

# GEPS NEWS

Term 1, Week 10

Thursday 2nd April, 2015



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## Easter Hat Parade



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

## Easter Hats





## Absences

Our current Attendance rate is 94%. Our school target is 95% please ensure that all students attend every day.

## Instagram

Please be aware that recently there have been a number of incidences that have occurred outside of school but which have become problems at school due to the use of the social networking application Instagram. Increasingly students are saying inappropriate things which are mean and hurtful or just insensitive via Instagram. Please be vigilant in monitoring your child's activities on this site.

## Cross Country

Zone Cross Country will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Federal Park Wallsend. Notes will go out today and need to be returned as soon as possible.

## Naplan

Reminder that the NAPLAN tests will take place for all students in years 3 and 5 between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like to withdraw your child from NAPLAN testing please contact the school ASAP.

## Bullying

Of late there have been a number of perceived incidents of bullying within the school. It is important that all members of the school community have a good understanding of what bullying is and that one off incidences or a couple of incidences over a period of weeks does not define bullying.

**Bullying is defined as repeated intimidation, over time, of a physical, verbal or psychological nature of a less powerful person by a more powerful person or group of people.**

Bullying is a system of behaviour that is deeply embedded in all aspects of our culture and is usually carried on in secret, shared only by the victim and the perpetrator. Almost as deeply embedded is the ethos of "not telling" by either the victim or by on-lookers.

We need to realise that bullies are everywhere, not just in our schools. To attempt to deal with the problem, **open transparent and factual collaboration** between the school, teachers, parents, students and the broader community is essential. Children need to learn how to deal with school bullies in order that they can develop the social survival skills to deal with the bullies they may meet outside of the school environment and in adult life.

The school is committed to preventative strategies and methods that will help your children develop the skills to deal with bullies. However, one off incidents, name calling etc do not constitute bullying and it is important to define the two so that as a community we work together.

## Application and trials for Hunter Sports High School 2016

Hunter Sports High School has finalised its Talented Sports Programs for 2016, formulated its enrolment procedures and downloaded all the information on its website. In 2016 Hunter Sports High School will offer 14 sports - AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Boys Cricket, Girls Cricket, Football, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rugby League, Boys Rugby Union, Girls Rugby Union, Swimming, Tennis and Touch Football. With the selection time rapidly approaching for Yr 6 students entering high schools any parents and students interested can access information from their website [www.huntersports.com.au](http://www.huntersports.com.au). All details and forms are available from their website or by contacting Hunter Sports High directly on 4943 5755. Applications for 2016 close on 1st May, 2016.

## APP

The school will be utilising the app much more as another means of communication. Please make sure that you download it from the APP store or Google Play. Its great for last minute reminders.

## Teen Talk

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April stage 3 students will be participating in Teen Talk. This talk is presented by Susie Blackwood, a nurse educator and deals primarily with the changes that occur during puberty and other related topics.

## Anzac Day

The school will be holding its annual ANZAC day ceremony on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at midday. Representatives from the RSL will be in attendance.

## News from K/1M....

This term the students in K/1M have been learning about living things and lifecycles. The students have learned about what living things need to survive. They ensured that their grass heads and bean plants had plenty of sunlight and water and enjoyed observing the changes as their own living things have grown. The students have also represent a variety of lifecycles in artworks that look great displayed around the classroom.

K/1M wish the GEPS family a very safe and happy Easter break. See you all next term :)



## P&C NEWS

The P&C would like to thank all those families that donated Easter eggs for our Easter Raffle. Our raffle raised \$750.00. Thank you to Maryanne Barry and Emma Morgan for helping wrap the donations. The Pizza Day the canteen put on was another great day. We raised approximately \$780.00. Once again thank you to all those families that ordered pizza and sent money with their children. Thank you to Melissa, Kim, Rebecca, Rachael, Nicole, Maryanne, Emma and Shaz for your assistance throughout the day. Your time is always greatly appreciated.

