



# Today's Education for Tomorrow's World

Glendale East Public School

## PRINCIPALS REPORT

25/11/2024



Congratulations to Our Aspiring Year 5 Leaders!

A huge congratulations to our incredible Year 5 students who have courageously put their names forward for leadership positions in 2025. Each student delivered their speech with confidence, showcasing their dedication and passion for making a difference at GEPS.

No matter the outcome, we are so fortunate to have such outstanding role models for our younger students. Well done to Declan, Lucas F, Jasmine, Charlotte, Tori, Lucas M, Shelby, Wesley, Caleb, Mikaila, Khadija, and Lucas W. You've all done an amazing job – we're all very proud of you!

### NSW Department of Education's School Behaviour Support and Management Plan

The NSW Department of Education's updated Student Behaviour Policy requires all schools to develop a School Behaviour Support and Management Plan (SBSMP) for implementation by Term 1, 2025. At GEPS, we are proud to align our systems, strengthening our commitment to providing a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment where every student can learn and thrive.

The SBSMP establishes clear and consistent strategies to promote positive student behaviour while addressing challenges effectively. It emphasises respectful relationships, student wellbeing, and a strong partnership between schools and families. Through this plan, we aim to empower our students with the skills to make positive choices, build resilience, and contribute to a happy school community.

In the coming weeks, we will finalise our SBSMP by integrating the successful systems and programs we already have in place and exploring opportunities for improvement. The SBSMP will be published on our school website at the beginning of 2025 for all community to view.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to nurture a positive and productive learning environment for all.

## **2025 School Dates (reminder)**

The Department of Education and NSW Teacher's Federation have announced some changes to school dates commencing from the beginning of 2025. .

All public schools across NSW will have additional School Development Days at the beginning of the year and throughout the year.

### **Key dates for the start of the 2025 school year are indicated below:**

Friday 31 January 2025 - School Development Day (Staff only)  
Monday 3 February 2025 - School Development Day (Staff only)  
Tuesday 4 February 2025 - School Development Day (Staff only)  
Wednesday 5 February 2025 - School Development Day (Staff only)  
Thursday 6 February 2025 - Start day for ALL students Kinder - Year 6

### **Hats On for Sun Safety!**

As we enjoy the warmer weather, it's more important than ever to protect our children from the harmful effects of the sun. At GEPS, we follow the "No Hat, Play in the Shade" rule to ensure our students stay safe during outdoor activities.

Wearing a bucket hat not only shields your child from the sun's UV rays but also sets a great example for lifelong sun-safe habits. Hats help protect sensitive areas like the face, neck, and ears, reducing the risk of sunburn and long-term skin damage.

Please ensure your child brings their hat to school every day and remind them to wear it during recess, lunch, and outdoor activities. If your child doesn't yet have a school hat, please pick one up from our school office or by ordering online <https://www.wearitto.com.au/schools/glendale-east-public-school.html> .

If financial pressures are a concern, please don't hesitate to reach out – we're more than happy to assist families in ensuring every child has a hat.

**Thank you for helping us keep our students safe and sun-smart!**

## Behaviour code for students

### Information for students and parents or carers

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive, and responsive learning environments for everyone across a range of settings. We teach and model the inclusive and safe behaviours we value in our students.

**In NSW public schools students are expected, to the best of their ability, to:**

- show respect to other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- strive for the highest standards in learning
- act in a courteous and respectful way that makes all members of the school community feel valued, included and supported
- resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- meet the school's agreed uniform policy or dress code
- attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- respect all property
- be safe and not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, vapes, e-cigarettes or tobacco into our schools
- not bully, harass, intimidate, or discriminate against anyone in our schools.

Schools take action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high-quality teaching and learning.

**All students have a right to:**

- safety at school
- access and fully participate in their learning
- be treated with respect by other students, teachers and school staff
- express their views, set goals and self-advocate.

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments and apply an appropriate action when students are not meeting these expectations. The department is responsible for the provision of a policy framework and resources such as legal issues bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context, the NSW

Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

**Behaviour code for students: Student actions**

Promoting the inclusion, learning, wellbeing, and safety of all students in NSW public schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches across a range of settings to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

**To meet the expectations set out above, students in NSW public schools, to the best of their ability, should adhere to the following principles.**

#### Respect

- Treat one another with dignity.
- Communicate and behave courteously.
- Act and work cooperatively with other students, teachers, and school staff.
- Develop positive and respectful relationships.
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others.
- Respect the learning needs of other students.
- Dress appropriately by wearing the agreed school uniform or dress code.
- Take care with school property and the property of staff and other students.

#### Safety

- Model and follow school and class rules and expectations around behaviour and conduct.
- Negotiate and resolve conflict.
- Be aware of and take responsibility for how their behaviour and actions impact others.
- Care for self and others.
- Be safe and help others to make safe choices that do not hurt themselves or others.

