Thank you Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Littlewood, Mrs Taranawiwat and Mr Pryce for making our trip to Canberra so awesome!
DAY 1
Last week year 5 & 6 travelled on an excursion to Canberra. The students had to be at school at 7am—7.30am. At 7.30 we put all of our luggage on the coach to leave at 8am. We left our parents and off we went to Canberra. The 6 hour bus ride turned into a 7 hour bus ride because we stopped twice for half an hour. We had to be careful because of the thief [Mr Pryce]. He would steal all the lollies he could get his hands on! We arrived at the motel and had a not so great dinner.

DAY 2
We were all woken up by 6am to have breakfast. After breakfast we travelled to Old Parliament House but we were early so we played Red Rover Cross Over. When we walked in a lady gave us gloves and put us into two groups. We learnt about old Prime Ministers and were able to go into the Senate. Then we hopped back on the bus and drove to Parliament House where we learnt about the Senate and the House of Representatives. We then drove to the War Memorial where we found out about soldiers at war and who fought for our country.

After lunch we travelled to the Institute of Sport. At the AIS we went to the gift shop and spent some of our money before going up to the interactive indoor sport area where we played different sports. We saw athletes training in sports such as gymnastics, volleyball and swimming.

We returned to the hotel, had dinner, then headed to the Dinosaur Museum where we learnt about different dinosaurs and were able to touch and look at dinosaur bones. We all thought we would be so tired by now but some of us were still awake at 11.30pm.

DAY 3
Our last day waking up to the cold air of Canberra, cleaning, packing up our messy rooms. At 9.10 we left Greenleigh Hotel for the last time heading for Questecon.

We arrived at Questacon at 9.30. First we waited for the rooms to open, in the lobby there was heaps of cool inventions: a talking robot, a dwarf mirror which made us all look tiny and lastly there was a pool ball maze. As the rooms opened we went into the excite room and there was a 12ft tall slide. Mrs Bartlett and Mr Pryce even went on it and so did most of the kids. That room by far was the best. The Earthquake room was pretty good as it featured caged lightning. Almost everyone bought something from the gift shop.

On the way back home we were able to stop at MacDonalds. We arrived back at school at 6.30pm and happy to see our families.

From Years 5 & 6
**Fathers Day**

Reminder that the annual **Fathers Day breakfast** will be held **tomorrow Friday 4th September.** Bacon and Egg rolls, coffee by Brelicious coffee. Food will be served from 7:30am. Hope to see you there!

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**Working with Child Check – Declaration**

All parents, carers, grandparents, family and community members who volunteer at our school are required to complete a Working With Children Check – Declaration and provide Proof of Identity. This applies if you help in classroom, at the canteen, with school programs, transporting students and volunteer in any way.

The forms are available from the school office. These need to be completed and returned to the office. If you already have a Working With Children Check this documentation can be brought into school.

To review this we need your full name and date of birth.

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**Congratulations!!!**

Congratulations to James S who represented the school at the Regional Athletics Carnival, he will now head off to the State Carnival for the 100m.

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**SASS Recognition Week**

Celebrate SAS Staff Recognition Week 31 August – 4 September 2015

On behalf of the students, staff, parents and the community we say ‘thank you’ and acknowledge the vital role that our SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) have at our school.

Members employed in public schools across NSW form one of the Public Service Association’s biggest group of members, with about 6,400 School Administrative and Support Staff (nearly all women) and 400 General Assistants (mostly men).

The theme for SASS Recognition Week is ‘Our Jobs, Your Children, Their Future’ and in the ever changing world of Education our SAS Staff play a very important part of our school’s successes. At Glendale East Public School our SAS Staff are greatly valued members of the school team and their contributions are significant in supporting the students, staff, parents and members of the school community.

