



Today's Education for Tomorrow's World

Glendale East Public School

PRINCIPALS REPORT

22/09/2023



Wow, what another incredible term of learning and opportunities we have had. Term 3 has definitely been a busy one with many highlights.

Thank you to our incredible students for creating such a positive environment at Glendale East.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday break, especially as we enter the warmer weather months.

Please note that there is no Staff Development Day at the beginning of next term and students return on Monday 9th October. I am looking forward to a brilliant final term of the 2023 school year.

Multi categorical (MC) support class – 2024

At the beginning of 2024, GEPS is excited to be introducing a Multi Categorical (MC) support class.

Our MC class will provide support to students with similar support needs but not necessarily the same disability. Our support class will have a specialised teacher and a School Learning Support Officer (SLSO), and every student will have planning undertaken for their personalised learning and support that captures their needs and goals. The class teacher will be responsible for planning personalised learning and support for each student, in consultation with parents and carers and allied health professionals where it is appropriate. This class has a smaller class ratio with a limited number of places at any one time. This is to ensure targeted support can be offered to all students in the class.

Obtaining a position into a NSW Department of Education support class, requires an application process, a confirmed learning need or disability and support from their local school. Places for these classes are offered external to our school, by a panel who consider all students and applications from across the local area.

This will be a great addition to our school and our staff are excited to be providing inclusive learning opportunities across our local community.

If you would like additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sun Safety - Important Notice

As the temperature rises, we want to prioritise the wellbeing of our students.

Please take note of the following sun safety measures to ensure your child's comfort during the summer months,

1. **Sun-Protection:** We kindly request that all students come to school equipped with the following sun-safe essentials every day:
 - **Hat:** A wide-brimmed/ bucket hat that provides shade for the face, neck, and ears is essential. Please make sure your child wears a suitable hat to school each day.
 - **Sunscreen:** Apply sunscreen with a high SPF rating to your child's exposed skin before they leave for school.
2. **Hydration:** Dehydration can be a concern during hot weather. Please send your child to school with a refillable water bottle. Encourage them to drink water regularly throughout the day to stay hydrated.
3. **Shaded Areas:** We have designated shaded areas under our COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) to provide relief from the sun. During outdoor activities, teachers will encourage students to use these shaded spots to minimise sun exposure.
4. **Sun-Smart Education:** We are committed to educating our students about the importance of sun safety. Teachers will incorporate sun safety lessons into our curriculum, helping children understand the risks of excessive sun exposure and the benefits of protective measures.
5. **Teacher support:** Our staff will actively monitor sun safety compliance. They will remind students to wear their hats and ensure consistent and easy access to water throughout the day.

By working together to prioritise sun safety, we aim to create a safe and enjoyable learning environment for all students.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in keeping our children protected from the harmful effects of the sun.

Introducing the New Department of Education Years 3-6 Syllabus

This year our staff have been utilising a new K-2 syllabus and units of work for English and Mathematics. Our 3-6 staff have been familiarising themselves with these new English and Mathematics Syllabus, ready for use in 2024. With a focus on fostering critical thinking, creativity, and holistic development, these have been designed to empower our young learners for success in the 21st century.

The years 3-6 English and Mathematics Syllabus is mandatory for all NSW Department of Education schools in 2024. Throughout term 4, our team will be undertaking increased training around units of work and evidence-based teaching and learning programs to ensure we hit the ground running in 2024.

Key Highlights: 📖 Enhanced Curriculum: The curriculum has been updated to reflect the latest research and best practices in education, ensuring that students receive a well-rounded and engaging learning experience.

☀️ Emphasis on Skills: We're placing a strong emphasis on developing essential skills such as problem-solving, communication, and digital literacy, equipping students for a future filled with endless possibilities.

👩🏫 Support for Educators: Our dedicated GEPS Curriculum team is working tirelessly to provide teachers with the resources, training, and support they need to deliver high-quality education and inspire their students.

Stay tuned for more updates and resources as we embark on this educational journey together. Together, we're shaping a brighter future for our students, one lesson at a time.