#### Engagement

- Arrive at school and class on time.
- Be prepared for every lesson.
- Actively participate in learning.
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning.

19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## Term 4 Rewards Day

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

In order to celebrate a term of great behaviour we will be holding a whole school reward day next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Students are invited to participate in a session of fun water play activities at school followed by a water ice-block.

**Time/Date:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

**Clothing:** Full school uniform is to be worn on the day but students can wear their swimmers underneath if they like. Ensure they have appropriate clothing to get changed into after water play. Please pack swimmers, hat, sunscreen and a towel for your child. **Please also pack a rash shirt or t-shirt that can get wet for sun protection.**

Kind Regards,

Jess Littlewood

PBL Committee

Tim Lewis

Principal



# The School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using metro, train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

## Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

### Years K-2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

### Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

### Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

## Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at [transportnsw.info/ssts-update](http://transportnsw.info/ssts-update)

## How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

### Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students)

### Step 2

The school endorses your application.

### Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over can apply for themselves.



## Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

### Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network
- Half-price travel after eight paid journeys each week\*
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (metro/train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off†
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more at [transportnsw.info/opal](http://transportnsw.info/opal) or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find a retailer in your area visit [transportnsw.info/opal-retailers](http://transportnsw.info/opal-retailers)



Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a Transport Concession Entitlement Card. To apply contact your school or institution.

\*Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.

#### Privacy

For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at [transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal/opal-privacy-policy](http://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal/opal-privacy-policy) and the School Pass Terms [transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms](http://transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms)



**GLENDALE EAST  
SWIMMING CARNIVAL  
FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY  
2025  
10AM-2 15PM  
WALLSEND SWIMMING  
POOL**

FOR ALL STUDENTS TURNING 8 YEARS AND OLDER IN 2025.  
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 class.

Consent will need to be given on School Bytes by Monday 16th December 2024.

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





CLASS OF 2024

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YEAR 6  
FAREWELL

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GLENDALE EAST HALL

12-3PM

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

2024

A collection of colorful confetti and streamers scattered across the bottom of the page.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

## 'Back to the Future' Whole School Production

### Student Holding Rooms

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The countdown is on! Here is the rundown of how the evening will progress!

Gates will open from 5pm for our families to come and enjoy a picnic dinner before the show. Our incredible P&C will be running a BBQ from 5pm, where you will be able to purchase an assortment of food and refreshments for your dinner.

At 5.40pm – all students will need to be delivered to their designated holding rooms with their classroom teachers, so they can get dressed for the performance. *Please ensure your child has had something to eat prior to dropping them to their holding room.* Please see the following list of where your child will be located.

Class	Holding Room	Teacher
Lead Characters	Library	Mrs Johns and Mrs Matoka
KW, KP and Lorikeets	KP Classroom	Miss Felton, Mrs Potter and Miss Collins
1MV	1MV Classroom	Mrs Mulhearn and Miss Van
1/2M	1/2M Classroom	Miss McFarlane
2H	2H Classroom	Miss Hugo
3/4K	3/4K Classroom	Miss Keating and Miss Hutchinson
3//4J	3/4J Classroom	Mrs Littlewood and Mr Kehoe
4/5K	4/5K Classroom	Miss Kennedy
5/6I	5/6I Classroom	Miss Isbester
5/6M	5/6M Classroom	Mrs McVey and Mr Morrison

At 5.55pm, all students will return to the stage area and be seated in class lines with their teachers, ready for the performance.

The show will begin at 6pm.

At the end of the show, students will return to their designated classrooms to get changed out of costumes and they can be signed out by a family member.

Yours Sincerely

Tim Lewis  
Principal

Emma Johns  
CAPA Coordinator





# BACK TO THE FUTURE

JOIN US FOR A GEPS P&C FUNDRAISER

AT THE WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION.

WHEN: 4TH DECEMBER

GATES OPEN AT 5PM.

COOKING BETWEEN: 5PM - 7:30 PM

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE: \$3.50**

**DRINKS: \$2.50**

**LOLLY BAGS: \$1.50**

**FAIRY FLOSS: \$3.50**

**CHIPS: \$2.50**

CASH AND CARD AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT  
ITEMS FOR SALE ON THE NIGHT ONLY.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: WE WOULD  
GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT  
ON THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT! IF YOU  
OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CAN LEND A  
HAND, PLEASE REACH OUT TO SARAH  
OR TIERNAN VIA FACEBOOK OR EMAIL  
GLENDALEEASTPANDC@OUTLOOK.COM



PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENING WILL CONTRIBUTE TO  
THE STAGE PRODUCTION, ENSURING A MEMORABLE  
EXPERIENCE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND THE  
COMMUNITY.



