Education Week at GEPS

Glendale East Public School values Respect, Honesty, Care, Love, Tolerance and Responsibility.
Musical

The countdown is on!! Our Whole school musical is less than 2 weeks and tickets are currently on sale. All the kids and the teachers have been working so hard at what is sure to be a spectacular event! Make sure that you get in early and purchase your tickets. There are approximately 240 seats per show, Wednesday 19th Matinee, Wednesday evening and Thursday evening. We cannot wait to perform for you all!!

Education Week

What a great turnout we had last week at our Education week open day. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in our school supporting the students in the amazing things that they do. Also, well done to all the kids on their efforts dressing up for the day. Did anyone find Wally?

Canberra

Only 2 weeks to go until our bi-annual Canberra excursion. Please ensure that all monies have been paid in full to the office by TOMORROW as this will be the last day for payments. WE CANNOT ACCEPT PAYMENTS AFTER THIS DATE! Medical Notes have been sent home and these need to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

Locks on Gates

Please be aware that the gates on Pandel and Clarence street will now be padlocked from approximately 9:15am each morning and will be re-opened at 2:45pm in the afternoon. If you need to access the school within these times the Margot street access will be open at all times. Whilst this may be an inconvenience from time to time it is in the interest of safety for all students of the school.

Matter of Seconds

Life Guards from Lake Macquarie City Council will be attending the school on Tuesday 11th August to run “A matter of Seconds” with all students. This program teaches students about the importance of water safety as we start to move towards the warmer months.

PSSA

The coming weeks will see a number of washout games played in the Crossroads PSSA competition.

Kindy Orientation

It’s that time of year again, Kindergarten orientation will commence on Thursday 20th August. Please see the attached sheet for all days and times.

Attendance

Currently our attendance rate is 93.65%. Our aim is to reach 95% attendance for all students by the end of the year. Please make sure that your kids attend school every single day!
Students at Glendale East have been working hard in preparation for our upcoming whole school production “A night at the Oscars” on the Wednesday the 19th and Thursday the 20th of August. Night performances will commence at 6:30pm and the matinee on the 19th (Wednesday) will commence at 11am.

Tickets are currently on sale. Ticket prices are: Adults $10, child (12 yrs & under) and concession $5 and family (2 adults 2 children) $20. Please fill out the form attached at the back of the newsletter and return with payment in the blue box in the office. This year there will be no reserved seating.

Term 3 is shaping up to be another busy term in the 4/5B classroom! We have been very fortunate to welcome two new students into our class and hope they are settling into life at GEPS.

This term we will continue our novel study of Charlotte’s Web and will follow the adventures of a girl named Alice in a digital fiction called Inanimate Alice. The students will even be planning, drafting and creating their own multimodal narrative using a digital tool called Snappy.

Our year 5 students are busy learning about state and federal government in preparation for their two night excursion to Canberra which should be lots of fun. Please return all notes and make final payments as soon as possible. Our year 4 students are focusing on local government services within Lake Macquarie and will be creating a travel brochure to promote our local area.

The students have been working hard during production rehearsals and are eager to show off their skills in our whole school concert. Special thanks must go to Rebecca Barrett for her generous offer to assist with costume preparation and to all of our parents and carers for your prompt organisation of the children’s costumes- your efforts were greatly appreciated!
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by [insert date]. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

**The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey**

Our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

The P&C’s next event is our Father’s day stall. This will be held on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th August in the parent’s room.

Linen Roster
Week 4 – 7th August – Melissa Ott
Week – 5 – 14th August – Rebecca Barrett

After a month of washed out games our PSSA sports teams have finally been able to catch a break and play some games. Round 8 saw our teams play at home against Cardiff Primary School and round 9 had us playing away against Edgeworth Heights.

**Soccer**

**Round 8**
Our junior soccer side went down 2 goals to 1 against Cardiff. We showed some excellent skills and ball control, unfortunately couldn’t come away with a win. Ashton had an excellent game debuting in goals for the second half. He made some excellent saves and always put the team into attack. Our defensive line worked hard against a sea of Cardiff attackers. Liam, Josh and Lachlan all played well together defending the goals. Riley G had an awesome game controlling the right hand side and pushing the ball forward. The midfielders showed determination and skill in getting the ball up front to the forwards. Jaxson, Harry, Poppy and Acacia all worked hard in trying to reach the goal. Well done to all our juniors, you are all playing some great football.

The senior soccer side had an absolute blinder. They came out ahead 10 goals to 0. The defenders had an excellent game keeping the Cardiff attackers at bay. Alex R, Billy, Joel W and Lucas all played well. Alex H had an awesome game controlling the left hand side and as always putting her body on the line. The midfielders and forwards just dominated the play up front. Some excellent passing and ball skills from Jacob H, Shannon, Xander and Jacob W put us ahead with every touch. Kayla and Bianca played well working the right wing and making some great runs. All players had an excellent game.

**Round 9**
Our junior soccer side had a 1-1 draw against Edgeworth Heights. Everyone had an amazing game and put in 100% effort. Jaxson and Lachlan both had an excellent game in goals showing great confidence with every save. The backline had to work hard against a dominating Edgeworth heights forward line. Josh, Curtis and riley cleared the ball well. Liam hassled extremely well and took control of the ball. Well done Liam. Ashton, Clay and Jacob had a great passing game showing excellent skill getting through the defence. An excellent over the head scissor kick Jacob too score our goal. Cooper J has an absolutely awesome game. He hassled hard, made some great runs and created some excellent chances. Well done to all our juniors.

