CREATIVE ARTS

To give students every opportunity to find things that interest them at school we will be running a number of creative arts groups at lunchtimes. These include Dance (for fun), Yoga, Craft, music making and choir. Children can participate in as many of these as they like or none at all. Col Hatchman will be continuing with his drumming program on Tuesdays also.
**Attendance**

If you are planning on taking your children out of school for holidays the Department of Education’s policy states that this will be unjustified leave and that Principals can no longer exempt students from school for family vacations. Students with large amounts of outstanding leave can be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer which can result in serious fines of up to $11000.

Our attendance target for the year is to have students attend school 95% of the time. Our whole school attendance rate currently sits at 93.5% Please ensure your child attends school every day!

**BYOD**

Glendale East is leading the way as one of the only public schools in Newcastle to incorporate Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) in our stage 3 area. Thank you to all those parents who have supported this initiative by allowing their students to bring their own machines. If you have reservations about sending a machine to school please be aware that their has never been an incident at GEPS of theft and the students are very careful and responsible in caring for and using their device. Whilst online learning is only one facet of your child’s education it is becoming more and more important as we prepare your children for high school and future careers in the information age.

**Appointments**

It has recently come to my attention that a lot of teachers class time is being taken up by people who just want “30 seconds” to chat. Whilst staff at the school make every effort to be approachable and care deeply for your children’s education and wellbeing their ultimate job is to teach. If you have information that is important for your child’s teacher to know please find them before the 9am bell. If you require a longer discussion please make an appointment that for a time that is mutually agreeable. Teachers spend many hours planning for classes and as you can imagine a number 5 minute chats can severely impact the time that your child’s teacher has to prepare. Please be considerate of all the children in the class and their learning.

**Leaders**

Years 5 and 6 are important times for students to develop leadership capabilities. Along with having the opportunity for students to be elected as school leaders there are also opportunities for other students to develop these capabilities. One of the strategies that the school is currently involved in is allowing older students to organise craft activities for younger students at lunch time once per week. All students have thoroughly enjoyed this program, well done kids!

**Rugby League Zone Trials**

Zone trials for Rugby League will be held tomorrow at Bill Bower oval in Glendale. Thanks to all those kids that nominated and good luck. Who knows is there a future Cameron Smith out there?

**Zone Girls Soccer Trials**

Trials for the Zone Girls Soccer team will be held shortly. If you have a daughter who plays high level soccer please contact the school. Zone trials are extremely competitive and children require an excellent level of skill to be selected in these teams.
School Fees

The school has set the voluntary contributions for your child’s education this year at **$44 per student**. This equates to approximately $2.50 per week or 50c per day. Included in this will be your child’s licence to Mathletics or reading eggs depending on the age of the child and all the resources that they require for the school year. Classroom teachers may require additional resources for projects or just to have in class.

Parking

There have been a number of fines given out recently in Pandel Street for inappropriate parking or for standing too long in the kiss and ride zone. Please be aware that police patrol this area regularly and whilst the fines are significant inappropriate use of this space causes frustration for all members of the school community.

School Fences

There has been some reports recently of unacceptable incidents occurring outside of school hours on the school grounds including trespassing. As a result the school is currently negotiating with the DEC and contractors to install large security fences at the Pandel, Margot and Clarence Street gates. It is not viable to completely fence the school however by cutting off access points we are hoping to restrict people from accessing the school or using it as a thoroughfare.
News from KE

The students in KE have made an awesome start to big school. The classroom has become a very busy place as they participate in a huge variety of activities as part of their learning. The children have also been getting to know one another. The following are some of their observations about their common characteristics as well as their differences.

Richard and Jayden both have brown hair, **BUT** . . . . . . .
Richard likes Weetbix and Jayden likes toast.

Piper and Leila-Jo both have curly hair
**BUT** . . . . . .
Piper has blonde hair and Leila-Jo has brown hair.

April W. and Tilly both have freckles
**BUT** . . . . .
April likes Nutella and Tilly likes Vegemite.

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Sophie and Hunter both have blue eyes
**BUT** . . . . .
Sophie wears glasses and Hunter doesn’t.

Tyrone and Adasyn both like playing Zap
**BUT** . . . . .
Tyrone has brown eyes and Adasyn has blue eyes.

Joe and Matthew love handball
**BUT** . . . . .
Joe loves noodles and Matty loves spaghetti.

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Wendy and April M both like skipping
**BUT** . . . . .
Wendy loves strawberry jam and April loves blueberry jam.

Codyn and Isabella both like playing Hide and Seek
**BUT** . . . . .
Codyn loves calamari and Isabella loves broccoli.

Brody and Dakota both have blue eyes
**BUT** . . . . .
Dakota has curly hair and Brody has straight hair.
say cheese

School Photo Day is
17 March 2015

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day

- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request

- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

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