

GEPS NEWS

Term 1, Week 6

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The Newsletter of Glendale East Public School

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Years 1 & 2 Museum Excursion



Yesterday, all of Stage 1 went on an excursion to the Newcastle Museum in Honeysuckle. We all caught the bus into town and when we arrived at the museum we had a quick snack. Next, we all had to wash our hands to make sure that the things we were about to touch would not get dirty.

Everyone got to see lots of interesting things in the interactive section of the museum. We watched a short show where Harry told us how he made steel at BHP and we got to lift up a big car! We also got to go down into a coal mine to see what it would be like to be a coal worker and stood under a giant globe for a photo.

Next, we walked across to the water and had lunch on the grass. We watched lots of boats coming and going while we ate lunch.

After lunch, we walked back to the museum and had a guided tour where we saw lots of things from the past. There was a big 91 year old rusty, vintage car and we found lots of things that were similar on the old car to the cars we drive today, but also lots of differences. Some of these differences were that it had no seatbelts, you had to wind up the motor with a handle to make the car start and it didn't have a radio or speakers. We looked at lots of other things from the past, such as an old pram, old photos, old clothes and shoes, an old train, an old suit case and fossils from the dinosaur time.

When it was time to go back to school, we had to be escorted from the museum by a fireman because there had been a gas leak. It was very exciting to see all of the fireman before we got on the bus.

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

NAPLAN

NAPLAN (*National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy*) testing for students at Glendale East in years 3 and 5 will be held this year between March 13th and March 15th. Any parents who do not wish for their child to sit these exams please contact the school.

Attendance

It is important that children attend school every day. However, the school understands that children do become ill and that from time-to-time children and families need to be away from school for a variety of reasons. If you plan on taking your child out of school for any reason please apply for an exemption from school. You will find them in the office.

Assembly

4-5D are running Friday's assembly. Come along and watch as children will receive merit awards for their demonstration of 21st century learning skills.

Uniforms

Shirts should arrive next week. There was a mistake at the supplier which had different shirts arrive.

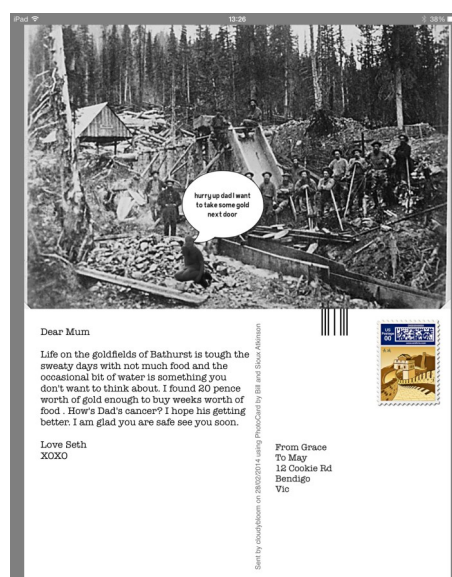
Office

Please note that the office will be unattended between the hours of approximately 12:45pm and 1:15pm so that the girls can have a lunch break. It was recently highlighted in an occupational therapist workplace assessment the importance of lunch and moving from a sitting position.

If you have any business with the office please try and conduct it outside of these hours. As a rule, phone calls will still be taken during this period of time.

B.Y.O.D.

Some students in Years 5 and 6 have been trialling *bring your own device* to school. This has been highly successful so far with students producing some fantastic work and becoming highly engaged in their work. Soon, the school will be surveying parents on whether or not you believe this is a sound direction for the school in relation to your child's education.



School Photos

School photos will take place on Tuesday March 18th. It would look especially nice if all children were in the new school uniform. If you have decided to wait before purchasing the new uniform or your children are too old to warrant purchase of the new uniform please don't feel that you need to purchase uniform we will have spare shirts available on the day. If you wish for your child to stay in the old uniform please contact the school.

There will be opportunities for all students to have family photos taken also. These envelopes are available on request at the school office.

Photo envelopes sent home today.
Please return your completed envelope to the school ON PHOTOGRAPHY DAY. (Late orders attract a surcharge.)

Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only (no credit cards accepted)

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thankyou to all parents, friends and relatives of Glendale East who sent in their Woolworths stickers last year.

We are able to buy more little whiteboards and maths equipment. Woolworths will soon be starting this year's promotion.

Canteen

The canteen is open Tuesday – Friday. Orders need to be completed before school and either placed in the canteen box or given to the canteen volunteers.

2/3J News

2/3J are settling nicely into their new routines and it's been great getting to know each other while we work in our new literacy and numeracy groups. We have begun learning about making healthy choices and are also exploring the early settlement of Australia. Year 2 students are joining Stage One this week to visit the Newcastle Museum.

A big thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time to go along with the students.

School Cross Country

On the 24th February, we held our annual cross country event at the school. Despite a very wet lead up we had a beautiful, sunny afternoon. Selected students will now compete at the Zone Cross Country event on the 28th March at Federal Park.

A note will be sent home to those students shortly.



3/4L News

Our first term in 3/4L has been very busy. We have settled into our new class and are working hard. We have been learning to write and create persuasive texts this term and have enjoyed creating persuasive advertisements for imaginary products and places. We are having a great time learning about life in early Australia and this week we have learnt all about Captain James Cook as well as Joseph Banks, who was a botanist that sailed on the Endeavour with Cook.

We enjoyed imagining we were botanists collecting new species of flora and creating artworks featuring bottlebrush, wattle and banksia. We are going on an excursion to Sydney next term to see some of the places we have been learning about. We can't wait!

P&C News

Our first fundraiser for the year is our Easter Raffle and Easter egg guessing competition. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. The guessing completion is held at the canteen. Guesses are 50c each. Raffle tickets will be sent home next Friday.

Donations of Easter eggs would be greatly appreciated, they can be handed in at the canteen.

Next AGM Meeting is 12th March, please put on your calendar.

Zone Swimming

On February the 20th, selected students from GEPS attended the Zone Swimming Carnival at Speers Point Pool.

Most of our students competed in the 50m freestyle event. All students swam their hardest and most did personal best times. Well done kids!



Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT-SUN
1	27 Jan SDD	28 Jan	29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan	1 2 Feb
2	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb LST – 8:30am NEWSLETTER	7 Feb	8 9 Feb
3	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb P and C 6:30pm	13 Feb TPL planning day AASC	14 Feb	15 16 Feb
4	17 Feb	18 Feb AASC	19 Feb	20 Feb NEWSLETTER Zone Swimming AASC	21 Feb 5-6BM Assembly	22 23 Feb
5	24 Feb Cross Country	25 Feb AASC	26 Feb	27 Feb AASC	28 Feb	1 2 Mar
6	3 March	4 March AASC	5 March Stage One Excursion	6 March NEWSLETTER AASC	7 March 4-5H assembly	8 9 Mar
7	10 March	11 March AASC	12 March P&C AGM Meeting	13 March Selective HS Test AASC	14 March	15 16 Mar
8	17 March	18 March School Photo Day AASC	19 March	20 March NEWSLETTER AASC	21 March 3-4L Assembly	22 23 Mar
9	24 March	25 March CAMP AASC	26 March	27 March AASC	28 March Zone Cross Country	29 30 Mar
10	31 March	1 April AASC	2 April	3 April NEWSLETTER AASC	4 April 2-3J Assembly	5 6 Apr
11	7 April	8 April AASC	9 April P and C 6:30 pm	10 April AASC	11 April Easter Hat Parade	12 13 Apr
Hols	14April	15 April	16 April	17 April	18 April GOOD FRIDAY	19 20 Apr
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