The senior soccer side had another amazing win coming out 7 goals to 1. They all played extremely well with some excellent combinations. Xander, Jacob H, Jacob W and Shannon all had an excellent passing game, they worked off each other very well. Their combinations were flawless. Lucas and James worked hard distributing the ball up front. Joel B once again played well in goals putting the forwards in attack with every ball he kicked out. Well done to all the senior players.
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school. Stickers or completed points sheets can be dropped off into the collection box in the office. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs Field at school.
Next Wednesday selected students from GEPS will travel to Glendale Athletics Centre to compete in the Zone Athletics Carnival. Students are competing in a variety of track and field events this year and there is quite a team going. They should be very competitive and we wish them the very best of luck! Just a reminder that students are to travel by private transport to the carnival. Any students that are attending that still have not submitted their notes and money to the office are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

**SPORTING SCHOOLS**

This term GEPS is participating in the Sporting Schools program. Sporting Schools is a nationwide initiative that provides the opportunity for students to become involved in a range of organised sports after school. Sporting Schools has replaced the Active-After Schools program that was run last year. This term we are trialling a tennis program that will commence on Thursday afternoons in week 6. Qualified coaches will be onsite to coach the students and will also supply all necessary equipment. The program is free and a great opportunity for your child to try or improve their skills in tennis. The program will run from 3:15pm-4:15pm on the school grounds and students will receive a light afternoon tea prior to starting the session. At this stage the program is only open to primary students but may be offered to infants pending numbers. Notes will be sent home shortly.

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Have fun, get fit and learn to defend yourself with confidence!

Join now and receive this special offer.

Free 1st month training
Free 1st year insurance
Free Uniform
Fees from $30/month
Family discounts available

Glendale East Public School
Pandell St., Glendale
Tuesday & Thursday Nights
6.00pm till 7.00pm

Phone Wayne: 49208930
Or call in on the night
Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of the non-profit Christian organisation Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse has been helping suffering people around the world for more than 30 years. Millions of children struggle daily with war, poverty, famine and disease.

This term the children at Glendale East will have the opportunity to give simple gift-filled shoe boxes to children in a third world country. A list of suggestions of gifts for the boxes will be offered to children taking part in the project. Mrs Morris will have the boxes available to children who would like to participate in this project in week 5 of this term. The children will also hear more information about Operation Christmas Child when Mrs Morris visits their class.

If you would like to help with this project please contact Mrs Morris on a Tuesday or Wednesday. This is a voluntary project and only those children who wish to be involved will receive a box. Some resources will be available to purchase from school to help with the filling of the boxes.

If you would like your child to take part in this project and receive a box please fill in the permission slip below and hand in to the office.

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I would like my child to receive an Operation Christmas Child shoe box.  
Please return to Mrs Peta Morris.

Child’s Name ______________________
Year ______________________
Parent’s Signature_____________________
GEPS Whole School Production

Do not miss the night of nights…
Glendale East Public School,
A night at the Oscars!!!!!

Join us in celebrating all that Hollywood has to offer…

**Date:** 19th or 20th August, 2015

**Time:** Matinee performance 11.00am (19th August only)
Night performance 6.30pm

**Venue:** Glendale East PS Hall

**Cost:** *Adult:* $10.00  *Child* (12 and under) :$5.00
*Family* (2 adults and 2 children): $20.00

...and the goes to....
Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that an intergalactic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes.

- 75 x iPad mini Wi-Fi 16GB
- 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo² Headphones
- 200 x $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

Help the Dollarnites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win
To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning a prize. (Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning.

Win books for your school library
We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 76 sets of children’s books for their school library, valued at $200.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/prizeportal

Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply, see commbank.com.au/prizeportal. Promotion starts 9:00am AEST 13/7/15 and ends 11:59pm AEST 23/9/15. Student Element: Entry is open to all YouthSaver customers aged 4–13 years. One entry per School Element. Entries received when 3 deposits are made through the School Banking Program. One bonus entry received when completing a Money Mission activity on commbank.com.au/prizeportal and submitting a fully completed entry form. Max. of 2 entries per person. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 400 prizes comprising 75 iPad mini Wi-Fi 16GB space grey tablets valued at $399 each, 125 Beats by Dr. Dre Solo² On-Ear Headphones valued at $239 each, and 200 $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. The winners’ names will be published in the public notice section of The Australian on 23/10/15. School Element: Entry is open to all schools operating in Australia who participate in the School Banking Program and have at least 1 student entered into the Student Element of this promotion. Limit of 1 entry per school. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 76 prizes of a selection of children’s books to the value of $50 each will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. Prize winners will be notified at 12 noon AEDT 13/10/15 at Commonwealth Bank, Level 3, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney. Total prize value $3,918.75. Apple is not a participant or sponsor of this promotion. “iPad mini” and “Beats by Dr. Dre” are trademarks of Apple Inc., registered in the US and other countries. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ASX: CBA. ABN: 48 123 123 124 of Level 3, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. NSW Permit No LPS/15/20906; ACT Permit No TP150055172; VC Permit No 15/620; SA Permit No T15/632.
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