

GEPS NEWS

Term 1, Week 8

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The Newsletter of Glendale East Public School

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Years 1/2J & 1/2H News



This term 1/2H and 1/2J have been talking about 'Past and Present Family Life'. We had an exciting visit to the Newcastle Museum where we were able to see what working at BHP Steel Works and down in a coal mine was like.

We have been talking about how museums collect and display artefacts from the past and the present and we were given some great tips while on the excursion about how to set up our own museum.

At home we have been collecting special items that are important to us in our 'Precious Treasure memory Box'. We will be bringing these boxes to school by the end of this week – Friday 21st March, 2014, to share with our class.

On Wednesday 2nd April at 12.30, our classes will be opening our Stage 1 Museum and sharing our 'Precious Treasures Memory Boxes' and other items from the past with parents and friends.

As an extra bonus, at our museum there will be olden time photos of each child for sale and tea, coffee and cakes available to purchase at our museum coffee shop! The money that we raise on the day of the museum will go towards buying some great Spelling Apps for our class iPads!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Photos

School photos were taken yesterday with all students looking wonderful in the new uniform. Thank you to all families who sent in payments yesterday or paid online. If you did not send in an order form your child was given a note explaining that orders are still able to be taken online for the next 20 days.

Harmony Day

Friday 21st March is Harmony Day, which is a day to celebrate cultural respect and understanding. Students are invited to wear something orange or any orange accessory and will participate in Harmony Day activities in class. Please bring a gold coin donation if your child is wearing orange.

Naplan

Naplan 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.

Zone Soccer

Congratulations to Alex Holliday who has qualified for zone soccer. She will represent the school next Monday afternoon after school at Garden Suburb Public School.

Year 5/6 Camp

Next Tuesday 25th March Year 6 head off on camp to the south coast for two nights. Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Brown and Mr Pryce will be the supervising teachers. Please ensure your child is ready to depart at 7am on Tuesday morning and has morning tea and lunch for the first day. Don't forget your pillows, sleeping bags and towels.

Easter Egg Donations

Donations for the Easter egg raffle and guessing competition would be greatly appreciated. Please send donations to the canteen.

Raffle tickets were distributed last Friday. If you would like more they are available from the school.

P&C News

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

If you would like extra raffle tickets they can be collected at the canteen or the school office.

The P&C need volunteers to collect the linen from the sick bay bed each Friday to wash and return on Monday.

If you are able to assist with this please leave your details at the office.

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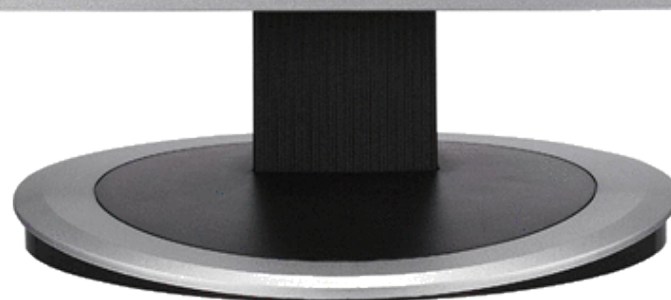
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Information for parents and the school community.

Who and what are Philosophical Ethics classes for?

Families now have a legislated right to choose Ethics for their children. Ethics classes are an option for primary school students who do not attend SRE/Scripture in NSW public schools. Classes are currently available for years 1- 6. Classes for Kindergarten will start in term 3, 2014.

Primary Ethics is the non-profit organisation authorised by the NSW state government to design and deliver a philosophy-based ethics curriculum. Our curriculum is deemed age appropriate by the Department of Education.

What do children learn in Ethics classes?

Students learn *how* to think about ethical issues. Students form a 'community of inquiry' with their peers and talk about subjects such as homelessness, keeping promises, and the treatment of living things. They learn how to find and evaluate the morally relevant issues in each topic. Trained volunteer teachers lead discussions. There is a short video of an ethics class and more information on our website:

<http://www.primaryethics.com.au/whathappens.html>

Who are the teachers?

Our Ethics Teachers are volunteers who have gone through our selection, screening and training processes. Most teachers are parents from the school community. Other volunteers are usually members of the local community such as retirees, university students, grandparents and local business owners.

Can I be an Ethics Teacher?

We're looking for volunteers who

- have time to prepare for and teach a 30min class each week of the school term,
- who enjoy engaging with children
- have an interest in philosophy/ethics

We give our teachers training and ongoing support and the opportunity to work with children and meet new people. Read about volunteering at our website www.primaryethics.com.au/volunteers.html

Volunteers must undergo a criminal history check and sign a Working with Children declaration.

How do I get my child into Ethics class?

If classes have started at your school, make your choice by letting the school know in writing. Your school office will be able to tell you if they have any further paperwork for you to sign.

If classes have not yet started, contact us and let us know you'd like classes. info@primaryethics.com.au

How do I find out more?

Come to our website: www.primaryethics.com.au or Email us: info@primaryethics.com.au

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 Harmony Day	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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