



Term 3, Week1

24 July 2018

### COMING EVENTS

25 July	P&C Meeting
26 July	3-6 Athletics Carnival
26 July	P&C Sausage Sizzle K-6
6 – 10 August	Education Week
6 - 17 August	Year 2 Swimming Program, selected students
14 August	Ryde Eisteddfod, selected students
20 August	Grandparents Day
21 August	Ryde Zone Athletics, selected students
21 August	K – 2, Book Week performance
22 August	Book Week, mufti day
22 August	Bennelong Music Soiree
23 August	K – 6 Book Week, ANAASE Stories

### The Values We Share, Week 9 & 10 Care & Compassion

KW – Lachlan P/Tilly P	KT – Sophia A/Harry W	KF – Charlie R/Myra C
KS – Zac H/James W	KE – Christen D/Nicole C	1S –Cameron T/Tilly V
1W – Sophia C / Milly H	1M – Armando P/Julian H	2G – Jack P/Ruby L
2E – Lachlan M/Lucy H	2W – Charlotte M/Clara S	2/3R – Saul E/Caitlyn L
3H – Savannah P/ Elena F	3F – Yasmine K/Amina L	4M – Isabella L/Nicholas L
4R – Mia W/Harry S	4B – Lazar V/Jazmin K	5K – Paige D/Isabel H
5D – Julia S/Alex C	5P – Caitlin Y/Maya P	6S – Lilly B/Hana A
6M – Lachlan H/Justin G		

### Welcome Back & Staffing Update

Welcome to Term 3, especially the new families who have started at our school this term. I hope everyone had a safe and restful break.

As many of you were aware, Gladesville Public School had a number of staffing changes present themselves at the end of last term. These positions have now been finalised with the following changes taking effect this week.

**4R - Mrs Sophia Lentros** (David Roberts class teacher position while he continues to relieve as Deputy Principal at Toongabbie East Public School)

**KS - Ms Jess Butler McPhee** (replacing Emily Simpson)

**3F (Fridays) - Mrs Linda Eyles** (replacing Sophia Lentros)

**Relief from Face-to-Face** (RFF - to replace Sophia Lentros) - **Mrs Hilary Judge** returning from maternity leave Monday & Tuesday (Stage 3 Science), **Mrs Sally Brasher** - Wednesday (Kindergarten Creative Arts)

**Assistant Principals (Stage Supervisors)** – due to substantive staff taking long service leave there will be some changes to Stage supervisors this term.

Early Stage 1 – Mrs Alicia Elsinga

Stage 1 – Mrs Jacky Eades (relieving)

Stage 2 – Weeks 1-5 Ms Allison Rogers (relieving) – Week 6 onwards Mrs Julia Wanstall

Stage 3 – Week 1-5 Mrs Deidre Pigram, Weeks 6-10 – Ms Andrea Stiglic (relieving)

If you have any concerns regarding your child’s learning or wellbeing, please contact the class teacher in the first instance, followed by the appropriate Assistant Principal for each Stage.

## Athletics Carnival, Year 3 to 6

Our athletics carnival will be held this Thursday July 26. Students should wear suitable sports clothing in their house colours. Please be aware that spike shoes are not permitted at the carnival, for safety reasons.

In a change from our original schedule, we will now be holding the 800m races on the day of the carnival. In previous years, they have been held in the week following the carnival.

Please see the amended schedule below:

9:10am	800m races
10:10am	Tabled events begin
11:10am	Recess
11:30am	Tabled events begin
1:00pm	Lunch
1:40pm	100m/200m Finals
3:10pm	Carnival Concludes

## Building Update



The school is looking refreshed with all roofing works complete. I would like to thank the community, in particular GOOSH, for making appropriate accommodations during the last term.

The tender process has started for the installation of the all-weather artificial field, in place of the small soccer field. These works are due to be started in mid-late August.

## **P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting is this Wednesday night, 7pm. I will be presenting an overview of the implementation the current school plan and gaining initial feedback from those present in regards to parent involvement and consultation opportunities this term.

## **Student Attendance**

While the attendance of students at Gladesville Public School is generally positive, it is timely to remind parents of their responsibilities regarding absences. In addition, we will be implementing a few additional procedures starting this term to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students.

### Late Arrivals

Many students are arriving to school after 9:10am without a parent. Late arrivals require a late slip from the office. I understand that parking can be difficult, however from this point forward parents will either need to:

- accompany their child to the office to sign them in, or
- provide a hand written note to explain the late arrival.

If the above does not occur, parents will be sent home a note to provide an explanation. This will need to be returned to the class teacher.

### Unexplained Absences

Parents are required to provide, an explanation, within 7 days. This can be in the form of an email, hand written note, phone call or verbal notification to the class teacher.

To support parents who may forget to provide an explanation, an automatic notification system will be set up to send a reminder email the day after an unexplained absence. This will be sent to the family 'preferred' email address only. If absences are still not explained, the class teacher will make further contact with parents.

### Daily Absences

As an added measure to ensure student safety, we will also be implementing an automatic notification to parents the morning of an absence. This notification will be set for 10am and sent to those with an 'unexplained absence' (please note that class teachers may not update explanations until later in the day, so even if you have provided an explanation that morning, the system may not yet reflect this). Although this is not a Department requirement, it will ensure that parents are notified if their child is not at school. In the unlikely event that a child should be in attendance, parents are encouraged to contact the school in the first instance.

*As this is the first time that this notification system is used, please be mindful that there may be a few issues during the transition phase.*

Further information regarding attendance and the responsibilities of parents is included later in this newsletter.

## Education Week – Today’s schools – tomorrow’s world

Education Week will be celebrated during Week 3 (August 6- 10). To celebrate the wonderful work and talent of our students, parents are invited to join us for a range of activities during this week.

