



GLADESVILLE

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter - Term 4 Week 3

The Values We Share - Excellence

KCS - Joshua / Brandon	3F - Andrea / Jack
KE - Charlie / Holly	3K - Hine / Alex
KW - Sophia / Valentina	3P - Jackson / Gloria
1B - Isabelle / James	4H - Ben / Hamish
1C - William / Juliet	4L - Scarlett / Jack
1P - Sarah / Jack	4M - Alex / Connor
1S - Duncan	5G - Llachlan / Christian
2H - Salomon / Jia Jia	5L - Eric / Matilda
2J - Lewis / Emily	5/6E - Akasha / Chloe
2M - Harry	6R - Amy / Tyler
	6S - Aidan / Bella



Kindergarten Orientation

Yesterday we held our first Kindergarten Orientation session. New parents heard from a number of speakers. Mrs Clark outlined the program for the next two weeks before Ms Dawson spoke about our fabulous P&C. Three of our current Kindergarten students, Anthony, Sophia and Matthew spoke beautifully, offering great advice to our youngest students. One of the annual highlights of this day is the fabulous Fashion Parade. Ellen Knoblanche organised our amazing models and they showcased our new uniforms in spectacular style. For many students, the highlight of the morning was meeting their new buddies and spending time in the classrooms participating in activities. New parents were able to gain an insight into what their children were doing via frequent updates on the 'Seesaw' app. The morning culminated in a tour of the school, where Year 6 students spoke about some of the school features at various locations before parents had a chance to mingle and ask questions at a special morning tea that had been prepared by our P&C. Our second Orientation Day will be held next Tuesday, 31 October from 9.30 -11.30.



Uniform Shop Update

Please be advised that the new uniform shop provider, Taleb, now has a GPS online shopping portal that you can access. The website address is <https://taleb.com.au/gladesville-uniform-shop/> or you can simply go to taleb.com.au and follow the "Shop" menu to "Gladesville Public Uniform Shop". Please note that although you can buy the new GPS polo online, some sizes are out of stock and orders will not be able to be filled until those sizes have been restocked. Priority for stock needs to be given to our orientation students, new students and anyone who has already preordered and paid. If you have any queries, you can email Taleb at gladesville@taleb.com.au. It is great to see so many people who are enthusiastic about getting the new polo and we appreciate your patience during this process.

Next P&C Meeting

Tonight's P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom from 7.30pm onwards. Please come along and join the discussions. At tonight's meeting you will have the opportunity to meet the 2018 School Principal, Ms Katherine Hurst.

Stage 2 Cockatoo Island / Fort Denison Excursion

Last week students in Years 3 & 4 spent two days travelling to Cockatoo Island and Fort Denison to support work covered in History and Geography. The students travelled by chartered water taxis to and from the islands and camped overnight at Cockatoo Island. Special thanks to Mrs Guido for coordinating this event as well as Mrs Pedersen, Ms Kotouc, Ms Fitzpatrick, Mrs Walke, Ms Stiglic, Mr Hodgetts, Ms Finn and Ms McVay for volunteering their time and accompanying students on this excursion.





Interrelate Sessions

All students in Years 3-6 today received an information note about Interrelate sessions that will shortly be taking place in the school. Interrelate has a strong reputation for excellence in presenting programs relating to Human sexuality. The school will be offering parents the opportunity to enrol in a choice of two sessions, held in the School Hall from 6pm onwards on Wednesday 8 November. The first program is targeted at students in Years 3-6 and is titled 'Where did I come from?' The second presentation begins at 7.15 and is aimed at students in Years 5 & 6 and is called 'Preparing for Puberty' Bookings are essential for these programs with tickets needing to be purchased by Wednesday 1 November.

Selective High School Applications

Parents of students currently in Year 5 are reminded that applications for a government selective high school for year 7 entry in 2019 must be made online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-clases/year-7> by Monday 13 November 2017.

