

GEPS NEWS

Term1Week 2

Friday: 8th February 2019



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Hard at work in the new school year

Glendale East Public School - Safe, Respectful Learners

Message from the Principal

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for 2019. Our students have begun in a very settled, motivated and happy way. I would like to thank all our parents for readying your children for school in a such a positive way.

The school has maintained steady student numbers over the Christmas break which has enabled us to keep our 10 classes. This means that our class sizes are smaller than normal and we have been able to carefully place students into the best class for them to learn.

Welcome to Kindergarten

Glendale East is very fortunate to welcome 37 wonderful kindergarten students into the school this year. They are off to a great start having adjusted to life at school beautifully. I would like to welcome our new families and I hope you feel as though the first week of school has been a positive one. Below are some photos of Fruit Break and literacy groups.



2019 Classes

Kindergarten

KF—Miss Felton

KA—Mrs Field

Stage 1

1/2I—Miss Isbester

1/2A—Mrs Ariizumi (Assistant Principal Early Stage 1 and Stage 1)

1/2M—Mrs Mantle

Stage 2

3/4 S— Mr Sims

3/4M—Mrs McVey (Assistant Principal Stage 2)

4/5BL— Ms Bartlett and Mrs Littlewood

Stage 3

5/6Q—Miss Quinn

5/6B—Mrs Brown (Assistant Principal Stage 3)

Uniform

Wearing a uniform instils a sense of pride and respect from those who wear it. When all our students wear the correct uniform, it makes our school look and feel like we are part of one big, cohesive team. This year, teachers will be calling home to remind parents and carers of the school uniform if your child is not in correct uniform. Please inform the school if there is ever any reason why your child can't be in uniform. To ensure parents have access to new uniforms when needed, uniform order forms are available from the office and Monique Shaw (P&C Uniform Coordinator) is available at the Uniform Shop every Tuesday and Friday morning from 8:30am to 9:30am. If you have any questions regarding uniform, please contact your child's teacher or Monique through the office.



Canteen

At Glendale East we are lucky to have a canteen which operates 4 days per week for lunch and recess. The canteen will be open Tuesday to Friday this year. Once again, we are fortunate to have Corinne Edman managing the canteen. The canteen is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Corinne in the canteen during its open times or she has provided this number for you to contact her on: 0413 870 019

Leaders Induction and Assembly

Last year, our school elected 6 new student leaders for 2018. These leaders will be formally inducted into their positions on Monday 11th February at 1:00pm. Our school community is invited to join us for this special occasion.

P&C Meeting

I would love to see as many parents as possible at our first meeting which will be held at 6:30pm in the school library on Wednesday 20th February. The P&C is a great forum for you to have your say on the direction of the school. New members are always welcome.

School Fees

School Fees this year are \$49 for each child. As we are a Public School, our school fees are voluntary, however they do help to cover costs of classroom resources. It would be greatly appreciated if school fees could be paid by the end of Term 1 through the office.

Attendance

Positive attendance at school is critical to a child's success. NSW law states that children must be in attendance at school every day. If your child is absent, you need to explain the absence within seven days. You can explain absences through:

1. Phoning the office
2. Responding to the automatically generated letters which are sent out each Friday or;
3. Using the SkoolBag App

If you have any questions about this, please contact the office.

Student Health

Have your child's health needs changed over the school break? It is important that the school has up-to-date information about student health needs. Allergies and other medical conditions need to be managed by the school. Please contact the school if you need to update our school records.

Class Meetings and Parent Interviews

An opportunity to meet your child's teacher has been organised for Wednesday 13th February. Please refer to the already published note to find your child's class meeting time. Following from these meetings will be picnic on the bottom flat. Games will be set up and families are invited to bring chairs, a rug and picnic items in a chance to get to know each other and our staff.

One on one parent teacher interviews will be occurring in Week 9 Term 1. More information about these interviews will be published shortly. It is hoped that these interviews will give more information about how your child is progressing and coping with the demands of the curriculum.