# SCHOOL RAFFLE UPDATE



Hi GEPS families,

Thank you for your support with our school raffle! Here's all the information you need to participate:

### **Ticket Prices:**

- \$2 each or 3 for \$5

### **How to Enter:**

- **Cash Payments:** For tickets sent home, please put the cash and the completed ticket stubs in a zip-lock bag and place them in the P&C Red Box at the office by 3 PM on Monday, 25/11/24.
- **Card Payments:** For those who prefer to pay by card, EFTPOS will be available on the night of the school production.

### **Important:**

- Be sure to write your name and contact number on each ticket stub to ensure we can reach you if you win!

### **Prizes:**

We have over 15 amazing prizes, including:

- City Cave – Float and sauna package (valued at \$149)
- Taronga Zoo Sydney & Western Plains Zoo Dubbo – Family Pass (valued at \$152)
- Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters – Family Entry (valued at \$115)  
...and many more!

### **Draw Date:**

The raffle will be drawn on the night of the school production.

Happy ticket selling and good luck!  
GEPS P&C



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CAN YOU COOK ON A BBQ, SELL  
RAFFLE TICKETS, OR RUN A 100 CLUB?  
THEN YOU'RE THE PERSON FOR US!



We'd love some extra hands to help make this event a success! We appreciate any support you can provide.

If you or someone you know can lend a hand, please reach out to Sarah or Tiernan via Facebook or email:  
[Glendaleeastpandc@outlook.com](mailto:Glendaleeastpandc@outlook.com)

When : 4th December at The Whole School Production.

Volunteers required: 4pm - 8pm

We're aiming to avoid scheduling parents during the time their child is on stage so they can be there to watch and support.

30 minutes of your time would be a huge help!

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ALTERNATIVELY PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS IN THE RED BOX AT THE OFFICE, AND WE'LL BE IN TOUCH

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS CHILD/CHILDREN ARE IN: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENTATION  
DAY 2024**

**Arrive at 9:15 for  
9:30 start**

**DEC  
10  
2024**



**Glendale East  
Public School**  
*- Today's Education for  
Tomorrow's World -*

**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.**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

# GEPS GOES

# BACK TO FUTURE THE MUSICAL

Save the date  
Wednesday 4th December 2024

This is an outdoor event





# Glendale East Public School Kinder Transition Program



Transition sessions are on a Monday morning from 9:30am-11:00am

**Parent Q & A  
Evening  
12/08/2024**

**Parent Q&A Evening** - Join us at Glendale East Public School to find out some general information about your child beginning kindergarten in 2025. A great chance to- have a coffee ask some questions and meet some new families from 4:00pm to 5:00pm

**School Tours  
19th August-  
30th August  
2024**

**Tours with Mr Lewis-** We would love to offer you a guided tour of our school with our wonderful Principal. here you can ask questions, look at our facilities and get a feel for our beautiful school. Contact the school office to book a time during the weeks of 19th August to the 30th of August.

**Session 1  
2nd September  
2024**

**Transition Session 1-** Children are invited to come for thier first session to meet some friends and have some fun and participate in some play based activities.

**Session 2  
16th September  
2024**

**Transition Session 2-** During this session students will be involved in some fun crafts, fine motor activities, songs and games with our new friends.

**Session 3  
21st October  
2024**

**Transition Session 3-** Children are invited back to our school to be involved in some fun activities in the kindergarten classrooms.

**Session 4  
4th November  
2024**



**Transition session 4-** Meet the buddies for a treasure hunt! our 2025 Kindies will get to meet their big buddies today and will go on a treasure hunt to get to know the school.

**Session 5  
18th November  
2024**

**Transition session 5** - Children are invited to particiate in some more play based activities, songs and games with our big buddies.  
**Literacy and Numeracy information session for Parents-** While children are attending thier Transition session 5, Parents are invited to attend our Literacy and Numeracy Sessions. You will be able to meet some of our Curriculum Support Team and learn about how we teach Literacy and Numeracy at GEPS and how we can work together to support your child.

**Teddy Bears  
Picnic  
2nd December  
2024**

**Teddy Bears Picnic** - Join us for our final session of our transition program which is a whole family event. Get to know some of the staff and other families while joining in some fun teddy bear activities with your child. please bring a picnic lunch to share with your child and of course dont forget your teddy bear!

 **We cannot wait to see you there!** 

# SCHOOL BYTES

## \*Important Information\*

**School Bytes will now be used to make any payments for school fee's, excursions etc**

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 Demetric 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 left, a 'Key Features' box lists: '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', and 'View the school calendar and news'. At the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'.

**School Bytes**

# Parent App

**Available now!**

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.

**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

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play



2025

KINDERGARTEN

Glendale East Public School

Do you know of a child in our local area who will be starting school in **2025**?

We are taking **enrolments now!**

**School tours** can be arranged by appointment through our school office.

**ENROL NOW!**



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## **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/>



## **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/>**