



Today's Education for Tomorrow's World

Glendale East Public School

PRINCIPALS REPORT

09/12/2024

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2024! As the year comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our amazing students on their outstanding efforts and achievements throughout the year.

As we prepare for the holiday period, I would like to wish all our families a happy, safe, and relaxing Christmas and New Year break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for another fantastic year ahead.



A reminder to families that school continues until the final day, Wednesday, 18th December. We will maintain high-quality learning right up to the end, with a sprinkle of Christmas fun.

GEPS Does Back to the Future

What an incredible event!

A massive thank you to our amazing community members for your support of our 2024 musical, 'GEPS Does Back to the Future'.

Our students were given the chance to shine on stage, and they truly did us proud with their outstanding performances.

This incredible production would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Mrs. Emma Johns, the driving force behind it all. Starting back in February, Mrs. Johns took the lead, planning every detail—from designing props and costumes to writing the script and booking the stage. Her dedication and vision brought this show to life.

Special thanks also goes to:

- Miss Hugo for choreographing the incredible dance routines,
- Mrs. Matoka for ensuring the music and sound were pitch-perfect,
- Miss McFarlane for her stunning backdrop designs, and
- Miss Felton and Mrs. Potter for their organisation, making sure the performance ran seamlessly.

A school musical is a true team effort, and we are so grateful to every GEPS staff member who contributed in countless ways to make the show a success.

Finally, a thank you to our wonderful P&C team and parent volunteers. From managing the sausage sizzle to ensuring everything ran smoothly on the night, your support made all the difference.

Congratulations to everyone involved in bringing this magical production to life!

Jane Shines at Nationals Cricket in Adelaide!

What an incredible week Jane had at the Nationals Cricket Championships in Adelaide! Representing NSW, Jane took on multiple roles as Wicket Keeper, Opening Batter, and Vice-Captain of the NSW team.

In the first game on Monday, a 40-over match against Queensland, Jane opened the batting and skilfully handled the strong Queensland bowlers. Behind the stumps, she was unstoppable, achieving a catch, a run-out, a stumping, and zero byes. Her efforts contributed to NSW's convincing 65-run victory.

Tuesday saw another NSW win, this time in a T20 match against the Northern Territory. On Wednesday, Jane enjoyed a well-earned rest day, highlighted by a memorable tour of the iconic Adelaide Oval.

The week concluded, with Jane and her teammates crowned National Champions as NSW took the top spot. To cap off an already amazing experience, Jane was named NSW Player of the Tournament, a well-deserved recognition for her outstanding contributions throughout the championship.

We are incredibly proud of Jane and all her amazing achievements this year. Congratulations, Jane —you're a true star!