If parents require a more formal interview and extended meeting before the end of Term 1, then parents should phone the office to make an interview time. Morning periods are very busy. Teachers are unable to meet with parents at 9:00am as rolls need to be marked and lessons started for the day.

Best Wishes
Mr Forbes
Principal



Getting On Track In Time (Got It!)

Glendale East Public School has the opportunity to participate in an exciting program for children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 in Terms 1 and 2, 2019. *Getting On Track In Time (Got It!)* is an early intervention program run by local health professionals from the Local Health District in collaboration with Education.

Got It! aims to teach children emotional resilience and further the development of their social skills to help them better manage their behaviours at school and at home, assisting them to learn to their full potential and maximise their life opportunities. The program will be fun and supportive for students and will also be practical for parents and teachers.

Parents of children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will have received a quick questionnaire to fill out for their child to assist in identifying which part of the program will best benefit their child. Please return this form to school by Monday the 11th of January 2019.



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Music Bus

Announcement: The Music Bus Is Now A Creative Kids Provider

The Music Bus are excited to announce they are now a registered Creative Kids provider. A government initiative where every family in NSW with school aged children is eligible for a \$100 voucher towards lessons in 2019. This is the perfect opportunity to enrol and save almost an entire term's worth of fees.

To download your voucher, simply visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher then call 1300 168 742 or email creativekids@themusicbus.com.au to enrol.

Term 1 enrolments are still open, however, The Music Bus have limited availability so it is advised to book asap. Lessons include Singing, Keyboard, Guitar, Drums and Ukulele.

The Music Bus is a wonderful music program that many of our students are already enjoying – a brilliant and cost-effective way for students to get fun and specialist music lessons without parents having to travel all over the area after school. Cost of lessons is only \$16 per week (Drums \$18), around half the price of a regular private lesson.

If you're interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus or for more info, check out their website at www.themusicbus.com.au or call 1300 168 742.

Message from KF

We have had a wonderful start to the year and have started this new part of our learning journey with confidence, dedication and lots of smiles (mostly!). Some of our favourite parts of Kindergarten so far have been making new friends, playing soccer in the playground, climbing on the equipment, spending time with our buddies and doing fun activities in the classroom. There are so many new things to learn and exciting things to try.



One of our favourite parts of the day is when we get to practice our Jolly Phonics song. We love to sing together and act out the actions for each sound with our friends. It always makes us giggle when we sing about Inky the Mouse and act out her sniffy whiskers.

Learning to use whiteboards has been another fun new challenge! We get to use them to do many fun activities and to share our work with each other. We are learning lots of new language to help with our learning such as 'cover and hover' and 'chin it' when we want to show the teacher our work. We talk lots about putting in our best effort at all times and to always have a go when faced with a new challenge.



We are still learning about our daily routine here at school and some of the rules and expectations at Glendale East Public School and for Kindy. We are even already practicing how to be a 'Safe Respectful Learner'. We learnt about Kookie the Kookaburra, who is our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) school mascot. Kookie tells us what the rules are in the playground and helps us to do the right thing.

We all cannot wait to have a wonderful year together in KF and to go on this learning journey together.

Thanks,
From Miss Felton and KF



Message from the Office

Just a reminder that all money for all upcoming events **MUST** be returned to the office prior to the **due by date as noted on notes**. The office cannot accept any further payments after this date. Unfortunately, **if payment is presented to the office after this date it will be returned home and your child cannot attend the excursion.**

Families are encouraged to use the POP (parent online payment) link on our school website.

NO Uniform payments are to be made through the school parent online payment system. Correct amount of cash can be left in an envelope addressed to the uniform shop

Payments cannot be receipted after 3pm as the till must be closed and reconciled by the end of our working day.

Cash payments can be left after 3pm and will be receipted the next day, however we cannot give change after 3pm.

