	Kelly Lawson
Wed 26th June	Tracey French
Thursday 27th June	Melissa Abra
Friday 28th June	Lauren Mayer

Monday 15th July	CLOSED
Tuesday 16th July	Dianne Wilson
Wednesday 17th July	Nicole Down
Thursday 18th July	R Cross, D Richardson
Friday 19th July	Donna Gibson

Award Winners



TERM 3 CALENDAR

Monday 15 th July Staff Development Day	Tuesday 16 th July Students re- turn	Wednesday 17 th July	Thursday 18 th July	Friday 19 th July NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATION
Monday 22 nd July	Tuesday 23 rd July	Wednesday 24 th July	Thursday 25 th July NEWSLETTER	Friday 26 th July
Monday 29 th July EDUCATION WEEK	Tuesday 30 th July OPEN CLASSES BBQ DRESS UP DAY	Wednesday 31 st July	Thursday 1 st August	Friday 2 nd August
Monday 5 th August	Tuesday 6 th August	Wednesday 7 th August SPORTS GALA DAY	Thursday 8 th August NEWSLETTER	Friday 9 th August
Monday 12 th August	Tuesday 13 th August	Wednesday 14 th August	Thursday 15 th August	Friday 16 th August
Monday 19 th August	Tuesday 20 th August	Wednesday 21 st August	Thursday 22 nd August NEWSLETTER KINDY Orientation	Friday 23 rd August
Monday 26 th August	Tuesday 27 th August PRODUCTION Matinee Night show	Wednesday 28 th August PRODUCTION Night show	Thursday 29 th August	Friday 30 th August FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST
Monday 2 nd September	Tuesday 3 rd September	Wednesday 4 th September Kindy Orientation	Thursday 5 th September NEWSLETTER	Friday 6 th September
Monday 9 th September	Tuesday 10 th September	Wednesday 11 th September	Thursday 12 th September	Friday 13 th September
Monday 16 th September	Tuesday 17 th September	Wednesday 18 th September	Thursday 19 th September NEWSLETTER Kindy Orientation	Friday 20 th September