



Today's Education for Tomorrow's World

Glendale East Public School

PRINCIPALS REPORT

01/12/2023



Would you look at that? Jingle Bells is already blasting on the radio, and Christmas trees are popping up everywhere. December has arrived! As we gear up to close out 2023, just a heads-up: top-notch teaching and learning will be in full swing right until our last school day on Friday, December 15th. And yes, we're definitely sneaking in a bit of holiday fun and Christmas cheer along the way!

GEPS Canteen update

Firstly, a huge thank you goes out to Kat O'Boyle for her management of our canteen over the past two years. Kat's dedication has been instrumental in bringing delicious treats to our students. It's worth noting that the canteen's operations have been entirely volunteer-based under the oversight of our GEPS P&C. Every individual contributing their time including Kat in the canteen has done so for free, selflessly for the betterment of our children's school experience.

A special mention and appreciation also goes out to Mel Newstead, Carissa Smith, and Carol—three wonderful individuals who have volunteered tirelessly, dedicating their time week after week throughout the year. Their commitment has been invaluable and very much appreciated. Thank you.

Looking ahead to 2024, our canteen's will undergo some changes due to the persistent challenge of volunteer shortages. Operating a canteen demands multiple hands, yet in our fast-paced world, many parents find it increasingly challenging to volunteer.

Consequently, the P&C has asked our school to explore potential private tender options to ensure the sustained operation of our canteen. This marks unfamiliar territory for our school that may take some time. Rest assured, I am committed to keeping our community updated as progress unfolds.

During this transitional phase, our P&C has agreed to continue canteen operations, albeit with a scaled-down menu, focusing on snack items like ice creams that do not need hours of preparation. This adjustment aims to alleviate the burden on volunteers, allowing them to contribute just an hour of their time at the outset of Term 1. It also ensures our students still have the opportunity to spend small amounts of money and enjoy a canteen experience.

I look forward to sharing developments with our community in Term 1

New Teaching Staff

As mentioned previously, GEPS is thrilled to announce the establishment of a Support Class which will be our 11th class in 2024. The process of selecting a teacher through merit has culminated in welcoming Laura Collins, a highly experienced educator, to our team. Laura has already engaged with our beautiful students in transition sessions, eagerly anticipating her permanent role commencing in 2024.



Adding to our excitement, we extend a warm welcome to Giorgia McFarlane, joining us from Jewells Public School as a teacher at GEPS in 2024. Giorgia has also visited our school and spent time in classrooms getting to know our students before she begins permanently in 2024. Giorgia's background and expertise will be a fantastic addition to our already outstanding team.

The introduction of these two exceptional classroom teachers to GEPS adds an extra layer of excitement as our school continues its journey of growth and development.



Reports

In the past few weeks, our teachers have been digging deep into assessment data to put together reports for our students in semester 2. Writing these reports takes a lot of time and effort, so we'd love it if you could take a moment to read them with your child. If you have any questions, please free to reach out to us.

These reports are expected to be sent home on Wednesday, December 13th.

Candy Cane Christmas Fundraiser

For our final fundraiser of the year, our GEPS P & C are running a candy cane guessing competition. Guess how many candy canes are in the jar and win the whole jar!!

\$1 per guess



Tickets/guesses will be available at the Presentation Assembly 05/12/23. Students will also be able to participate during lunchtimes up until Friday 08/12.

Final draw will take place at the canteen "Red Day" on 12/12.

This is a cash only activity. Please note if multiple entries make the same correct guess the winner will be drawn at random.

Looking forward to an incredible final 2 weeks of the 2023 academic year. A reminder, our final day of school for 2023 will be Friday 15th December.

Tim Lewis.



Congratulations Academic Award Winners



★ KW

Arora S
Xaver S

★ K/1P

Eli G
Layla H

★ 1/2K

Travis G
Indi-Lee

★ 1/2ML

Mila B
Noah L

★ 2H

Sienna B
Hamish J

★ 3/4PL

Scarlett F
Millie D

★ 3/4K

Cooper F
Loki B

★ 4/5H

Eli G
Layla H

★ 5/6I

Zayla B
Mikayla P

★ 5/6M

Ruby R
Lani M

PRINCIPALS AWARD



Lexi P
Kye H

SCHOOL BYTES

Important Information

As of November 7th School Bytes will be our new way of making payments

The app can be downloaded on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Direct links are provided below:

App Store - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/school-bytes/id6463097826>

Google Play - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>



The graphic features a dark blue background with the School Bytes logo at the top left. The main title 'Parent App' is in large white font, with 'Available now!' in light blue below it. A central smartphone displays the app's dashboard, which includes sections for Finance, Payment History, Activities, Forms, Documents, and Attendance. Below these are student profiles for Demetrius Auer and Oscar Bahlinger. Surrounding the phone are various icons representing app features like a calendar, credit card, checklist, group of people, and notification bell. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'.

