



Term 1, Week 1

31 January 2019

| COMING EVENTS | |
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| 4 February | 1 st day of school, Kindergarten 9:10-2pm all this week |
| 4 February | Tea & Tissues, 9:10am an informal get together for our new Kindergarten parents |
| 7 February | Years 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival |
| 7 February | SEAL program Year 1 commences (5wk program) |
| 12 February | SEAL program Kindergarten commences (5wk program) |
| 19 February | Parent Information Night |
| 22 February | Greetings on the Green, 5-8pm |
| 28 February | Clean up GPS day |

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the 2019 school year. I do hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer break and that the students are ready for an enjoyable year ahead. In particular, I would like to welcome any new families to the Gladesville Public School community. I look forward to meeting you all at Greetings on the Green our community welcome evening on Friday February 22.

Staffing Update

As the year begins there are few staffing changes to announce.

Welcome back to Megan Chan who returns from maternity leave for this term. I would also like to welcome Linda Eyles as a permanent classroom teacher to Gladesville Public School, as well as Victoria Rampton and Genevieve Titov who will be working in a part time capacity this year.

Utilising specific funding by the Department of Education for improving literacy and numeracy outcomes, Julia Wanstall has successfully gained a school created position of Deputy Principal with a focus on Instructional Leadership for the 2019 teaching year. Julia will be working directly with class teachers to ensure high quality teaching practices through modelling explicit teaching, enhancing the use of assessment data across the school and reviewing and implementing revised teaching and learning programs. As a result, I welcome Maxine Johnson, who will relieve as Assistant Principal for Stage 1 this year.

Ben Green joins the teaching staff until a permanent replacement is appointed for David Roberts. Andrea Stiglic will relieve as Assistant Principal of Stage 3 until the permanent position is filled, which will likely be effective from the start of Term 2.

Deidre Pigram is returning in a part time capacity as Assistant Principal for Stage 2. Jacky Eades will share the role as Assistant Principal for Stage 2.

Alicia Elsinga will continue in her role as a teacher mentor for the 2019 teaching year, while also teaching a Kindergarten class one day a week. This program is vital in ensuring that our early career teachers are provided with ongoing professional development through collaboration with an expert teacher mentor.

Our students were placed into the 2019 classes today, with Kindergarten due to start on Monday. Please find a list of class teachers below.

Executive Staff

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| Mrs Katherine Hurst | Principal |
| Ms Candice Barnard | Deputy Principal |
| Ms Julia Wanstall | Deputy Principal – Instructional Leadership |
| Mrs Alicia Elsinga | Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal /Teacher Mentor |
| Mrs Maxine Johnson | Stage 1 Assistant Principal (Rel.) |
| Mrs Deidre Pigram/Mrs Jacky Eades | Stage 2 Assistant Principal |
| Ms Andrea Stiglic | Stage 3 Assistant Principal (Rel.) |

Teaching Staff

KJ Mrs Hilary Judge / Mrs Alicia Elsinga
KE Ms Whitney Erskine
KF Ms Kirsten Finn
KA Ms Alison Kelleard
1G Mr Manning Gay
1W Mrs Jenny Walke
1M Ms Jenny Mansfield
1R Mrs Rebekah Ratcliffe
1/2J Mrs Maxine Johnson
2G Mrs Lynda Guido
2R Ms Allison Rogers
3D Mrs Deanna Pedersen
3P Mrs Deidre Pigram / Mrs Linda Eyles
3/4E Mrs Jacky Eades
4F Ms Jane FitzPatrick / Mrs Genevieve Titov

4M Ms Anushka Miller

5K Ms Maria Kotouc / Mrs Megan Chan

5G Mr Ben Green

5/6S Ms Andrea Stiglic

6B Ms Jackie Borg

6M Ms Lucy McVay

Specialist Programs

Mrs Angela Fasullo Learning and Support

Mrs Kathy Gounakis English as an Additional Language/Dialect

Mrs Jess McNamara English as an Additional Language/Dialect

Mrs Inez Goodfellow Teacher Librarian

Mrs Lisa Jencsok Technology Teacher

Mrs Victoria Rampton Creative Arts Teacher (Mon/Tue)

Mrs Megan Chan Creative Arts Teacher (Mon)

Student Administration and Support Staff

Mrs Cinden Holt School Administration Manager

Mrs Kylie Hewitt School Administration Officer

Mrs Michelle Pessagno School Administration Officer

Mrs Kylie Anne School Administration Officer

Mr Pat Donnellan General Assistant

Swimming Carnival

The 3-6 swimming carnival will be held at Ryde Aquatic Centre next Thursday 7 February. Please ensure that all permission notes are returned to class teachers this week. Students will not be able to attend if permission is not received. As well as the permission note, to select events for your child please visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> and use the code cm5pp.