Eftpos cannot be processed after 3pm as it must be included in the days banking.
NO Uniform eftpos transactions can be made through the office. Correct amount of cash can be left in an envelope addressed to the uniform shop.

Department of Education Visitors sign on requirements

All visitors to the school site are reminded to please sign on and off in the office visitors book every time you visit between the hours of 9am to 3pm for a specific purpose for example; meeting with teacher, purchasing uniforms, parent helpers, canteen helpers etc. This does NOT include assemblies.

Contacting Teachers

Just to remind you that the best way to contact your child's teacher is via our school email address. The address is:

Glendalee-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Please attention the email to the teacher you wish to speak with and include your child's name and a contact number.

Your child's teacher can then contact you to make a mutually convenient time to chat.

Transporting students by private vehicles on school business.

From time to time, it is necessary for our students to be transported by private vehicle. Parents who volunteer to transport students are reminded the following documentation is required:

- Parent Driver Declaration Form
- a copy of the current Vehicle Registration
- A copy of a current Drivers Licence
- Appendix 5 Form
- 100 Points of Identification

Please provide this information to the office prior to the Excursion if you have agreed to transport students by private vehicle. This will assist our school to comply with Department of Education Procedures.

Medications

As a general rule, the school does not administer non-prescribed medications. If medication is required during school hours, then it must be approved by the Principal. Parents/carers must complete a medication form if a child requires a specific medication or ongoing health management. A letter from the prescribing doctor will be required.

Messages for Students

We respectfully ask that you discuss with your children prior to the school day the arrangements for the afternoon. This will help minimise interruptions to classes in getting messages to children.

New Teachers at GPS



Name : Alison Forsythe

My role at GEPS : Teacher Librarian—Wednesdays
Relieving Teacher Librarian Monday & Tuesdays (W1-4)

Favourite Food : Watermelon

Favourite Pastime : Going to the Beach!

Where were you before GEPS : I was working casually at local schools in the Newcastle area. I also held a numeracy support role at another school.

Favourite thing about teaching : I love seeing children learn

Favourite thing about GEPS : I love being part of an enthusiastic team at GEPS



Name : Alex Longworthy

My role at GEPS : RFF Teacher—Maths and Technology

Favourite Food : Anything Mexican

Favourite Pastime : Playing netball

Where were you before GEPS : I was working casually at different schools in Newcastle and Maitland areas

Favourite thing about teaching : Watching children grow academically and as people

Favourite thing about GEPS : Getting to know all the lovely children and teachers



Name: Meg Isbester

My role at GEPS : Classroom teacher (1/2I)

Favourite Food : Strawberries

Favourite Pastime : Getting outdoors and active

Where were you before GEPS : University of Wollongong

Favourite thing about teaching : Watching students growing and developing

Favourite thing about GEPS : Being apart of such a supportive network of teachers, students and parents. It's a very positive learning environment



Name : Danielle Huish

My role at GEPS : K-2 Intervention

Favourite Food : Carrot cake

Favourite Pastime : I love reading a good book

Where were you before GEPS : Tea Gardens Public School

Favourite thing about teaching : Helping kids reach their full potential

Favourite thing about GEPS : The friendly staff, students and parents I have met.



Name : Katrina Duncan

My role at GEPS : Assistant Principal—Hearing

Favourite Food : Gnocchi with creamy pumpkin sauce! Yum!

Favourite Pastime : Snowboarding and wakeboarding

Where were you before GEPS : AP Hearing of Queanbeyan and Monaro Region

Favourite thing about teaching : Improving Deaf Education and working with our Deaf/Hard of Hearing community

Favourite thing about GEPS : Hard working staff and friendly students that have made me feel very

P&C News

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to another school year. The first P&C Meeting for 2019 will be held on Wednesday 20th Feb at 6.30pm in the Library. Please feel welcome to attend and find out about our plans for the new school year, especially to our new GEPS families.

More uniforms have been ordered and they will arrive as soon as they are made and Monique our Uniform Shop Co-ordinator will do her best to get them to parents as soon as they arrive. Orders also can still be taken.

