



GLADESVILLE

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter - Term 4 Week 1

Welcome Back

I sincerely hope that all families enjoyed a fabulous holiday. Term 4 is extremely hectic with many activities such as Kindergarten Orientation, Stage 2 Camp, Twilight Markets, Presentation Assemblies and reports....as well as farewelling our wonderful Year 6 students as they leave to begin High School. With so many events taking place we strongly encourage all families to regularly check the school app and website for information.

In staffing news Ms Katherine Hurst has been appointed Principal at our school, beginning in 2018. Ms Hurst is currently Deputy Principal at Lane Cove West PS. Recently Ms Julia Wanstall was appointed as Assistant Principal to our school, also beginning in 2018.

Mrs Chan has taken leave until the end of the year. Ms Jennifer Stroud will be taking Mrs Chan's duties during this time.

Tell Them From Me

Our school is currently participating in Tell Them From me surveys. Students in Years 4-6 as well as all staff are currently providing information about their experiences of school and learning. We are really interested in getting parent perspectives about the school as well to help with our planning and determining future directions. In order to gain an accurate picture, it is important to get as many parent contributions as possible. It will be greatly appreciated if you can click on the link below and complete the survey before October 13. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/w44dx>

Stage 1 Living Eggs Program

Our students in Year 1 & 2 gained great enjoyment from participating in the Living Eggs program late last term. Over a two week period these cute, fluffy chicks became very popular members of our school.



The Values We Share - Respect

KCS - Anthony

KE - Kiras

KW - Jimmy

1B - Evangeline

1C - Ben

1P - Grace

1S - Will

2H - Marcus

2J - Josie

2M -

3F - Isabella

3K - Dominic

3P - Chia

4H - Michelle

4L - Anika

4M - Sabine

5G - Ryan

5L - Will

5/6E - Jordan

6R - Kea

6S - Ryan

Selective High School Test Applications 2019

Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Selective schools help gifted and talent students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents apply when the student is in Year 5. The students sit the test in March of Year 6.

To be considered for placement students must sit the Selective High School Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Applications close 13 November.

Leukaemia Foundation Mufti-Day Fundraiser

It was wonderful seeing so many students wearing mufti on Monday and raising much needed funds to support the Leukaemia Foundation. Our local Federal Member, Mr John Alexander, visited the school at recess on this day as part of his 100km walk around the electorate. Our students enjoyed the opportunity to play handball with him and chat.



Stage 2 Cockatoo Island Camp

Students in Years 3 & 4 are very excited about their upcoming excursion to Cockatoo Island and Fort Denison to support work taught in history and geography units at school. Students will travel by ferry to Cockatoo Island, where they will camp, before taking the ferry to explore Fort Denison the following day. Year 4 will be attending on Monday and Tuesday next week, while Year 3 will attend on on Tuesday and Wednesday. Special thanks to our teachers who have volunteered their time to provide a wonderful learning opportunity for our students.

Uniform Shop Update

New uniform shop operators, new uniform, new opening times

Taleb are now operating the GPS uniform shop in its usual spot at the school. You can pay for uniforms using credit/eftpos cards and order items online (website details to be provided). In weeks 1-3, the shop will be open on Monday and Thursday morning from 8.30am to 9.30am. For the remaining weeks of the term, the shop will be open on Thursdays only from 8.30am to 9.30am. The new GPS logo polo shirt, zip jacket and backpack are now available.

A letter will be distributed shortly regarding the provision of financial assistance for families most affected by the uniform changes. Please note that the school has a two year changeover period during which the old logo and new logo items can be worn.

New second hand uniform system

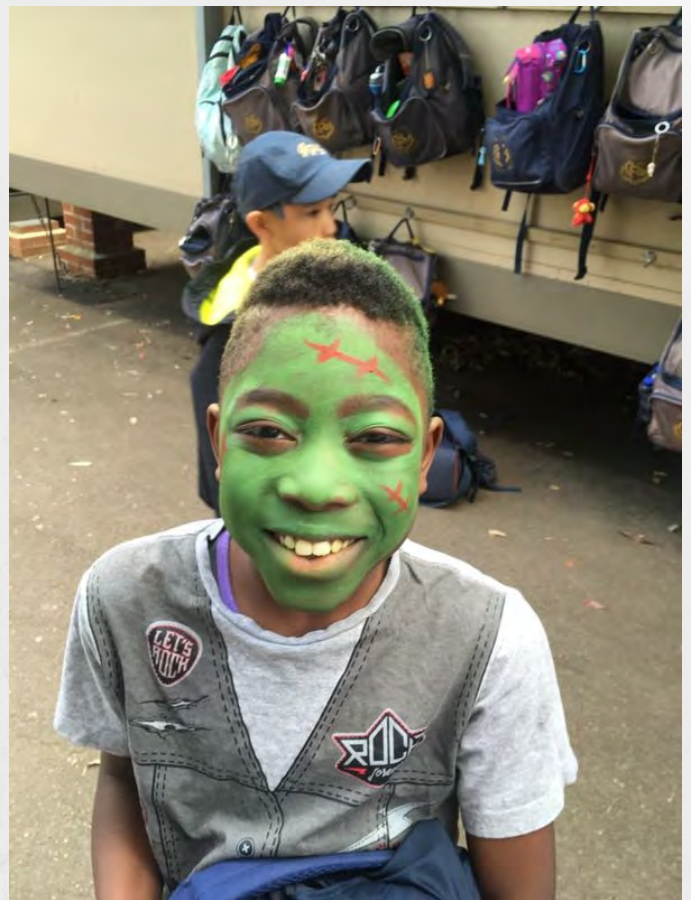
Please note that second hand uniforms are still available for you to buy. These items are stored on a rack and basket that will be placed outside the uniform shop during opening hours. Payment is to be made using an honesty box system. Please pay for items that you buy directly into a locked box that is attached to the rack (as set out on signs). No change can be provided as this is run separately from the Taleb uniform shop and the profits are collected by the P&C to be used for the school community.

Year 6 Fete

Late last term our Year 6 students ran their annual Fete for our students to enjoy. Money raised from this fete is used to purchase a Year 6 gift to the school as well as providing funds that are used this term when they run their Year 6 businesses.

I was extremely impressed with the creative, fun activities they provided for our students as well as the maturity shown in coordinating stalls.

Thank you Year 6!



Year 4 Science

Students in Year 4 have recently been experimenting, making solar ovens, cooking food and then eating their creations!



Redgum Book Orders

Book Club orders will be sent out this week. The last date for ordering books is 7 November. Please order books online - do not send money to the school. The image (pictured right) shows a sample of the books received last term using the commission from Redgum Bookclub.





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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Gladesville Public School is held on Fridays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 13 October 2017.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.