

# GEPS NEWS

Term 2, Week 6

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## Teachers learn too with Apple



Yesterday most of the teachers visited the apple store at Charlestown so that they could learn how to better use the iPads in classroom but also how to create movies using imovie. Thanks to Apple for teaching us all this cools stuff, we are sure that the kids will love it!

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

## Sporting Schools

The school has been successful in gaining access to the sporting schools program. The sporting schools program is similar to the "Sports in Schools" program which ran after school on Tuesdays and Thursday last year. This program will be offered in a similar way and will commence in term 3 of this year. More information and notes will come out soon.

## Pyjama Day

The final Wednesday of the term will be Pyjama day and Red day at the canteen. Kids are invited to wear their pyjamas for a gold coin donation. Funds raised will go towards supporting the Asthma Foundation.

## Spelling Bee

Our school will once again be participating in the premiers spelling bee. Trials will be held soon to find out who our representatives will be.

## Parent Code of Conduct

Please check the website and have a look at the parent code of conduct. Whilst almost all the time parents conduct themselves in an acceptable manner at school there have been sporadic incidences of inappropriate behaviour which we do not wish to subject our children to. The code of conduct will be available to view commencing Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June for 2 weeks. If you wish to make comment please contact the school. The code will then be reviewed for ratification by the P&C.

## Merit Awards

There has been an extensive review of the Merit Award system by both the community and the staff. Merits for the remainder of 2015 will be as follows: Students will receive merits in class for a number of things, not necessarily all academic. Merits may be given for effort, sportsmanship or demonstrating school values.

Along with this students will be given merits for

- Spelling words 100% correct 2 weeks in a row.
- 20 nights of home reading
- 5 weeks of homework returned.
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These merits will accumulate towards a gold award at the end of the year.

### 2016

Merits will be given at the discretion of the teacher, approximately 2 per week.

- They will be for any good thing that a student does
- They will not accumulate
- There will be no SILVER AWARDS
- There will be specific criteria for a gold award and this will be communicated at the commencement of 2016.

## Save the Date

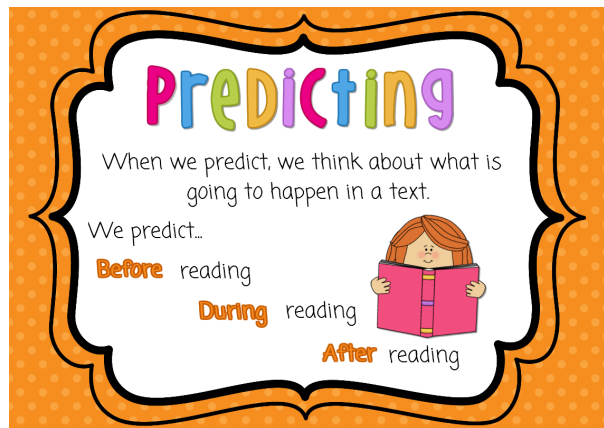
Glendale East Public School presents "A night at the Oscars" August 12th and 13th.

Class costume notes will be sent home towards the end of this term.

## Focus on Reading

This term all classes K-6 will begin to implement a new literacy program called *Focus on Reading*. *Focus on Reading* incorporates many of our current practices but has a particular emphasis on explicitly teaching comprehension strategies that can be used across the entire curriculum. While the program is specifically aimed at primary and high school students, our infants classes will also incorporate the language of the 'Super 6' comprehension strategies into their daily activities.

The skills needed to visualise, making connections, predict, question, summarise and self-monitor will be explicitly taught and will be known by the students as the 'Super 6'. The students have already begun to visualise as they read and will now make connections and predict over the coming fortnight.



## Mr McLean

Mr McLean will be on Long Service Leave for the next week as he travels back to Japan to attend two Weddings. We hope he has a good time and enjoys himself. We will miss him!

## Mrs Hamilton

As a number of you would be aware Mrs Hamilton has not been around the school this term. Mrs Hamilton was taking long service leave and as of this week has decided to resign from the department of education. Mrs Hamilton has had an extremely long and productive career working with the Department and has been at Glendale East for the past 15 years. We wish Mr Hamilton the best in her retirement and thank her for the positive input she has had into thousands of children. I am sure that we will have the opportunity to say a formal goodbye later in the year.