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**Kids look to you to keep them safe.**

For more information call 49742000 or visit [www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au). Some signs you will see around our school are. No stopping 8am—9.30am & 2.30pm - 4pm school days. 5 Minute parking 8am-9.30am & 2.30pm-4pm school days.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN NEIGHBOURING DRIVEWAYS WHEN DROPPING CHILDREN OFF OR PICKING THEM UP FROM SCHOOL – PARTICULARLY ON CLARENCE STREET. THE SCHOOL HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECENTLY.**
PSSA

This Friday our PSSA soccer and netball teams will play in the finals. We are so proud of all of our teams for making it in. Netball teams will play at Nancy Dywer Netball Courts at Cardiff and the soccer teams will play at Federal Park Wallsend. Students attending need to return permission notes and money prior to Friday. Students will be transported by bus and will play two games throughout the day with the first game for the junior teams commencing at 10am.

Sporting Schools

The Sporting Schools tennis program has been running on Thursday afternoons for several weeks. Students are having a great time learning some new skills from the qualified coaches. The program will conclude in week 10.

Year 4 Local Government

This term the year 4 students in 4/5B have been learning about the role of local government in our community. Last Thursday we visited the Lake Macquarie Council Chambers, Speers Point Library and the Lake Macquarie Art Gallery to explore the types of facilities and services that are provided by our local council. We had the opportunity to speak with Councillor Johnston and talk with a ranger while touring the council chambers. Some children were even able to try on the mayoral chains! The students showed great interest in the sculpture park and exhibitions at the art gallery and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to sit and sketch. Our stage 2 students were excellent ambassadors for GEPS and received compliments about their behaviour everywhere they went!
This term has been a busy one for 2/3L! We have been learning all about toys this term and have looked at lots of different types of toys that exist today as well as toys and games from the past. We even interviewed one of our relatives about the types of toys they played with as a child. We enjoyed learning about the history of LEGO.

Did you know the LEGO name is made from the first two letters of the Danish words LEG GODT, which means, ‘play well’?

Last week we created our own lego men as an art activity. We had to be careful to create them symmetrically.

Here is some of our work.

We are also looking at the different forces that make toys move. We are working on a project at home where we have to design our own toy that moves. We are going to bring our toys in next week to share them with the class. In week 10 we are holding an exhibition with 1/2C and 1HT and parents and students will be invited to attend and view our creations!

As well as learning all about toys, we have still been working hard in our literacy and maths groups. We have been focusing on the Super Six reading strategy of Monitoring in our reading. Monitoring means thinking about a text while you are reading it. We are getting good at this using the Read, Cover, Remember, Retell strategy which we practise with a partner.

We had a great time performing our Shrek item in the production in week 6. Didn’t we look great!
A Night at the Opera
Awards

A big congratulations to all of our award winners last week.

Congratulations to the following students who represented Glendale East Public School at the Zone Public Speaking Finals at Booragul Public School.

A special congratulations goes to Alex Holliday who received a Highly Commended Award for her speech on the day. Well done Alex!

A big congratulations to all of our award winners last week.

Awards

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Kindy Orientation Agenda

It's that time of the year again, important upcoming dates for all our new kindergarten students;

Week 3 (17/9)  Kids play drop and go—socialization (9.30-11am)  
Week 4 (14/10) Kids meet their buddies (9.30-11am)  
   6pm Parent session what to expect from school -  
   - Uniform, P&C, canteen, Reading Eggs  
   - Kindy teachers talk on:  
     * Hints for getting kids ready  
     * Preparing for Literacy and Numeracy  
     * Best start  
Week 5 (29/10) Kids learning session with buddies (9.30-11am)  
Week 6 (11/11) Kids learning session with buddies (9.30-11am)  
   Parents informal morning tea

It’s September and it’s now time to return your Operation Christmas Child shoebox to school.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned them.

Could all unfilled boxes please be returned to school by Wednesday next week.

These boxes will soon be sent overseas.

If you have not found time to fill the boxes you may simply return them as they are to school. The unused boxes will be stored for the following year.

Mrs Morris will be visiting the children’s classes next week to collect them.

Thankyou,  
Peta Morris
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