Thank you
P&C President
Robert Richens

GLENDALE EAST OOSH PROGRAM

We believe here at Glendale East that children should be able to choose how they spend their time through child directed play. This is why we have our "every day activities" as well as structured activities. It provides children with the freedom of choosing what they want to do as well as providing them with the opportunity to explore and take part in planned activities that are fun, stimulating and different from what we offer every day.

"Every day activities"

- Drawing
- Whiteboard Creations
- Colouring In
- Lego
- Doll House
- Board Games
- Uno
- Puzzles
- Outdoor Play:
 - Soccer
 - Tennis
 - Handball
 - Basketball
 - Master
 - 44 Home
 - Cricket
 - Group Games

Monday 4/02	Tuesday 5/02	Wednesday 6/02	Thursday 7/03	Friday 8/03
Afternoon Tea Yoghurt & Muesli	Afternoon Tea Sausage rolls & party pies	Afternoon Tea Cruskits	Afternoon Tea Nachos	Afternoon Tea Crackers & Dip
Activity Playdough	Activity Hama Beads	Activity Group running games	Activity Dot painting	Activity Soccer on the field
Monday 11/03	Tuesday 12/03	Wednesday 13/03	Thursday 14/03	Friday 15/03
Afternoon Tea Toasted Sandwiches	Afternoon Tea Corn chips & Salsa	Afternoon Tea Saladas	Afternoon Tea Jelly & Custard	Afternoon Tea Blueberry Muffins
Activity Wooden Tulips	Activity Whiteboard creations	Activity Handball comp	Activity Boardgame Bonanza	Activity Hula Hoop Skills

Fees and Charges

All fees and charges displayed are BEFORE Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate Deductions.

Rates are per child.

Permanent

Before School Care - \$16.00

After School Care -\$18.00

Casual

Before School Care - \$17.00

After School Care - \$19.00

With CCSS you could be paying as little as \$5 a session!


 Holy Family, Merceweather Heights,
 Glendale East and Mt Hutton
 OOSH & Vacation Centre

Glendale East Public School Canteen Menu 2019

Due to unexpected availability, some menu items are subject to change without notice

Snacks

Honey Soy Chips	\$1.00
Plain Chips	\$1.00
Jumpys / JJ's Chips	\$1.00
Noodles	\$1.00
Jelly Cups	\$0.50

Fruit

Skewers	\$0.60
Apples	\$0.80
Small Fruit Box	\$1.50

Hamburgers

Plain	\$2.90
Cheeseburger	\$3.20
Lettuce, Tomato & Beetroot	\$3.90

Sandwiches and Wraps

Bread and Butter	\$0.50
Vegetite	\$1.50
Cheese	\$1.80
Tomato	\$1.80
Tomato & Cheese	\$2.00
Vegetite & Cheese	\$2.00

Drinks

Slushies	\$2.00
Oak milk	\$1.60
Juices	\$1.60
Quench	\$1.60
Water (small)	\$1.00
Water (large)	\$1.60

Veggie Sticks

Carrot (4)	\$0.80
Celery (4)	\$0.80
Cucumber (4)	\$0.80
Mixed (6)	\$1.00

Chicken Burgers & Wraps

Plain	\$2.90
Choice of One Lettuce, Mayo or Cheese	\$3.20
Lettuce, Mayo & Cheese	\$3.60
Salad & Mayo	\$3.90

Ice Blocks

Fruity Ices	\$0.40
Choc Morny	\$0.70
TNT	\$0.70
Lemonade Fizz	\$0.70
Watermelon Fizz	\$0.70
Frozen Juice Cup	\$0.70
Cola Stick	\$0.70
Lemonade Stick	\$0.70
Juicys	\$1.00
Ice cream Cups	\$1.00
Strawberry Moosie	\$1.00
Chocolate Moosie	\$1.00
Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.50

