



Today's Education for Tomorrow's World

Glendale East Public School

PRINCIPALS REPORT

25/03/2024

NAPLAN

I would like to congratulate our year 3 and 5 students on completing their NAPLAN assessments over the past two weeks.

All students completed their NAPLAN tasks with positivity which was great to see.



Behaviour Code

NSW Public Schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

The Department of Education's Behaviour Code for Students outlines the expectations by which all students need to abide by. The following is an extract;

Students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers, school staff and community members;
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers;
- Strive for the highest standards in learning;
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members;
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly;
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code;
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused);
- Arrive at school and class on time;
- Respect all property;
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco or vapes into our schools;
- Not bully, harass or intimidate.

The full document can be found within this newsletter.

Easter Hat Parade and Harmony Day

This week we have two exciting events happening at GEPS. Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs.

Did you know?

- Nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.
- We identify with over 300 ancestries.
- Since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia.
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia.
- Apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi.
- More than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

On Thursday this week students are encouraged to wear orange or cultural dress to show support for this fabulous day. Throughout the day, children will participate in a range of fun and engaging activities to celebrate Harmony Day together.



Later in the day, we will also celebrate Easter with our annual Easter Hat parade, always a highlight in the event calendar.

Please come along at 2:15pm to witness the wonderful creations our children have made. Our parade will take place in our school hall and around our basketball court.

School Photo Day

School photo day is tomorrow, Tuesday 26th March. Please ensure students are in full school uniform ready for their happy snaps.

Have a fabulous Easter Break everyone, I hope the Easter Bunny is good to all.

Tim Lewis



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.

HARMONY DAY

Celebrating Australia's Cultural Diversity

Harmony Day at GEPS

Thursday 28th March 2024

We are really looking forward to celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 28th March. Our wonderful teachers will be transforming their classrooms into different countries of the world and students will be grabbing their 'passports' and jetting off to destinations across the globe including England, Netherlands, Fiji, Scotland, France and Italy!

Thursday will be an out of uniform day and students may choose to come to school dressed in their cultural dress or wear the Harmony Day colour of orange.



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EVERYONE BELONGS!



JOIN US FOR THE GEPS

Easter Hat Parade

THURSDAY
28TH MARCH
IN THE HALL
2.15PM

STUDENTS ARE TO
MAKE A HAT
AT HOME WITH THE
HELP OF
THEIR WONDERFUL
PARENTS AND CARERS

The most creative hat
from each class will
receive a prize from the
secret judges!

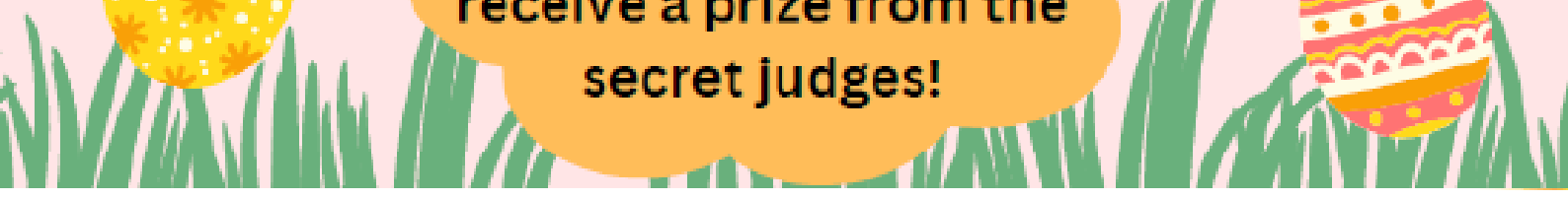
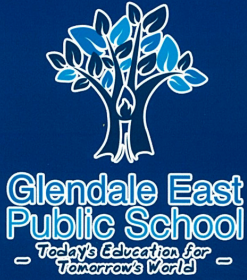


Photo Day - Tuesday March 26th



Glendale East Public School 2024 School Photos

All 2024 School Photos are to be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit
www.newcastleschoolportraits.com
and enter your code.










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Tuesday March 26th

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.
Payments can be made with any Mastercard or Visa cards.

School Packages

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| Qty Ordered <input type="text"/> | A Pack \$77 |  Portraits included: Colour 1 -(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual. |  Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo. Softcover Album 8x10" to store many years of photos (Holds 32 photos) |
| Qty Ordered <input type="text"/> | B Pack \$53 |  Colour 1 -(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual. |  Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo. |
| Qty Ordered <input type="text"/> | C Pack \$45 |  1 -(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets |  Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo. Free low res Digital Image of individual. |
| Qty Ordered <input type="text"/> | D Pack \$30 |  Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo. There are no individual photos in this package. | |
| Qty Ordered <input type="text"/> | E Pack \$30 |  1 -(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets & low res digital image. | |
| Qty Ordered <input type="text"/> | Photo Album \$30 |  8x10" Photo Album (Holds 32 Photos) A great way to store your child's photos over the years. Photo Album is available for purchase without purchasing a photo pack. These albums contain no photos. | |

**EXCLUSIVE PACKAGES
AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

Family Packages

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| Qty Ordered <input type="text"/> | Family A Pack \$35 |  1 -(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets & Digital Low Res image |
| Qty Ordered <input type="text"/> | Family B Pack \$45 |  1 -(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets, 8x12" Enlargement & Digital Low Res image |

Newcastle School Portraits
Capturing your memories for over **30** Years

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com
21 Broadmeadow Rd, Broadmeadow 2292
4965 4114

Out of Uniform Day

Classes get ready to compete!

