



Today's Education for Tomorrow's World

Glendale East Public School

PRINCIPALS REPORT

02/08/2024

Hello GEPS Community,

Spring has arrived, and what a busy few weeks we've had!

SASS Week

This week, we take the time to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of our School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS).

Our outstanding SASS team includes Mrs. Michelle Gorman, Mrs. Vikki Odgers, and Miss. Natalie Hartley, our fabulous office staff; Mrs. Nicole Degan, Miss Ava Osland, Miss Chelsea Lucas, Mrs. Shelley Hutchinson, Mrs. Trish Pidcock, Mrs. Kelly Casey, Mrs. Emma Bromley, Mrs. Elsie Smith, and Miss Isabel Gorman, our incredible School Learning and Support Officers; Mrs. Laurinda Lawrence, our school chaplain; and Mr. John Skinner, our dedicated General Assistant.

Without these wonderful individuals, our school simply wouldn't be the incredible place that it is.

A huge THANK YOU to our amazing SASS team for all that you do!

Father's Day Stall

Last week, our P&C hosted the annual Father's Day stall. A huge thank you to our dedicated parent volunteers for making this event possible. Our students were excited with the fantastic selection of gifts, and we hope all our loved ones enjoyed their surprises on Sunday morning.



Staffing Update

Last week, we bid a happy farewell to Mrs. Lawrence as she headed off on her maternity leave. We're eagerly awaiting some exciting news in the near future! In the meantime, Miss Van Huisstede will be stepping in for Mrs. Lawrence for the remainder of the year.

In the coming two weeks, Mrs. Mulhearn, our Infants Assistant Principal, will be taking a short amount of leave to visit family in Canada. We wish Mrs Mulhearn and her family a wonderful trip and look forward to her return. During her absence, Miss Van Huisstede will be taking over 1ML, and Miss Hugo will be stepping in as the relieving Assistant Principal.

Donuts for DUGs and Book Week

Last week, we celebrated Donuts for DUGs and our Book Week parade. A big thank you to our wonderful community for joining us at these events.

Based on feedback from our community, we combined these two events to reduce the number of times we ask you to come to school.

We understand how challenging it can be to balance personal and work commitments with frequent visits to GEPS.

We hope you enjoyed this opportunity to celebrate two significant events on our school calendar.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Matoka for her efforts in organising our Book Fair. Transforming our library into Hogwarts, selecting a fantastic range of books, and planning the book parade is no small feat.

Thank you, Mrs. Matoka, for providing this wonderful experience for our students.

Kindergarten Transition – 2025

This week, we kick off our first official transition sessions for the 2025 Kindergarten class.

We're excited to welcome our new students and their families to GEPS for some fun activities.

Kindergarten transition is a crucial time for both students and families, as it offers a glimpse of what school life is all about.

Throughout the term, our 2025 Kindergarten cohort will participate in several sessions to ensure they feel comfortable and ready for the start of school in 2025.

If you know anyone with a child starting Kindergarten in 2025 who hasn't yet reached out, please encourage them to do so to ensure they receive all the information about our upcoming transition sessions.

Attendance – Arriving to school on time everyday

Arriving at school every day on time is crucial for several reasons:

1. **Consistent Learning:** Being on time ensures that students don't miss out on important lessons or activities that are often scheduled at the beginning of the day. Missing even a few minutes can mean falling behind in learning.
2. **Positive Habits:** Regular punctuality helps build good habits that extend beyond school. Learning the importance of time management and responsibility early on prepares students for future success in both their academic and professional lives.
3. **Social Integration:** Arriving on time allows students to start the day with their peers, participating in morning routines and activities that are important for social bonding and feeling connected to the school community.
4. **Reduced Anxiety:** Arriving late can create stress and anxiety for students, as they may feel rushed, or disconnected from the rest of the class. Starting the day calmly and on time sets a positive tone for learning.