Salad Boxes

Small Salad Box	\$3.00
Large Salad Box	\$5.00

Hot Food

Party Pies	\$2.00
Sausage Rolls	\$2.00
Chicken Nuggets (3)	\$1.50
Chicken Sticks (3)	\$1.50
Chicken Tenders (each)	\$1.30
Potato Wedges	\$2.00
Beef Lasagne	\$3.00
Ham & Pineapple Pizza	\$2.60
Tomato Sauce	\$0.40
BBQ Sauce	\$0.40

TOASTED add on \$0.50

Salad with Chicken	\$3.70
Salad with Ham	\$3.70

EFFECTIVE 1ST MARCH 2018

Lunch orders must be in at the canteen by 9.30 am.

There is no hot food available at recess.

There will be no IOU's given, you must speak to Mr Forbes.

Canteen may not always be open at recess.

Linking people with disability, their families and carers in the community



What is Ability Links? Ability Links NSW is a way of connecting people with disability, their families and carers in the community.

Linkers work closely with people with disability, their families and carers to support them to fulfil their goals, hopes and dreams. There is no formal assessment or eligibility criteria and it is **FREE!**"

Ability Links NSW is for:

- people with disability aged 7 to 64 years
- carers and families of people with disability.

Individual, clubs, groups and businesses can also access Ability Links NSW for information and support on inclusion of people with disability.

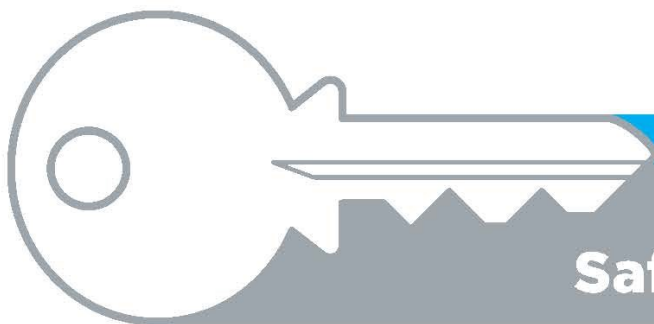
We have linkers across the Hunter and Central Coast and we can come to you.

02 4905 0700 – ability.links@vinnies.org.au



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Linking people and communities with opportunities



NSW POLICE FORCE CRIME PREVENTION SERIES

Safe people, Safe places

Protect your children

The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount. As parents and carers we can't always be with our children to advise and protect them.

When out and about, children can be confronted with situations where good decision-making is vital. With this in mind, advising our children with appropriate responses to certain situations will help them avoid trouble and danger.

Here are some simple tips to give your children for when they are out and about.

Protect your child walking home

- **ALWAYS** identify safe places on the way home from school.
- **DO NOT** stop and talk to people you don't know. Go straight home or to your intended destination.
- **ALWAYS** find a safe place if you feel frightened. These include schools, shops, churches or police/fire/ambulance stations and tell them that you are frightened.
- **NEVER** get into a car with someone you don't know.

Protect your child on public transport

- **NEVER** travel in isolated areas. Find crowded carriages, guard's compartment (marked with a blue light) or at the front of the bus.
- **ALWAYS** try to travel in groups of friends if possible.

Protect your child when in public spaces

- **ALWAYS** carry a contact number for your parents. (On a card attached to your clothing, written on your arms or in your phone).
- **DO NOT** walk away from family or friends without telling them where you are going, when you'll be back and who you are with.
- **ALWAYS** walk away from fights or arguments, unpleasant or aggressive behaviour and take your friends with you.
- **REMEMBER**, always tell your parents, carer or teacher if something has happened.

**For more crime prevention information
visit us on www.police.nsw.gov.au**



Justice



Triple Zero (000)

For emergencies or life threatening situations.



Police Assistance Line (131 444)

For non emergencies.



Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)

To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.