- Morning entertainment 8:40 – 9:00am
  - Monday – Training Band
  - Tuesday – Stage 1 Choir
  - Wednesday – Concert Band
  - Thursday – Stage 2 Choir
  - Friday – Stage 3 Choir
- Open Classrooms – Thursday 9 August 2:00 – 3:10pm
- Showcase of student work K-6 – School Hall
  - Thursday 8:00 – 9:30am
  - Thursday 2:00 – 5:00pm
  - Friday 8:00 – 9:30am

## School App

The current Gladesville Public School App will be decommissioned at the end of this year. We are therefore required to choose a new provider. If you use, and would recommend, a school app for a sibling at another school please click the link to provide the name of the provider and a short description of why you would recommend the app. This will help the executive team to select a new provider to begin the transition process.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPSAppSurvey>

## K-2 Cross Country

Congratulations to our Cross Country winners.

### Kindergarten



### Year 1




### Year 2




## New Award System

Our new award system will be launched this week.

 <b>Gladesville Public School Award System</b>		
<b>Merit Award for aspects of</b> Academics Social/Emotional Personal Best Community Engagement Sport/Sportsmanship Creative & Performing Arts Technology Other extra-curricular	<b>Values Award for</b> Respect Integrity Excellence Care & compassion Fair Go	<b>Incidental Awards for</b> Premier's Reading Challenge Premier's Sporting Challenge Maths Olympiad School-based Extra-curricular Achievement Certificates  *excluding sport carnival ribbons
Any 5		
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<b>Gold Award</b>		
X 5		
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<b>Banner of Excellence</b>		
X 2		
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<b>Medal</b>		

\* All awards from previous system still accumulate with the revised system

 <b>Gladesville Public School Award System</b>		
	K-2 Weekly	3-6 Weekly
Friday Morning Assembly	1 x Value Award for weekly focus	1 x Value Award for weekly focus
Weekly Assembly	2 x Merit Award	3 x Merit Award
Class Sport School Sport PSSA	1 x Merit Award – for sport	2 x Merit Award – for sport

## Term 2 Studies in 2E

Last term, 2E were learning about Tasmanian devils and discovered lots of interesting facts about them. Did you know they have one of the most powerful bites in the world? Or that their ears turn bright red when they are angry? At the end of the unit, 2E created a zoo enclosure for a Tasmanian devil. Students had to ensure that the enclosure reflected their natural habitat. They did a tremendous job!



## Grandparents Day - Save the date August 20

This year's Grandparents Day will be celebrated on August 20. Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

## Enviro News @ GPS

To help kick start sustainability initiatives at GPS we would like to encourage you to watch The War on Waste on ABC, tonight at 8:30pm (Tuesday, July 24). It will also be repeated on Sunday, 29 July at 6:30pm ABC in case you miss it or would like to watch it again!



Katherine Hurst

**PRINCIPAL**

## ***From your P&C***

- **Athletics Carnival, Sausage Sizzle**

Thursday 26 July is the athletics carnival and the P&C are organising a sausage sizzle for the day.

The ordering system is now electronic and will save time and effort to all those parents who have previously counted money and coordinated the brown paper bags.

Below is the information for the new system:

1 – Smartphone: Download the Qkr app from the AppStore or Google Play Store and create an account.

2 – Web browser: Log on to <https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/> and create an account.

3 – Cash: If you are unable to pay using the methods above, please return this form and money in an envelope to the P&C Box located next to the school office. Please put the correct money in the envelope, as we cannot give change.

- **Father's Day Breakfast & Gift Stall**

Father's Day breakfast & gift stall will be held on Friday 31 August. There are rumours that a Handball Competition will be held again at the Breakfast. More information coming soon!

## PARENT COPY - ATTENDANCE CODES

<b>Unexplained – Unjustified Partial (Late Arrival)</b>
- No parent
<b>Unjustified Reasons</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Shopping</li><li>- Sleeping in</li><li>- Working around the house</li><li>- Caring for siblings/other relatives</li><li>- Minor family events such as birthdays</li><li>- Hair cuts</li><li>- Weather conditions: rainy/windy/hot</li><li>- Frequent car problems</li><li>- Frequent late train/bus</li><li>- Non-Attendance at Excursions/Carnivals/Sports/Camps</li><li>- Airport/Visitors from overseas or interstate</li><li>- Other member of the family is sick</li><li>- Hospital visits to relatives or friends</li><li>- Head lice</li><li>- Last day of school term</li><li>- Tutoring during school hours</li><li>- Leaving early for a 'long weekend'</li></ul>
<b>Justified Leave – Should be applied for in ADVANCE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Misadventure or unforeseen event</li><li>- Domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member</li><li>- Attending funerals</li><li>- Travel in Australia or overseas with prior permission for granting leave from school Less than 10 school days, a note to the classroom teacher. More than 10 school days a formal '<i>Application for Extended Leave – Travel</i>' must be completed and documentation of the proposed travel supplied to the Principal</li><li>- Recognised religious festivals or ceremonial occasions</li><li>- Speech Therapy/Occupational Therapy</li><li>- Employment in the entertainment industry – short term</li></ul>
<b>Justified – Sick</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- General sickness/illness</li><li>- Medical appointment which could not be arranged outside of school hours, including dental</li></ul> <p>*For periods of 3 days or more it is advisable to get a medical certificate</p>
<b>Exemption – Via Application to Principal</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Exceptional circumstances</li><li>- Employment in the entertainment industry – long term</li><li>- Participation in elite sporting event including for short periods of time i.e. for one or two days, and at short notice</li><li>- Participation in elite arts program – long term</li></ul>



# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### **Policy, information and brochures:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

#### **The school leaving age:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

#### **Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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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 27 July 2018.

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](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.