Our next event will be our Mother's Day stall. This will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. We will be after some volunteers to help at our stall. If you're available please see Nadine when we get back from Holidays.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. This will also be our AGM.

### Linen Roster

Term1 – Week 10: Nicole Mannix

Term 2 –Week 1: Melaine Wade

-Week 2: Mellissa Ott

Have a happy and safe Easter.  
P&C



## Blackbutt Excursion

Yesterday the students from K-2 went on an excursion to Blackbutt. They had a great time learning more about animal habitats and classifying wet and dry environments. The students made a model of a habitat for an Australian animal and had to make sure they included shelter, food and water in order for the animal to be safe and happy. They really enjoyed meeting 'Clyde', the resident wombat at Blackbutt, and learned about the things he needs to be happy and healthy





# FREE Triple P Seminars

## The Power of Positive Parenting

For parents/carers with children aged 3-8 years who are living with them all or part time or who are in OOHc

Whether you just need reassurance that you are on the right track or maybe you are noticing a few behaviours that are becoming difficult to manage – Triple P seminars are a short, yet valuable introduction to positive parenting strategies. The seminars help you feel more confident and ready to deal with the common child behavioural and emotional issues. This helps to:

- create a stable, supportive and harmonious family
  - encourage positive behaviour from children
  - build positive relationships with children
  - establish ways to plan ahead to avoid or manage potentially difficult situations
- find suitable solutions for parents to take care of themselves while balancing work and family responsibilities.

Sign up today to find practical answers to your everyday parenting concerns, and learn how to raise happy, healthy children.

**When:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Where:** Glendale East Public School 8 Margot Ave, Glendale

**When:** 9.30am for a 9.45 am start – finishing at 12.30pm

**Cost:** FREE - morning tea provided.

**Bookings:** Please call Lee 4954 5266 or email [leew@thecanopy.org.au](mailto:leew@thecanopy.org.au)



# Term 2 2015

Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
Week 1	20 April  Staff Development Day – no students	21 April Students return  Chaplain at GEPS School Counsellor at GEPS	22 April P and C AGM 6:30pm Chaplain at GEPS	23 April Zone Cross Country  Teen Talk—stage 3 students  Annual Anzac day ceremony	24 April  Assembly	25 26 Apr
2	27 April	28 April Chaplain at GEPS School Counsellor at GEPS	29 April Chaplain at GEPS	30 April  Newsletter	1 May	2 3 May
3	4 May	5 May Chaplain at GEPS School Counsellor at GEPS	6 May Chaplain at GEPS	7 May	8 May Mothers Day Breakfast Assembly	9 10 May
4	11 May	12 May NAPLAN Chaplain at GEPS School Counsellor at GEPS	13 May NAPLAN Chaplain at GEPS	14 May NAPLAN  Newsletter	15 May	16 17 May
5	18 May	19 May Chaplain at GEPS School Counsellor at GEPS	20 May Chaplain at GEPS	21 May	22 May Assembly	23 24 May
6	25 May	26 May Chaplain at GEPS School Counsellor at GEPS	27 May Chaplain at GEPS	28 May  Newsletter	29 May	30 31 May
7	1 June	2 June Chaplain at GEPS School Counsellor at GEPS	3 June Chaplain at GEPS	4 June	5 June Assembly	6 7 June
8	8 June Queen's Birthday	9 June Chaplain at GEPS School Counsellor at GEPS	10 June Chaplain at GEPS	11 June  Newsletter	12 June	13 14 June
9	15 June	16 June Chaplain at GEPS School Counsellor at GEPS	17 June Chaplain at GEPS	18 June	19 June  Assembly	20 21 June
10	22 June	23 June Chaplain at GEPS School Counsellor at GEPS	24 June Chaplain at GEPS	25 June  Newsletter	26 June Reports home to students	27 28 June