



THE WALLUMETTA NEWS

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The Values We Share

The following students are to be congratulated for receiving the following values awards.

Term 4 Week 3 – Integrity

KD	Isabella	3F	Nicholas
KH	Holly	3B	Harry
KCW	Allegra	3/4R	Sophia
KP	Stella	4A	Dylan
1P	Isaac	4M	Emilia
1T	Chloe	5G	Imogen C
1M	Lucy	5L	Harry
1F	Scarlett	5/6E	Matthew
2M	Llachlan	6C	Rose
2J	Max	6N	Hugo
2KM	Amy		

Term 4 Week 4 – Fair Go

KD	Mia	3F	Costa
KH	Frazer	3B	Amy
KCW	Max	3/4R	Saskia
KP	Alex	4A	Bill
1P	Arisa	4M	Rahul
1T	George	5G	Max
1M	Harper	5L	Kenny
1F	Francois	5/6E	Josh
2M	Joshua	6C	Claire
2J	James	6N	Spiro
2KM	Chloe		

Student Congratulations

As mentioned in our last newsletter, all three films submitted to the ArtsNorth Film Festival were accepted for screening at the Dendy Theatre, Opera Quays. We are thrilled to announce that 'Teachers Pet' took the Gold Award (first prize overall), 'Reflection to Find Perfection' received a Highly Commended Award for Best Screenplay and 'The Hunt for Memories' received a Highly Commended Award for Best Ensemble Cast. Well done to all students and their teachers, Ms Jencsok, Ms Kotouc and Mrs McDaid.

Congratulations also to the Boys Cricket Knockout team and their coach Mr Roberts who are now down to the final 8 teams in the state.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Elsinga who was the recipient of a National Excellence in Teaching Award (NEiTA) this week. Mrs Elsinga, who was nominated for this award by an anonymous member of our school community, was one of 60 teachers chosen from 1000 nominations from across Australia. I'm sure everyone in our school community would agree that Mrs Elsinga is an inspiration to students and colleagues alike. She gives 110% in everything she does and we are extremely proud of her.

Mrs McNamara will be taking two years leave from the start of 2015 to join her husband in London where he has work commitments. We will be farewelling Mrs McNamara and Mrs McDaid (who has accepted a transfer) at the end of this year.

Speech Pathology Parent Workshop - 18 November

A reminder that the parent workshop will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 18 November at 6.30pm. Please see the flyer on the School Website - Calendar page.

5/6E Arcade Games

The 5/6E Genius Hour Projects, inspired by Caine's Arcade <http://www.cainesarcade.com> and the Imagination Foundation, culminated in the Arcade Games held at GPS on Wednesday 5 November. Students and staff got a lot of enjoyment from this event, and \$200 was raised for the Truscott Street Support Unit. Well done 5/6E!

SRC News

Sue-Ellen Lovett – Tuesday 28 October

On 28th October, past Paralympian Sue-Ellen Lovett came to our school

Sue-Ellen gave the school an inspiring talk on her success as a blind equestrian. She told us “believe in yourself, don't let anything get in your way and don't stop trying”. As a token of our appreciation, the SRC decided to donate \$500 to Guide Dogs NSW/ACT in honour of the important role her guide dog plays in her life. Sue-Ellen was delighted and thanked the students for the donation. Thank you to William M for his assistance in coordinating this event.

In Term 3, the SRC bought some colourful pencils, each with a school value, to place outside the school hall. As Sue-Ellen Lovett carries out all of our school values – Care and Compassion; Fair Go; Excellence; Integrity and Respect, it was decided that Sue-Ellen's visit was the perfect opportunity to reveal these tall and very bright “Values Awards” pencils. It was a truly inspirational day.

Be sure to check the pencils out outside the hall. They are so bright – you can't miss them. Photos are on the website.

Deepti - SRC

The SRC has decided to end the year with two events to assist organisations outside the school:

You Can Make a Difference - Collection for the Exodus Foundation

For the next 3 weeks, from 17 November to 5 December, we are asking families to donate packets or tins of non-perishable food as part of the “You Can Make a Difference” collection. Please check that food is well within its use by date (these will be Christmas gifts) and is clearly labelled. Food will be collected by the SRC reps before school and from the classrooms. Let's see what a difference the families of GPS can make!

