



Glendale East Public School

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

23/09/2022



What a wonderful term 3 we have had at Glendale East Public School. We have been on excursions, participated in sporting programs and performed as dance groups at assemblies just to name a few of the highlights. Our students have been incredible and have continued to work hard within the classroom to achieve. Well done team GEPS!

Holiday period – Students return Monday 10th October

Term 4 will commence Monday 10th October for all students. There is no Staff Development Day at the beginning of Term 4. Please ensure your child(ren) return ready to learn as normal on this date. Term 4 is already shaping up to be an exciting and busy term with a particular upcoming highlight of our school musical.

If you live near our school and notice any security concerns over the school holidays, please call the School Security Hotline - 1300 880 021

Term 4 School Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. During term 4, our school will be continuing our focus on school attendance, aiming for as many students at school on time each day. We are available to support families who are having difficulties getting their children to school, please reach out if needed. It is also important for all families to let us know why students are away each day to ensure no unjustified or unexplained absences are recorded. You can let us know the reason for your child being away in a number of ways such as; replying to the text message sent out, sending the teacher a notification via SeeSaw, contacting our school office on 49549551 or sending in a letter.

Let's make term 4 our best attended term yet!

Please read the following pages on 'Compulsory School Attendance, Information for Parents' released by the NSW Department of Education

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



Demountable Admin/Teaching Spaces

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, our school is in-line for our Admin facilities to be upgraded via Infrastructure NSW. To allow these works to happen we will be receiving 2 demountable spaces throughout the build. One space will be an admin area and the other a Library space. Both of these demountable buildings will be located on our Top Flat playground to minimise disruption to the rest of the school. We have worked with Infrastructure NSW to ensure they take up the least amount of space as possible to ensure our students still have a beautiful top playground area to play. This will mean our current admin area will be out of action for the duration of the build. Further operational procedures around this including dates will be shared once we know more.

Toilet behaviour

Recently we have had many students playing in our toilets, inclusive of putting huge amounts of toilet paper on the floor and in toilets. Can I ask all families to discuss with their children the need to be sensible in toilet areas and the hygiene issues associated with playing in toilet spaces. We are working as a school to improve this behaviour, however, as you would know, toilet spaces are incredibly difficult to supervise, therefore we require trust with our students that they will use these spaces safely and respectfully at all times.

GEPS Whole School Production

On the evening of Wednesday 23 November 2022, GEPS will be holding our whole school production 'The Wonderful World of Disney - GEPS Style'. Please lock this date in your diaries as it is going to be a magical night.

Finally, I hope everyone has a lovely and safe holiday break. I look forward to seeing all children again on Monday 10 October 2022, for Term 4.

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Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

TAKING DONATIONS

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Our uniform pool is running very low on stock and we are in need of a number of common uniform items (shirts, shorts, pants and dresses).

In order to support families, we are asking that if you have any good quality uniforms that no longer fit your child, that you consider donating them to the school.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

THANK YOU

Spring School Holiday activities at PCYC Lake Macquarie

COST: \$35 1/2 day \$45 Full

AGES: 5-12 years

TIME: 8.30am-3.00pm

BOOK NOW



Contact 02 4948 6622

Laser Tag days \$50

Mon 26th	Gymnastics Fun, Canvas painting, Pickleball
Tues 27th	Gymnastics Fun, Tie dye, Hall sports
Wed 28th	Laser Tag, Halls sports, Cupcake decorating
Thur 29th	Gymnastics Fun, Design and create, Pickleball
Fri 30th	Laser Tag, Halls sports, Design and create (8.30-1pm)
Mon 3rd	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 4th	Gymnastics Fun, Just dance, Design and create
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Whats on at GEPS?

WEEK 10

Friday 23rd Sept - PBL Rewards Day & Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 10th October:

*Students & Staff Return

*Jump Rope For Heart Day 1

*Swim School All Week



GLENDALE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL'S BREAKFAST CLUB!

Come grab some toast and fruit!

New days for Term 3:

Monday

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Friday



Let's Celebrate!

Award Winners

PBL AWARD



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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**Free family
fun at the
Parliament
of NSW**

**Friday
7 October
10am to 3pm**

**FREE
ENTRY**

Welcome!



Cartooning workshop

Draw people and objects with the award-winning
illustrator and cartoonist Eric Lobbecke.

Every half hour from 11:00am, finishing at 2:00pm

Vote for me!

Learn how to vote with the NSW Electoral Commission.

Every half hour from 10:00am

Mock Committee Hearing

Have your say as a participant in our committee hearings.

Every half hour from 10:00am

**AUSLAN
interpreters
available**

**\$4
Democracy
Sausage**

**The
Public Café
open**

Visit us at Australia's oldest Parliament as it opens its doors for **Family Fun Day**, an open day packed with free, fun activities for children from 4 to 12 years and their families. In addition to the above, there will be many activities on offer for families to enjoy, including craft, tours of our historic chambers, roving musicians and more...! (You might even get to meet some very important people.)



BOOK NOW



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

P: (02) 9230 2047

E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au

WHERE

6 Macquarie Street, Sydney - opposite Martin Place

MORE INFORMATION

www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/events

START PLAYING NETBALL



LEARN THE BASICS,
FIND YOUR FEET AND
MAKE A BUNCH OF
NEW FRIENDS.



NetSetGo Term 4 - 8 Sessions

Where: Edgeworth Netball Courts
Charles St Edgeworth

When: Wednesday Afternoons
19th October - 7th December

Time: 4.45pm - 5.30pm

Cost: \$90 (includes t-shirt & ball)

*Open to boys and girls
aged 5 –9 years.*

*Wear sneakers & bring a
water bottle.*

Register: <https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/c9437e>

Rego
QR Code



Need more information?

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NETBALL CLUB