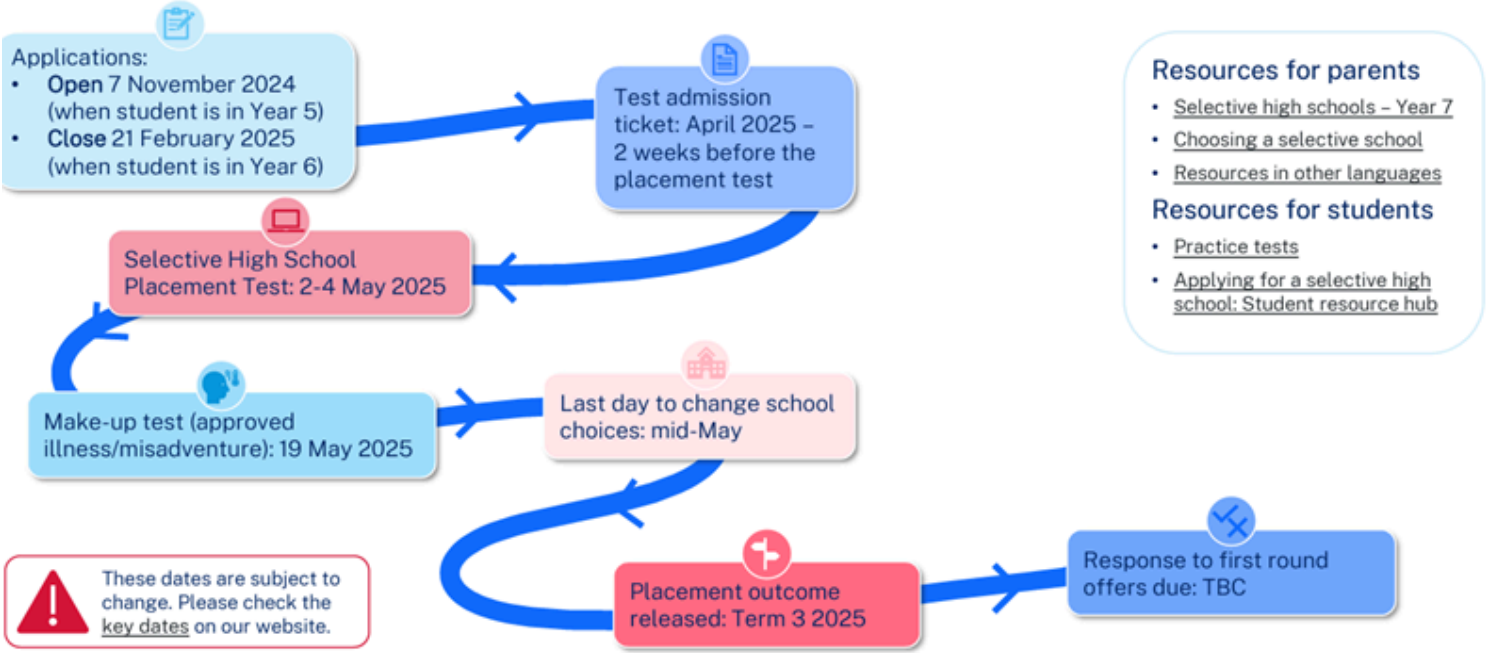
Selective High Schools – 2025 Applications

Selective high schools are for high potential and gifted students in Years 7 to 12. For Year 7 entry, parents apply when their child is at the end of Year 5 or the beginning of Year 6.

NSW Department of Education

Selective high school placement timeline Year 7 entry in 2026

Parent/carer resource



Please note, the above is just a picture, the links will not work. If you require additional information, please visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/choosing-a-school/selective-high-schools#Who2>

Beginning of 2025

A reminder to all families returning in 2025, our first day for all children, including our new Kindergarten students will be Thursday 6th February.

Form all the staff at GEPS, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Tim Lewis



Join Our Next P&C Meeting! 🎉

Let's work together to make our school even better!

 **When:** 26th February 2025

 **Time:** 6:00 PM

 **Where:** School Library

(Enter via Margot Ave or Clarence St)

 **Snacks provided!**

Bring your ideas, enthusiasm, and appetite!

 **Have Your Say!**

We'd love to hear from you:

- What improvements or events would you like at our school?
- How would you like to get involved?

 **Scan the QR Code Below**

Share your thoughts in our quick survey & let us know how you can help make a difference!

<https://forms.office.com/r/bChnepvHix>



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Family Pass (2 adults & 2 children)
entry pass ~ shallows encounter!

Entry to Irukandji is unique, unlike the traditional aquarium viewing through glass, our guests have the ability to meet the wildlife, pet them, feed them & even share the water with them.



Irukandji

Shark & Ray Encounters

<https://sharkencounters.com.au>

Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters
2 Jessie Rd
Anna Bay NSW 2316

6th December 2024

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 Wednesday 18th December 2024, 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 at 3pm as normal.

We hope to see you on the last day.

Kind regards,

Tim Lewis
Principal

Meg Isbester, Emma McVey & Adam Morrison
Stage 3 Teachers



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.



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 or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find a retailer in your area visit transportnsw.info/opal-retailers

i 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 and the School Pass Terms transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms



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

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

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.



**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.



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

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

Key Features

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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/>