Happy Day – Bright Mufti Day Wed 26 November

Beyond Blue is an organization that “provides resources for people who are feeling down or unhappy”. The SRC will be holding a Mufti Day on Wednesday 26 November. Students should bring in a gold coin if they choose to wear mufti – and it needs to be bright and cheerful! All proceeds will go to Beyond Blue.

SRC Coordinators

Redgum Book Club orders close 17 November

The new Redgum Book Club has been a great success. Please remember when ordering online you need to select **CATALOGUE # 4 2014** from the drop down menu – and then start browsing!

It's a great opportunity to stock up for Christmas. Here is a link to our online catalogue for last minute orders : <http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au>

School Hats

As the weather is getting warmer – please ensure your child brings a hat to school **every** day. If your child has to borrow a hat from the school office can you please ensure it is returned the next day.

These are **loan hats** only. Can you also check your child's hat and if it is labelled “Office” please return it the office ASAP.

P&C News

GPS Twilight Markets

Note that the 2014 Twilight Markets will be held on **Friday 21 November** from **2-8pm**. This year's event will host a range of stalls such as jewellery, skincare, handmade leather goods, shoes, candles, gourmet treats & much more!! Feast on some handmade cupcakes, macarons, crepes or gozleme, followed up with a relaxing massage. Entry to the event is free & open to the community both young & old. Keep the kids occupied with art & craft whilst you browse the stalls for some pre-Christmas presents.

Seeking Volunteers!!

If you are able & interested in helping distribute flyers in your area, please advise the P&C Committee on gladespc@gmail.com

Road Safety and Kiss and Ride

Across 2014 many parents and carers have witnessed numerous incidences of unsafe behaviour on Linsley Street before and after school, with many feeling like "an accident is waiting to happen". With concerns raised at P and C meetings, we have enlisted the support of Gladesville Police to assist us helping make the roads around our school safer and educating our students on safe behaviours. Gladesville Police Constables have talked at both the K-2 and 3-6 assemblies.

We would ask parents to please remember the following:

- Use the **pedestrian crossings** out the front of the school and out the front of the RSL
- **Hold** younger children's hands to cross the road
- Do not walk diagonally from school to the car park
- At kiss and ride please have your child get out of the car onto the **footpath**, not onto the road
- Do not park or pick up children on the pedestrian crossing outside of the school
- Do not double park at Kiss and Ride to pick up your child
- Do not walk out onto the road between the cars using Kiss and Ride
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Please help us to keep all GPS children safe! We are a close-knit school community and anything that happens to one child is felt by us all.

Please note, marked and unmarked police cars will be present at times on the roads around our school to help us remind parents to be road safe.

GPS would like to thank the Gladesville Police for their support in assisting us with road safety and safety at Kiss and Ride.

End of Year School Celebration

The GPS P&C would like to invite all parents and carers to an end of year school celebration. This is not a fundraiser - just a chance to get the whole school together to celebrate 2014 with friends old and new.

Date: Saturday 29 November 2014

Time: 6.00 - 10.00pm (and beyond for those who want to continue the party)

Venue: The Bayview Tavern (private function room)

Cost: \$25 a head - includes drink voucher and canapés.

Tickets: To book your ticket(s) you can pay online at the Trybooking

link: <http://www.trybooking.com/GGSE>

Or put your name/ phone number / email / child's class on an envelope and enclose either cash or cheque (payable to Gladesville Public School P and C Association) and place the envelope in the P&C box at the GPS office.

RSVP: by Monday 24 November.

Contact: Melissa Coward or Marnie Reid via email at gladespc@gmail.com

Kindergarten Orientation – Uniform Shop

While Kindergarten Orientation is a busy time for the Uniform Shop, it is always lovely to meet and welcome so many new families to our school community. This year for Orientation the Uniform Shop was set up in the main building. The extra space was fantastic, it meant that people could move around easily. Thank you Judi for allowing us to use the space and to Selver and Paddy for carrying all the merchandise over for us, it was much appreciated.