Planning 2018-2020

Our school is currently in the process of beginning our next school plan that will run from 2018-2020. We highly value all parent feedback about our practices and invite you all to complete the following survey by clicking the link below:

https://docs.google.com/a/education.nsw.gov.au/forms/d/1qXfo8zmA6uR_9aLqRjTinMIN8uv-VavuJ1HxujJdL3Q/edit?usp=sharing

Furthermore, our school executive staff will be holding Parent Forums in the coming weeks to discuss the school's strengths and weaknesses as well as taking feedback about programs or initiatives you would like to see taking place in the school. The dates and times for these sessions are:

Monday 30 October - 9.15 - 10.15 Mr Roberts

Thursday 2 November - 9.15 - 10.15 Mrs Guido

Friday 3 November 8.30 - 9.30 Mrs Elsinga

Tuesday 7 November 2.00 - 3.00 Mrs Pigram

Wednesday 8 November 2.00 -3.00 Mrs Clark

Spaces are limited to 20 per session. Please book a spot online at:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?z=TIO8fr>

Please use the code: 7b7mq. Bookings can also be made via the school website.

Young In Art Competition

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded prizes in this year's Young In Art Competition:

Anika A - Highly Commended 'Baby Chicks'

Amelia Y - Highly Commended 'The Power of One'

Kiris V - Commended 'Diary Cow'

Bella P & Mina T - Commended 'Fountain of Youth'

The official opening of this competition will be held at Hunters Hill Town Hall from 6pm tonight. Artworks can also be viewed on Thursday 26 and Friday 26 October from 10am - 4pm as well as on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 October from 11am -3pm.

Code Club Success

Ms Jencsok's Coding Club has continued to achieve great success this year. We have just been notified that the GPS Code Club team, Year 4 Codies, reached the finals of the Australian Centre for the Moving Image Screen It competition.

The Codies are:

William Y.

Minami M.

Sophie YP.

Paige D.

Elysia F.

Alexandra C.

The game is called "Busting for the Present"

Their game can be played here:

Busting For the Present

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/167618728/>

Here is a link to the comp website:

<https://www.acmi.net.au/events/screen-it/>

School Payments

From an administrative viewpoint P.O.P. payments are the preferred means to make payments to the school. We have experienced a few problems with cash payments, especially when change is required. Please send the exact amount of money to the office if making cash payments. The office will no longer be sending change home with students. Instead, the school will put change forward to next payment.

State Athletics Success

Alex S and Leon S

recently performed exceptionally well at the NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival at Homebush. Alex finished 2nd in the final of the 100m event while Leon placed 7th in the 800m final.

Congratulations boys, on a wonderful achievement.



External Validation Process

Our school has recently undertaken the process of external validation. This requires the school to examine its practice using a document called the School Excellence Framework and make evidence-based judgements about its performance. The Framework describes 14 elements across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading. In preparing for this process we collected and annotated over 150 pieces of evidence that we presented to a panel of peer principals along with a 35 000 word booklet.

The school was delighted with the outcome of this process. In four areas the school was described as 'Excelling' while in the other ten areas we assessed ourselves as 'Sustaining and Growing'.

From this process the school is able to determine a number of future directions that will guide the development of the 2018-2020 school plan. A more comprehensive explanation of this process will be presented at tonight's P&C meeting.

Tell Them From Me Results

Thank you to all the parents who completed the Parent Tell Them From Me survey recently. This year we had 124 parent responses, compared to 21 when the survey was last conducted in 2015. Staff and students (Years 4-6) also completed this survey, allowing us to access important data about perceptions of our school. During this survey parents were asked to rate the school in a number of areas from 0-10 in a range of areas. The parents at Gladesville who participated in the survey recorded the following average scores:

- * Parents feel Welcome - 7.8
- * Parents are Informed - 6.5
- * Parents support learning at home - 5.8
- * School supports learning - 7.3
- * School supports positive behaviour - 8.1
- * Safety at school - 7.6
- * Inclusive school - 6.7

When asked about parent expectations for homework time versus the actual amount of homework time, the distribution of responses showed that parents on average would like approximately 5 less minutes of homework each day.

46% of parents said that social media was an extremely useful form of communication at the school.

Featuring a selection of clothing, homewares,
accessories, jewellery, gifts and more... sourced
from all over the world as well as locally.



Market in the Glades

DATE: Friday 10th of Nov 2017
TIME: 6:30-9:30pm
VENUE: Gladesville Public School
COST: Free Entry

studioJLA
architecture & Interiors

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PROPERTY
HUNTERS HILL

