Baby Johns has arrived!

We are happy to announce the safe arrival of Maisie Isabella Johns! Maisie came into the world on Tuesday 10th March at 6.30pm. She weighed 3050g (6lb 7oz) and was 51cm long. Emma, Matt and Maisie are all doing fabulously well. Emma and Matt are extremely overwhelmed and very proud parents. They are enjoying spending time together and getting to know their little one.
Powerful Learning Accountable Teaching (PLAT)

As you may be aware Glendale East is a pilot school for the PLAT framework of tracking students learning. As a pilot school we trial many new approaches to recording student's achievements. There are differences between grades and even classrooms at this point in time as to the progression of this tracking. We endeavour to get the most accurate evidence in regard to your child’s learning however we will not be giving out data which we are not happy with. Teachers are more than happy to discuss your child’s learning but PLAT data will not be handed this out until it is in a complete and consistent form.

Whole School Interventions

The school has identified a number of areas for individual, group and area improvements over the last few weeks and as a result we will be putting a range of intervention strategies in place to address the learning needs of all children. At times your child may receive some additional assistance in a small group or individually to address their learning needs.

Absences

Our school attendance rate for the year is currently 94.5%, please ensure that you call the office or send in a note explaining your child’s absences each time they are not present at school.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

During week 10 of this term all teachers will be holding parent teacher interviews. In an effort to keep parent and carers as well informed as possible about the learning of their children teachers will be holding evening sessions so as most people can attend. There will not be face to face interviews in term 2 only written reports, please take this opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher.

In an attempt to cater for all families teachers will be available between 5-8pm on Wednesday 1st April.

Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 2nd April for students in kindergarten – year 2. Parents are invited to attend the school at 10am on this day to assist in the making of Easter Hats. This will be followed by a parade in the hall and the drawing of the P & C Easter raffle. We look forward to seeing you there.
Our lunchtime creative arts groups are up and running and a number of children have been enjoying the weekly activities.

Our uniform coordinator, Melaine Wade will be doing a uniform order early in term 2. If you require any new or additional items of uniform please place orders with Mel as soon as possible.

Birthdays are a special occasion for kids at school and we all love it when kids bring in a cake to share. There are a number of kids at the school with allergies to various things and if you check with your child's teacher prior to sending a cake they should be able to tell you what items to avoid. Also if you send a cake please write down the ingredients. Store bought cakes can easily alleviate this problem as they are well labelled.

Our next P and C meeting will be Wednesday 22nd April. This will also be our Annual General Meeting. It will be held in the parents room at 6:30pm. If you would like to become more involved come along to this meeting or talk to Nadine Davey, P and C president about ways in which you can become involved.
**Infants Excursion to Blackbutt**

Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} April will see our infants students head off to Blackbutt for their term 1 excursion. Please make sure that all money is paid to the office promptly. Should be a wonderful day!

**Zone Rugby League**

Well done to Alex H, James S, Jacob H, Lucas W and Billy R who all trialled for the Crossroads PSSA Zone Rugby League side in what was a highly competitive field. Jacob and James were successful in being selected for the side whilst Alex missed by one place and could still make the side if another child drops out. Well done kids best of luck at the Regional trials!

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**News from IHT….**

Year 1 have had a very busy term getting to know one another and settling into new routines. We are learning to work cooperatively together in our literacy and mathematics groups, independently completing activities, using our classroom computers and ipads or working with Mrs Harrison at the teaching table.

This term we have been learning about water. We know some amazing facts about the water cycle and we are proud of the video we made about it. Please check it out at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxAalnd5k14.

We have been discussing how we use water at school and will be doing a survey for homework to investigate how we use water at home. Did you know that all living things need water to live? On our excursion to Blackbutt we will see water in our natural environment and all the living things that live in that environment.

**Naplan**

All students in years 3 and 5 will have the opportunity to sit the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy next term. The dates for NAPLAN testing are as follows

- May 12\textsuperscript{th} Language Conventions and writing
- May 13\textsuperscript{th} Reading
- May 14\textsuperscript{th} Numeracy

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from this testing if they wish. Test environments can be stressful for some children. If you wish to withdraw or have your child exempted from NAPLAN please contact the office or speak to your child’s teacher.
**Cross Country**

Our annual Cross Country will be held on **Friday 27th March at 2pm**. Parents are more than welcome to come and cheer their children along. Please send old shoes and clothes as this event will take place regardless of weather conditions.

**Pizza Day**

The canteen will be holding this term’s “Red Day” on Monday 30th March. This will be Pizza day and notes have gone home with children so that you can place orders as soon as possible.

**Movie Making**

Our Senior Students and leaders have been having fun making movies and posting them onto the school’s website. Our aim is to have a weekly news bulletin created by the students on the website for everyone to enjoy. Check it out at [http://www.glendalee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/online-news-term-1-week-8](http://www.glendalee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/online-news-term-1-week-8)

**Website**

The school has changed its Website hosting to the DEC supported school website service.

The weebly that was in use last year will no longer be updated.


The website that will be updated regularly looks like the following:

**P&C News**

The Canteen will be holding their first Red Day for the year. Pizza day will be on Monday 30th March. Pizza and a can of drink for $5.00. Please return note and money to the canteen by Wednesday 25th March.

The canteen have a “What’s in the Box?” Competition at the moment. Guesses are $0.50 each for your chance to win “What’s in the Box. Come up and have a guess.

Easter raffle and guessing competition is underway. Extra raffle sheets are available at the canteen if anyone is able to sell more. Donations of Easter eggs would be greatly appreciated, they can be handed in at the canteen.
Soccer and Netball Teams and PSSA Draw

**SOCCER AND NETBALL TEAMS and PSSA DRAW**

**Junior Soccer Players**

**Senior Soccer Players**

**PSSA Netball**

**Junior Team**

**Senior Team**

**Dunford Cup**

**Round 1 May 15**
Plattsburg v Glendale East at Plattsburg.

**Round 2 May 22**
Glendale E v West Wallsend at GEPS.

**Round 3 May 29**
Cardiff v Glendale East at Cardiff

**Round 4 June 5**
Cardiff N v Glendale East at Cardiff North

**June 12 Off Star Struck**

**Round 5 June 19**
Glendale E v Edgeworth Hts at GEPS

**Round 6 June 26**
Glendale E v Plattsburg at GEPS

**Round 7 July 17**
W Wallsend v Glendale E at West Wallsend

**Round 8 July 24**
Glendale E v Cardiff at GEPS

**Round 9 July 31**
Edgeworth Hts v Glendale E at Edgeworth Heights

Aug 7 Washout Replays
Aug 14 Washout Replays
Aug 21 Washout Replays
Sep 4 Finals

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We need Under 9 Players for 2015 season

Please email Tracey:
rucker_611@yahoo.com

Online registration at

[www.myfootballclub.com](http://www.myfootballclub.com)

Go to our website for all information (P.S. We have to cheapest regos)
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