If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school on time, please reach out as there are things we can do to support.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Tim Lewis



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Hunter Valley Wildlife Park Excursion

Next term, students from the K Possum, K Wombat and Lorikeet classes will be visiting the Hunter Valley Wildlife Park to enhance the classroom learning they have been participating in over the year. Students will be travelling by bus to and from the venue where they will engage in a tour of the wildlife park, participate in various keeper talks and activities and even get to feed some of the animals.

When: Wednesday 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: \$35 per student. Payment due Wednesday 23rd October.

Please see below information in regards to giving consent and payment online through school bytes, which is due no later than Wednesday 23rd October.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Miss Isabelle Felton

Kindergarten Teacher

Mr Tim Lewis

Principal

CONSENT & PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS – preferred method is online consent and payments through school bytes

We do ask you give your consent and pay online through the School Bytes app, if you are unable to please return to the office by Wednesday 23rd October.

I consent to my child _____ of class _____ to travel by bus and attend the Hunter Valley Wildlife Park Excursion on Wednesday 30th October.

My child will/ will not require medication.

Please give details: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

School Bytes app - Online Consent & Online Payment

Or Visit: www.glendalee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Select Make a Payment and follow the prompts (which will take you to School bytes)



Jump Rope For Heart- Jump Off Day 2024

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Students at Glendale East Public School have been enjoying their daily skipping and learning new skills with their friends. We would love to give our students the chance to showcase what they have learnt alongside other sporting activities on our Jump off day. This will be our SRC's Term 3 Fundraiser who will donate all funds raised to lifesaving research and support programs led by the Heart Foundation.

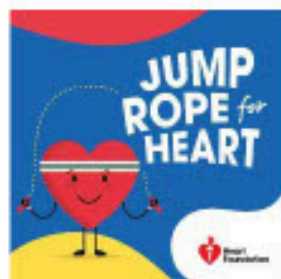
Wear: Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite sports person.

When: Friday 6th September 2024, Week 7.

Time: Sporting rotations will take place throughout the morning session. Quelch juice ice blocks will also be on sale at lunch.

Cost: Gold Coin donation for out of uniform & money to buy an ice block to cool down

Students will receive a certificate for their participation in the 7 week program and the Jump Off Day.



Kind Regards,

Timothy Lewis
Principal

Meg Isbester
Sports Coordinator

Emma Johns & Ange Matoka
SRC Coordinators



Friday 13th September



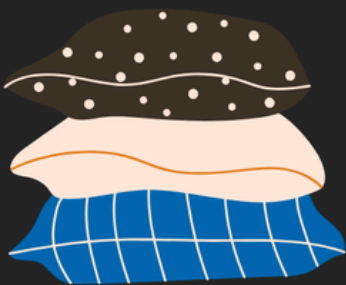
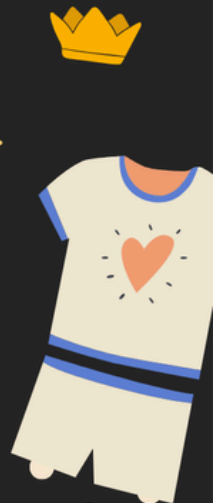
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Term 3

Pyjama & Movie Day!

Fill the lego to
the line to earn our
whole school reward!

- movie
- popcorn
- pyjamas
- BYO pillow



GEPS GOES

BACK TO FUTURE THE MUSICAL

Save the date
Wednesday 4th December 2024

This is an outdoor event



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'.

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THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

We talk a lot about Gratitude at GEPS. Some benefits of practising gratitude are:

- After 21 days, you start to scan the world for positives.
- After 42 days you become:
 - More optimistic, energised & focused.
 - Less likely to get sick.
 - You will sleep better.
 - Anxiety and depression decreases.

A few quick and simple ways to practise being grateful are:

- Journaling; each night write down 3 things that went well for you that day or purchase a gratitude journal with gratitude prompts.
- Write a gratitude letter to someone special, telling them why you are grateful they are in your life.
- Have a family discussion on the way home from school or around the dinner table about the things that went well that day or made you smile.



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>



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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/>