Melissa C and Justine P kindly bought the fruit and helped cut it up for the Kindergarten children.

Marnie R spoke to the parents on behalf of the Uniform Shop, thank you.

To all our wonderful volunteers, we simply couldn't run the Uniform Shop Orientation opening mornings so efficiently without you. A big thanks to Helen P, Emma P, Laureen B, Marnie R, Justine P, Georgina B, Melanie R and Julia C.

We would encourage any parents with children starting in Kindergarten next year to make use of the following opening times to avoid crowds and queues the day before school starts.

Wednesday Nov 12 AFTERNOON 3.00-3.45pm

Wednesday Nov 19 MORNING 8.45-9.30am

Wednesday Nov 26 AFTERNOON 3.00-3.45pm

Wednesday Dec 3 MORNING 8.45-9.30am

Wednesday Dec 10 AFTERNOON 3.00-3.45pm

The two dates in January are usually extremely busy, and are primarily for families who move in to the area over the summer break:

Tuesday Jan 27 DAY BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS 9.30-11am

Wednesday Jan 28 MORNING 8.45-9.30am

Alison and Nicky

Uniform Shop Coordinators

Working Bee Thankyou

Sunday, 26th October was super hot for our Term 4 Working Bee and yet a great big bunch of parents and children came along to work in our school yard. We got loads of good jobs done:

Tended to the veggie garden beds:

Transplanted oregano, parsley and spinach.

Installed stakes and wire trellis.

Planted Golden Nugget Pumpkins with growing frames.

Planted border of Lavender plants.

Staked tomato plants.

Made dozens of little paper-pots and filled them with soil and seeds

to re-stock the veggie garden beds.

Clipped and pruned:

Purple Fountain Grass was clipped.

Dead Banksia was removed.

Various shrubs were pruned.

Thank you to all:

Emma P and Andrew C with Georgia and Harry

Ali and Chris A with Oli and Tilly

Janet P-S and Matt P with Jasper and Tully

Peter M

Stacey S with Jade

Marea and Peter McL with Harry

Lisa C with Olivia and Tom

Helen Kirkman

Coordinator

Transplanted:

Moved Agave plants from under the old Jacaranda Tree to the bare patch behind the hall.

Transplanted about a dozen Cordyline plants into the garden bed near the Linsley Street school gate.

These offer colour and structure under the Liquid Amber tree and were kindly donated by Bronwyn McG and Stephen L from their home garden.

Gave it all a good soak:

Watering all the plants is an essential and fun step!

Canteen clean-up:

The canteen was scrubbed and sorted in preparation for the well-deserved refreshments!

Mel and Nick P with Ollie, Sasha and Oscar

Kern W with Sebastian and Satcher

Linh and Leander F with Alex

Mitch K with Boyd and Bridgette

Special thanks to Cinden Holt for coming to take care of access and security for us on the day.

Pudding Lane Christmas Puddings

Thinking about Christmas? Would you love a hand-made pudding, full of fruit, spice, fresh eggs, butter and brandy on your festive table this year?

Pudding Lane puddings are the finest available and made in Australia.

You can purchase them right here at a special price for GPS teachers and families and all profits go to our school.

To purchase puddings:

1. Open the attached order form today and select your favourite Christmas pudding/s.
2. Place the form with your money or cheque (made out to Gladesville Public School P&C) into an envelope and return it to the P&C via your child's teacher or the school office.
3. Watch email for pudding delivery arrangements in early December.

To ensure delivery before holidays, please place your orders this week.

I will collect last orders from the office on Wednesday, 19th November 2014.

Please contact me via gladespc@gmail.com if you have special requirements or any questions at all.

Helen Kirkman

Pudding Lane P&C Fundraiser

Ryde Hunters Hill Youth Interagency is seeking feedback from young people (aged 11-24) in and around Ryde and Hunters Hill local government area. This is a great opportunity for youth to voice their opinions to the council and relevant stakeholders to drive meaningful change. This survey will help identify local youth community needs and steer the direction in which they will be addressed.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BDXT56J>