



# Today's Education for Tomorrow's World

Glendale East Public School

## PRINCIPALS REPORT

05/07/2024



Term 2 has been incredibly busy, filled with many educational, social, and extracurricular opportunities. I want to extend my thanks to the staff at GEPS for their tireless commitment and dedication. I know they will enjoy their well-earned break and return energised for another term of awesome teaching and learning.

### Parent forum

Thank you so much to everyone who braved the rainy afternoon to attend our Wellbeing Forum on Tuesday.

We greatly appreciate your engagement and the wonderful conversations we had.

For those who couldn't make it, we still want to hear from you! Please visit our school Facebook page and fill out the form pinned to the top of the page. Your input will help us review and refine our school-wide expectations.

This form is designed to gather feedback from our community about what you value and expect from us as a school in supporting our students. At GEPS, we prioritise three values: Safe, Respectful, Learners. We are in the process of evaluating and refining our school expectations, and your voice is crucial in this effort.

### NAIDOC Week

We had a wonderful week of NAIDOC celebrations at GEPS!

On Monday, our entire school gathered for an assembly led beautifully by Zayla and Kaleb, our Junior AECG president and vice-president.

A special shout out to our girls' dance group and boys' Yidaki group for their incredible performances. Following the assembly, students participated in a variety of cultural activities, including traditional games, art, bush tucker, artifact talks, and Dreamtime stories.

These activities were beautifully organised by our Aboriginal Education team.

On Wednesday, all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were invited to Glendale Technology High School to join students from across the Glendale Education Alliance.

Here, they took part in a range of cultural rotations delivered by experts from our community.

It was a fantastic day of new learning, friendships, and engagement.

A huge thank you to our wonderful High School and Kumaridha AECG for organising and supporting this event.



**KEEP THE FIRE  
BURNING!  
BLAK, LOUD  
AND PROUD**

**7-14 JULY 2024**

## **2025 Kindergarten**

As we gear up for Term 3, our 2025 Kindergarten transition programs are about to begin.

If you have a child starting school or know someone in our community with a child preparing for Kindergarten, please let them know to contact our friendly office team.

## **Student Academic Reports**

On Wednesday, July 3, all students from K-6 received their Semester 1 Report. Our teachers dedicated many hours to preparing these reports to ensure they accurately reflect your child's academic progress over the semester.

Please take the time to discuss the report with your child, reflecting on their achievements and identifying areas where improvements may be supported. I encourage all parents to read the front cover of their child's report, as it provides an overview of the effort and achievement scales used in the report.

## **A reminder to all families**

**The first day back for students in Term 3 will be Tuesday, July 23.**

I would like to extend my thanks to our entire school community for a wonderful Term 2.

Despite the challenges posed by wet weather, which led to the closure of playgrounds and the postponement of some sporting events, our students have handled these changes and adapted beautifully.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday break, and I am looking forward to an even better Term 3.

**Tim Lewis**

**Principal GEPS**

# 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

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**Key Features**

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# THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

This next presentation from The Resilience Project is all about Empathy and Kindness.

Empathy is our ability to put ourselves in the shoes of others to feel and see what they do.

We practice this through being kind and compassionate towards other people.

Brain imaging data shows that being kind to others registers in the brain as more like eating chocolate than like fulfilling an obligation to do what's right (e.g. eating brussel sprouts)!

Research shows that practicing empathy, such as performing acts of kindness, taps into our brain's 'mirror neurons', builds compassion and our behaviour becomes more social and community-based.

View Part 3 of the series here

Part 3 - Empathy: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2023-parent-carer-hub-inspire-martin/>

# Change of uniform providers

Recently the company Weareco purchased Country Feeling Uniforms and will now be providing uniforms to our school. For all future uniform orders, visit <https://www.wearitto.com.au/schools/glendale-east-public-school.html> . If you have any specific delivery questions you can e-mail [newcastle@wearitto.com.au](mailto:newcastle@wearitto.com.au). While the transition takes place, please rest assured that all orders currently with Country Feeling Uniforms will continue to be fulfilled. Please see information below, for more information about Weareco and how they will support our school.

## About Weareco

Dressing students smarter across Queensland since 1979, smart clothing creator Weareco has the trusted expertise and will manage the entire uniform production, supply and the in-school and online purchasing experience. Weareco's retail shop-front brand Wearitto already has six stand-alone retail outlets throughout Australia and manages over 40 in-school uniform shops to provide a smarter refreshed experience for families to outfit children for school with ease, be it online via the [wearitto.com.au](https://www.wearitto.com.au) site or from the uniform shop situated in school.

## What will change at GEPS?

There will be minimal disruption to the uniform shop operations and local support staff, continuing with the same local friendly service team. Elaine and Ian Shepherd will continue as the GEPS uniform customer service team assisting to outfit students during the same uniform shop hours and back to school periods. Some new shop branding will be introduced such as carry bags & post satchels and flags/ signage.

## Will the uniforms change?

Not immediately, Weareco has purchased all existing stock and will gradually introduce Weareco-made garments, colour-matched and size-matched to the existing range. As modern clothing creators, Weareco will focus on improving the comfort, quality and style of the uniforms and may introduce some newer innovations in fabric and clothing design over time or as directed by the school or P & C.

As direct design and clothing manufacturing experts, each facet of uniform and supply chain is still controlled in-house by Weareco in Australia. Modelled on its original locally-made factory ethics and heritage, Weareco's Vietnam factory operations are directly controlled by us so the result is a clothing partner with capabilities to deliver comparable quick production time frames to that of any Australian based supplier with improved size consistency. Weareco also have expert pattern makers for special size and custom design alterations available at no cost and delivered within 3-4 weeks.

## Will the uniform prices change?

No, uniform prices will remain the same for 2024.

## Online Ordering

All uniform items can be ordered online via the Wearitto web page [www.wearitto.com.au](https://www.wearitto.com.au) from Term 2 2024.

Home delivery is available for \$12.50.

## Warranties and Returns

Weareco offers a 100 Day exchange or refund on any unworn garments and a 12-month manufacturing guarantee.

create  
direct  
deliver

# new smarter beginnings together.

Known as the Smart Clothing Company, Weareco is proud to announce our new clothing design and supply partnership with the Glendale East Public School community and welcome you to our smarter uniform experience for students and families.

**Order online for home delivery  
or click & collect from the  
GEPS admin office.**

\$12.50 Delivery Fee Applies



[www.wearitto.com.au](http://www.wearitto.com.au)



Your online uniform order will be delivered to your home or GEPS admin within 2 days of placing your order.

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a **weareco** brand solution





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/>**