School Bytes

Parent App

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Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

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SAVE THE DATE!

GEPS 2023 PRESENTATION DAY

We look forward to sharing the success of our students with you. We hope that parents and carers will be able to attend this special assembly.

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER
9:30 AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

**GLENDALE EAST
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
THURSDAY 8TH
FEBRUARY 2024
10AM-2 15PM
WALLSEND SWIMMING
POOL**

FOR ALL STUDENTS TURNING 8 YEARS AND OLDER IN 2024
NO COST- SCHOOL IS PAYING FOR BUS & POOL.

For all students turning 6 and 7 years old next year they will remain at school for the whole day and participate in fun and exciting activities with their 2024 class.

Notes to be returned by Wednesday 13th December 2023.

Parents are more than welcome to attend! We can't wait to see you all there.



Dear Year 6 families,

YEAR 6 CLAP OUT

Glendale East Public School has a tradition of saying farewell to the Year 6 students via a 'clap-out' on the last day of school.

From 2.30pm on Friday 15th December, parents and carers of Year 6 students can enter via **Pandel Ave** gate and watch the PowerPoint presentation in the Hall.

At 2:45pm year 6 students will wait near the office at the top of the spiral wheelchair ramp. Students from kindergarten to year 5 will clap our year 6 students off as they walk past. Parents we ask you to please stand under the Hall Cola as the year 6 students will walk down to you on their loop before walking back up through the ramp past our students and finish at the office.

Students will collect their bags and say goodbye to their class. Year 6 students will then walk to parents on Bottom Flat and can leave for the end of the school year.

We hope to see you on the last day.

Kind regards,

Tim Lewis Meg Isbester, Emma McVey & Adam Morrison

Principal Stage 3 Teachers



Year 6 Farewell 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our annual **Year 6 Farewell** is to be held here at school on **Thursday 7th December 2023**. It involves all Year 5 and 6 children. The children will begin school as normal at 9am and the function will begin at 12pm. The function will be concluded by the end of the normal school day.

The cost of this event is \$25 and includes lunch, cake, decorations, games and entertainment. This will be an out of uniform day for Year 5 and 6 students and dress code is 'smart casual'.

Please note: Full payments are due Tuesday 28th November (online payments due Monday 27th November by 5pm) as the office cannot accept payments after this date.

We are looking forward to a lovely afternoon.

Kind regards

Mr Lewis Meg Isbester, Emma McVey, Adam Morrison & Jill Hugo

Principal Stage 3 Teachers

I _____ confirm that my son/daughter _____ will be attending the Year 6 Farewell on Thursday 7th December 2023.

Signed _____ Date _____

My child does not have any special dietary requirements.

My child has the following dietary requirements _____

(In order to finalise catering, please return to your classroom teacher by Tuesday 28th November 2023).



PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Amount: \$ _____ ITEM: _____

✓	METHOD OF PAYMENT
	<p>PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT (in place of Eftpos) – School preferred option</p> <p>Receipt Number: _____ Date: ____/____/____</p> <p>Via school website: www.glendalee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au select Make a Payment (found on the top of the front page of the website and only enter areas marked with a "*" Asterix).</p>
	<p>CASH (please send in the correct amount with your child/ren in a clearly labelled sealed envelope)</p>





Glendale East PS Parents and Community Facebook Page

see below link to join the group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2458361560926132>



Glendale East PS Facebook Page

see below link to stay up to date with everything GEPS!

<https://www.facebook.com/GlendaleEastPS>



Glendale East PS School Website

see below link to make online payments or find notes that have previously
been sent home

<https://glendalee-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



Glendale East PS Canteen Online Ordering

see below link for more information on how to start online ordering

<https://www.quickcliq.com.au/faqs#Faqs-Parents>



The Crossroads Zone PSSA

This is the Crossroads Website URL.

Feel free to have a look at the wonderful achievements of students in our zone and upcoming dates.

<https://crossroads.primarysport.com.au/>