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is organising an event to raise money for our school. The funds raised will be put into our SRC kitty. Closer to the end of the year, SRC members will decide how they would like to spend the money to further improve our school. To help support this process, we are asking students to bring in a gold coin donation for being out of uniform and any loose change to help their class make the longest line of coins. The winning class will receive an ice-cream and 30minutes of free time.

While it is out of uniform, it is important that your child comes to school with enclosed shoes and weather appropriate clothes.

Date: Tuesday 2nd April (week 10)

Theme: Out of uniform

Cost: Gold coin donation and any additional spare change (this could be a few 5, 10 or 20 cent pieces. Please note this fundraiser is not available through school bytes. It is CASH ONLY.

Thank you for your support,

Timothy Lewis
(Principal)

Angela Matoka
(Librarian)

SRC Team



2024 Assemblies

Dear GEPS Families,

This year, our assemblies will see a change as we switch to a five-week schedule. Holding assemblies twice a term (every five weeks) gives us more time for in class learning, lets parents know about award winners earlier to improve parent attendance and, the addition of class performances to make assemblies more engaging. We'll still be recognising student achievements with merit awards, home reading awards, and GEM awards every five weeks. Keep an eye out for details about class performances so you can mark your calendars and join us. Assemblies will start at 2:10 pm and are scheduled as follows:

Term 1 - Week 5 – Friday 1st March, **Week 10** – Friday 12th April

Term 2 – Week 5 – Friday 31st May, **Week 10** – Friday 5th July

Term 3 – Week 5 – Friday 23rd August, **Week 10** – Friday 27th September

Term 4 – Week 5 – Friday 15th November, **Week 9** – Friday 13th December

Below is an outline of our Term 1 classes who are going to be sharing a small performance with our school community at our assembly. It would be lovely to see as many parents at our assembly as possible.

Term 1 class performances

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| Friday 1 st March – 2:10pm | 5/6M | 2H |
| Friday 12 th April 2:10pm | 4/5K | ANZAC service |

Information regarding our term 2 class performances will come out later this term.

Thank you,

Tim Lewis





Dear Parent/Guardians,

Thank you so much for continuously supporting our school, especially through fundraising. We are excited to announce we are holding a **Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough** drive as a major fundraiser this term. To achieve our goal and contribute towards student resources.

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is an exciting fundraiser, made by an Australian, family owned and operated business. There are nine (9) dough-licious flavours to choose from, including the most popular **Choc Chunk** and **Raspberry White Choc**. You can also create your own cookie magic with the Golden Classic flavour by adding your own mix ins to your cookies when you bake them! Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is exclusive to fundraising, so stock up!

Get started! Students have now received a Billy G's Order Form with instructions on how to collect orders. Please note Billy G's is a completely cashless fundraiser. All orders must be placed online and paid by credit or debit card or PayPal, so make sure you create your online fundraising page at www.australianfundraising.com.au today!

Start Date: 26 February 2024

Final Orders Due: 25 March 2024

Estimated Delivery Date: 10 April 2024

How do we create a Fundraising Page? Creating a fundraising page is easy!

1. Visit www.australianfundraising.com.au and click the "Cookie Dough Login" button on the home page. Then click the **register** button to fundraise on the cybersafe, Billy G's Cookie Dough platform.
2. Complete the registration details, Choose your goals and create a unique avatar!
3. Place your order using the "Order Now" button and share your fundraising page with your family and friends via the "Share" section so they can start buying some yummy cookie dough. Easy!

How do prizes work? Every Student who sells a tub will receive an incentive prize for their efforts! But why not aim higher? The more tubs you sell the more prizes you will receive! There are 11 prizes available, so set your own fundraising goal and aim for them all! Prizes are automatically ordered at the end of our fundraiser based on the number of tubs you have sold. You can also gain the chance to get your very own Billy G's Scented Gel Pens by obtaining all your online virtual badges.

You can Win Big! Our highest tub seller will go into a draw to win the \$10,000 Budget Bonanza (\$2,500 Coles Gift Card, \$2500 Woolworths Fuel Card, \$2,500 Harvey Norman Gift Card, and \$2,500 Visa Gift Card) OR a PlayStation 5 Gaming Bundle. Plus, every [student/member] that achieves all online virtual badges will win your very own Billy G's Scented Gel Pens.

Happy fundraising,

Kat O'Boyle

P & C fundraising coordinator



Glendale East PS Parents and Community Facebook Page

see below link to join the group

[**https://www.facebook.com/groups/2458361560926132**](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**](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/**](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/>

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 a central smartphone displaying the app's dashboard. The dashboard includes a welcome message, navigation buttons for Finance, Payment History, Activities, Forms, Documents, and Attendance, and a list of students with their names and school affiliations. Surrounding the phone are various icons representing app features: a calendar, a credit card, a checklist, a bell for notifications, a group of people, and a speech bubble. The School Bytes logo is in the top left corner.

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

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