Communication

We value open communication to ensure your child's success.

If you encounter any concerns or questions regarding your child's school experience, we kindly request that parents/carers refrain from directly contacting students, families or their peers. Instead, please reach out to the school office.

Our dedicated staff will help you schedule a discussion with your child's classroom teacher. Maintaining this communication channel not only respects boundaries but also ensures that we address your concerns effectively.

Thank you for your cooperation in fostering a supportive and respectful school environment for all. Have a great holiday break everyone, I look forward to seeing all students and families return on Monday 9th October.

Congratulations Academic Award Winners



★ **KW**

Lilly M

Abdul M

★ **K/1P**

William C

Callie L

★ **1/2K**

Indi-Lee B

William H

★ **1/2ML**

Ilya D

Caleb W

★ **2H**

Max D

Toby R

★ **3/4PL**

Harlem B

David M

★ **3/4K**

Lakeisha W

Noah M

★ **4/5H**

Felicity B

Wesley S

★ **5/6I**

Mikayla P

Levi N

★ **5/6M**

Lincoln P

Blake W

PRINCIPALS AWARD



Tiana H

Willow H

Arlia B

16/6/2023

Stage 2 Excursion – Great Aussie Bush Camp- Tea Gardens

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

During Week Five of Term Four 7/11/23-8/11/23, Years 3 and 4 will be participating in an excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens. This is instead of the intended camp to Point Wolstoncroft due to issues with costs and clashing date availabilities. The camp aligns with aspects of our PDHPE syllabus through developing student wellbeing and teamwork through physical activity.

A detailed itinerary and packing list will be sent home closer to the date.

Excursion Details

When:	7/11/23-8/11/23
Where:	Tea Gardens- Great Aussie Bush Camp
Who:	ALL Stage 2 students
Link to Curriculum:	PDHPE
Cost:	\$262 per student

Payment Details

Over the last year, the cost of living has risen significantly. In light of this, we will be offering parents an extended payment window to complete the payments for their child to attend the Canberra excursion. Please read the details carefully below:

Permission notes and payment DO NOT have to be made at the same time.

Deposits, partial payments and whole payments are welcomed by the school office.

If you wish to discuss financial assistance for this excursion, please contact your classroom teacher or the school office.

For information on how to use Service NSW vouchers as part of your payment, please contact the school office on 49549551.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hugo, Mrs Potter, Mrs Littlewood and Miss Kennedy.



Kindergarten Hunter Valley Wildlife Park Excursion

Next term, Kindergarten will be visiting the Hunter Valley Wildlife Park to enhance their classroom learning. Students will be travelling by bus to and from the venue where they will engage in a tour of the wildlife park and participate in various keeper talks and activities.

When: Monday 30th October. Departing school at 9:15am

Where: Hunter Valley Wildlife Park

What to Bring: Students must wear full school uniform and appropriate walking shoes.
Students will need their school hat, drink bottle and a packed lunch.

Cost: \$20 per student. Payment due Wednesday 25th October.

Please fill out the attached permission note and return to your child's classroom teacher or our school office. Please see attached information in regard to payment which is due no later than **Wednesday 25th October**.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Isabelle Boulton

Kindergarten Teacher

Mr Tim Lewis

Principal



12/9/2023

K - 6 – Life Education – Permission Note & Payment Information

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

During Week One of Term Four (10/10/2023-12/10/2023), all classes will have the opportunity to visit the Life Education Van when it comes to our school. The Life Education Program has been running since 1979, reaching 700,000 Australian children each year. It is a unique and engaging way to help students learn about physical health, social & emotional wellbeing and safety as part of the NSW PDHPE syllabus.

Excursion Details

When:	10/10/2023-12/10/2023
Where:	Glendale East Public School
Who:	ALL students K - 6
Link to Curriculum:	PDHPE
Cost:	\$12 per student

Yours sincerely,

Tim Lewis
Principal

Emma McVey
Assistant Principal





HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Students return Monday October 9th





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>