## Parking

Once again there have been a number of cars coming into the Clarence street car park to pick up and drop off students. This car park is for staff only and is not a drop off zone as it is extremely dangerous to do so with a large number of small children moving through this area. **Please DO NOT ENTER THE CLARENCE STREET CARPARK AT ANY TIME EXCEPT ON FOOT!**

## 2nd Year Prac Students

Commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June 6 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Prac students from the University of Newcastle will be commencing at GEPS. There will be 2 in 1-2C, 2 in 2-3L and 2 in K-1M We look forward to welcoming them to our great school.

## Attendance

OH NO- we have dropped below our yearly target for attendance of 95%. We currently sit at 94.5% attendance for the year. Please make sure that your children are at school everyday that is possible!

## School Reports

Just a reminder that student reports will be handed out on the final day of the term, 26<sup>th</sup> June.

## Sports Carnival

Our annual Sports Gala day will be revamped this year to include many of the traditional sporting events as well as tabloids and fun events. The sports carnival will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June. All parents are invited to attend for some or all of the day. The canteen will be operating on the day however they do require additional helpers. Also, the Brewlicious coffee van will be in attendance for part of the day.

## Mastering Spelling

Are you checking your child's weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don't know how to spell a word. Here's some advice about how to help your child master spelling

Find out more:

[www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing)

## Is Your Child Making Friends at School

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>



## News from 1/2C....

Students in 1/2C have been working extremely hard this year and have produced some amazing work. In literacy and maths groups, we all work cooperatively and independently in a variety of activities including iPads, hands on activities, learning games, problem solving activities, computer time and visiting the teacher table.

Last term, our Science topic was all about water and we conducted various experiments to deepen our understanding on the topic. We learnt how to use the app 'iMovie' on the iPads to create a movie trailer about our class, and discovered how to superimpose ourselves onto different backgrounds (our rain pictures are below). This term, we are experimenting with the app 'Book Creator', where we get to create books on the iPads based on a topic we are learning about, and can include text, images, videos and sound effects. In HSIE, we are exploring different family structures and are enjoying making our "All about me" posters each Friday. In Creative Arts, we are well on our way in rehearsing our musical item, and the acting and dancing skills emerging are fabulous.

During creative writing, we are using sizzling starts to make our stories interesting, and use similes and adjectives to build up excellent descriptions of our characters and scenes. Don't forget to check out our class page on the school website for photos of all the great learning happening in 1/2C!



## **PSSA News**

Welcome to the PSSA soccer and Netball season for 2015. Our first game has us playing away against Plattsburgh Public school.

### **Soccer**

Our first game for the soccer saw our junior side come out ahead with a fantastic 2-0 win. Poppy, Liam, Josh and Harry all had a fantastic game controlling the backline and holding their positions. Curtis also played well in goals making some pretty good saves. The midfield and forwards had an excellent passing game and attacked very well. Acacia had some awesome runs down the right wing using the space to her advantage. Jaxson, Cooper, Riley and Clay also played well distributing the ball. Lachlan, Ashton and Jacob showed some great skills moving the ball through the middle and up front. All players played really well for their first game.

The senior soccer side went down 3 goals to 2. They played very well despite the score line. Jacob H and Joel W both had an exceptional game in goals making some great saves. The backline had a pretty big battle with the Plattsburgh's forwards running through hard and fast. As always Alex H put her body on the line to defend extremely well as did all our defenders. The forwards and midfielders played well attacking through the middle and using the spaces well. Some great passing from Xander, Harrison, Shannon and Joel B saw some great attempts at goal. A great game played by all our seniors, well done.

## **P&C News**

The P&C held their AGM last Wednesday night. We voted in our new executives for the year.

President: Nadine Davey

Vice President: Emma Morgan

Treasurer: Rachael Cross

Secretary: Nicole Mannix

Canteen Coordinator: Sharon Probert

Uniform Coordinator: Melaine Wade

Fundraising Coordinator: Maryanne Barry

Our next meeting will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Linen roster**

Week 6: Nicole Mannix

Week 7: Melaine Wade

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**Pandell St. , Glendale**

**Tuesday & Thursday Nights**

**6.00pm till 7.00pm**

**Phone Wayne: 49208930**

**Or call in on the night**

# 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  Annual Anzac day ceremony	24 April  Assembly	25 26 Apr
2	27 April  Teen Talk—stage 3 students	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 3/4M Assembly Item	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  PSSA @ Plattsburg	16 17 May
5	18 May	19 May Chaplain at GEPS School Counsellor at GEPS	20 May Chaplain at GEPS  P&C 6pm	21 May	22 May Assembly item—IHT  PSSA @ Glendale East Public School	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  PSSA @ Cardiff PS	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  PSSA @ Cardiff North	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
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