SAFETY around schools



ROAD RULES IN SCHOOL ZONES:

Pedestrian crossings

You cannot stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking. *Minimum penalty: \$439 and two demerit points*

Double parking

You may not stop on the road alongside to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers. *Minimum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points*

Parking on a verge

You cannot stop or park on a verge area (footpath, nature strip, dividing strip or kerb). *Minimum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points*

PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS



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A driver must not stop in a no stopping zone.

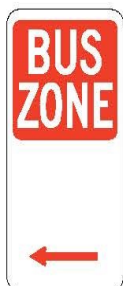
Minimum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points



You can stop here for two minutes only

You have no more than two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and the driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

Minimum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

You are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Minimum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

Unless a current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit is displayed.

Minimum penalty: \$549 and one demerit point



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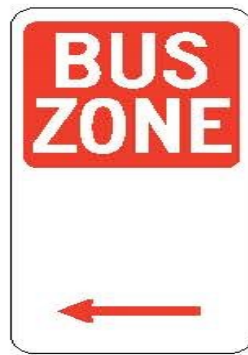
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Kumaridha Local AECG

(Awabakal word meaning "North of the Lake")

The AECG's focus is on communities having input into Aboriginal Education.
We strive to empower our communities and to better Aboriginal Education outcomes.

The AECG is organisation made up of volunteer members.

We invite Parents & Community members to attend and have their say in Aboriginal Education.

2019 Meeting Dates

Term 1

Tuesday 12th February 2019
Full Members-Garden Suburbs 5.30pm

Tuesday 12th March 2019
5pm-7pm General meeting (all members)-Garden Suburbs Public School

Term 2

Tuesday 14th May 2019
5.30pm Full Members-Glendale East Public School

Tuesday 11th June 2019
5pm-7pm General meeting (all members)-Glendale East Public School

Term 3

Tuesday 6th August 2019
5.30pm Full Members-Warners Bay High School

Tuesday 3rd September 2019
5pm-7pm General meeting (all members)-Warners Bay High School

Term 4

Tuesday 29th October 2019
5.30pm AGM Full Members - Argenton Public School

Tuesday 26th November 2019
5pm-7pm General meeting (all members)-Argenton Public School

A light refreshment will be provided during the meeting.
We look forward to meeting and supporting families within our local area.

Enquiries please email
kumaridhalaecg@gmail.com

Glendale East Public School Important Dates—Term 1

Important Dates – Term 1

Week	Day	Date	Event
2	Monday	04/02/19	Assembly – no item
	Thursday	07/02/19	Got It Program (K-2) – Info stall for parents
	Friday	07/02/19	Kindergarten Screeners
3	Monday	11/02/19	- Leaders Induction Assembly (replacing normal assembly)
	Wednesday	13/02/19	- Class meetings and family picnic
	Thursday/Friday	14/02/19- 15/02/19	Kindergarten screeners
4	Monday-Friday	18/02/19- 22/02/19	Best Start Assessments (Kindergarten only)
	Monday	18/02/19	Assembly (5/6B)
	Wednesday	20/02/19	- Lake Macquarie North Student Leaders Day - P&C Meeting (6:30pm in the library)
	Thursday	21/02/19	Zone Swimming
5	Monday	25/02/19	Assembly – no item
6	Monday	04/03/19	Assembly (5/6Q)
7	Monday	11/03/19	Assembly – no item
	Tuesday	12/03/19	School Photos
8	Monday	18/03/19	Assembly (4/5BL)
	Wednesday	20/03/19	P&C Meeting (6:30pm in the library)
	Thursday	21/03/19	- Harmony Day - Young Teen Talk (Stage 3)
	Friday	22/03/19	Cross Country Carnival
9	Monday-Friday	25/03/19- 29/03/19	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Monday	25/03/19	Assembly – no item
10	Monday	01/04/19	Assembly (3/4M)
	Thursday	04/04/19	Personalised Learning Pathways – Aboriginal students
11	Monday	08/04/19	Assembly – no item
	Friday	12/04/19	Last day of Term 1