Easter Hat Parade
Easter Hats
Absences

Our current Attendance rate is 94%. Our school target is 95% please ensure that all students attend every day.

Instagram

Please be aware that recently there have been a number of incidences that have occurred outside of school but which have become problems at school due to the use of the social networking application Instagram. Increasingly students are saying inappropriate things which are mean and hurtful or just insensitive via Instagram. Please be vigilant in monitoring your child’s activities on this site.

Cross Country

Zone Cross Country will take place on Thursday 23rd April at Federal Park Wallsend. Notes will go out today and need to be returned as soon as possible.

Naplan

Reminder that the NAPLAN tests will take place for all students in years 3 and 5 between the 12th and 14th May. If you would like to withdraw your child from NAPLAN testing please contact the school ASAP.

Bullying

Of late there have been a number of perceived incidents of bullying within the school. It is important that all members of the school community have a good understanding of what bullying is and that one off incidences or a couple of incidences over a period of weeks does not define bullying.

Bullying is defined as repeated intimidation, over time, of a physical, verbal or psychological nature of a less powerful person by a more powerful person or group of people.

Bullying is a system of behaviour that is deeply embedded in all aspects of our culture and is usually carried on in secret, shared only by the victim and the perpetrator. Almost as deeply embedded is the ethos of "not telling" by either the victim or by on-lookers.

We need to realise that bullies are everywhere, not just in our schools. To attempt to deal with the problem, open transparent and factual collaboration between the school, teachers, parents, students and the broader community is essential. Children need to learn how to deal with school bullies in order that they can develop the social survival skills to deal with the bullies they may meet outside of the school environment and in adult life.

The school is committed to preventative strategies and methods that will help your children develop the skills to deal with bullies. However, one off incidents, name calling etc do not constitute bullying and it important to define the two so that as a community we work together.

With the selection time rapidly approaching for Yr 6 students entering high schools any parents and students interested can access information from their website www.huntersports.com.au. All details and forms are available from their website or by contacting Hunter Sports High directly on 4943 5755. Applications for 2016 close on 1st May, 2016.

The school will be utilising the app much more as another means of communication. Please make sure that you download it from the APP store or Google Play. Its great for last minute reminders.

Thursday 23rd April stage 3 students will be participating in Teen Talk. This talk is presented by Susie Blackwood, a nurse educator and deals primarily with the changes that occur during puberty and other related topics.

The school will be holding its annual ANZAC day ceremony on Thursday 23rd April at midday. Representatives from the RSL will be in attendance.
This term the students in K/1M have been learning about living things and lifecycles. The students have learned about what living things need to survive. They ensured that their grass heads and bean plants had plenty of sunlight and water and enjoyed observing the changes as their own living things have grown. The students have also represented a variety of lifecycles in artworks that look great displayed around the classroom.

K/1M wish the GEPS family a very safe and happy Easter break. See you all next term :}

The P&C would like to thank all those families that donated Easter eggs for our Easter Raffle. Our raffle raised $750.00. Thank you to Maryanne Barry and Emma Morgan for helping wrap the donations. The Pizza Day the canteen put on was another great day. We raised approximately $780.00. Once again thank you to all those families that ordered pizza and sent money with their children. Thank you to Melissa, Kim, Rebecca, Rachael, Nicole, Maryanne, Emma and Shaz for your assistance throughout the day. Your time is always greatly appreciated.

Our next event will be our Mother’s Day stall. This will be held on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th May. We will be after some volunteers to help at our stall. If you’re available please see Nadine when we get back from Holidays.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd April. This will also be our AGM.

**Linen Roster**

Term 1 – Week 10: Nicole Mannix  
Term 2 – Week 1: Melaine Wade  
-Week 2: Mellissa Ott

Have a happy and safe Easter.  
P&C
Yesterday the students from K-2 went on an excursion to Blackbutt. They had a great time learning more about animal habitats and classifying wet and dry environments. The students made a model of a habitat for an Australian animal and had to make sure they included shelter, food and water in order for the animal to be safe and happy. They really enjoyed meeting 'Clyde', the resident wombat at Blackbutt, and learned about the things he needs to be happy and healthy.
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- build positive relationships with children
- establish ways to plan ahead to avoid or manage potentially difficult situations
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**When:**  Wednesday 29th April, 6th May and Wednesday 13th May 2015

**Where:**  Glendale East Public School 8 Margot Ave, Glendale

**When:**  9.30am for a 9.45 am start – finishing at 12.30pm

**Cost:**  FREE - morning tea provided.

**Bookings:**  Please call Lee 4954 5266 or email leew@thecanopy.org.au
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