Students in Year 2 turning 8 this year may attend the carnival if they are strong swimmers, capable of competing in the 50m races.

Meet the Teacher Evening

The parent information night will be held on Tuesday 19 February, with two information sessions: a general information session in the hall and a meet the teacher session in the classroom.

Meet the Teacher - You will be given further information about the year to come during this session.

- 6.00pm – 6.30pm – K-2 Meet the Teacher/Parent Information in classrooms
 - 6.30pm – 7.00pm– 3-6 Meet the Teacher/Parent Information in classrooms
- *Year 6 families will also be provided with an information session on applying for High School

General Information Sessions - By the Principal, Deputy Principal and P&C President - the same content will be presented at each session.

- 5:30pm - 6:00pm (including an introduction to K-2 Teachers)
- 6.00pm - 6.30pm (including an introduction to 3-6 Teachers)
- 7:00pm - 7:30pm (no teacher introduction)

* Please note, class 4M's meet the teacher session will be held at the earlier time of 4:45pm

Content covered:

- 2019 priorities and update on the whole school focus on student wellbeing
- homework procedures
- attendance procedures
- parent feedback/communication/complaints - a video presentation by the Department of Education to support the new School and Community Charter
- P&C presentation

Parent Contact List

Each year at the Parent Information Evening the P&C provide families with the opportunity to share contact information for communication purposes, school and class specific. To streamline this process please follow this link to provide your contact information. This will need to be completed for each child. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019classlist>

School Times

A reminder that morning bell time is 9.10am. Late arrivals must firstly report to the school office accompanied by a parent. Please keep in mind that students who are consistently late to class, not only miss important information for the day, but disrupt whole class organisation. School supervision commences at 8.40am.

Afternoon bell is 3.10pm and students are expected to be picked up promptly as supervision is not available after this time. If students need to leave school early, they must firstly be signed out at the school office.

Applications for extended leave are available from the office and website.

GOOSH – Changes

Last year the community was consulted about the decision to continue to operate the before and after school care, GOOSH, as a parent run community-based service.

Unfortunately, over the past 12 months the growth in the use of the service and the complex nature of operating a larger service has resulted in higher demands being placed on the volunteer parent management committee. This has included, but is not limited to, account management; the managing, hiring, paying and training of staff; ensuring the service is meeting legislative requirements; communicating with the users of the services; managing complaints and grievances; and attending regular meetings with the school and as a parent management committee. While I commend the current and past members of the parent management committee, it has been decided that the service can no longer continue to be managed by parent volunteers. The time requirements and responsibilities placed on these working parent volunteers has become unworkable. I have therefore initiated the tender process to seek a new provider.

In the next week I will be forming a panel to work with the Department of Education through the tender process. This will include a teacher representative, 1 – 2 parent representatives and me. The actual process will take up to three months, however it is hoped that the new provider will be in place for the start of Term 2.

Parents and students who use GOOSH will have the opportunity to provide comments to assist the panel to make the most informed decision for the community.

Please contact me via the office if you wish to discuss this further.

Coulter Street Closure

As you are aware, the Coulter Street upgrade is going ahead as per the community discussion last year. I have been advised that Coulter Street will be closed during the construction period from February 11 to the end June 2019 (weather permitting).

There will be no access to Coulter Street by pedestrians or vehicles during this time. There will be a VMS board advising drivers about the Coulter St closure in place.

To ensure the safety of all students there may be changes to which exits are used to access Linsley Street. The executive staff will monitor the flow of pedestrian traffic when the closures begin, then communicate any changes

Assembly – New Day

Assemblies will now take place on a Wednesday afternoon on alternate weeks. Years 3-6 will attend assembly during even weeks, and K-2 during odd weeks. The first assembly for 3-6 and for K-2 will be a rehearsal, then each week following a different class or group will

host the assembly. A schedule and times will be shared in the next newsletter. Parents are invited to attend if available.

During the alternate week students will participate in wellbeing lessons to support the PDHPE curriculum and whole school focus on student wellbeing.

SRC

The SRC would like to thank all families for helping with last year's Can Drive. With your support we successfully donated 1739 cans to the Exodus foundation - one of the biggest they have received.

We look forward to all the events that will be held this year, led by our new Student Executive team and SRC class representatives.

News from your P&C

Welcome to the new school year! The P&C is hitting the ground running with its annual Greetings on the Green event which is being held on Friday 22 February from 5pm to 8pm.

Please save the date and come along with all the family. Breaking with the disco tradition, this year we have invited the Bennelong Youth Orchestra to entertain us (hopefully outdoors, weather permitting). We will also be handing out colourful leis (Hawaiian style garlands) to new parents/carers coming to the event (kindergarten and otherwise). The idea is that the rest of the community can identify the parents/carers who are new and be extra friendly to them and help them make lots of new connections. As usual, we will have the Year 6 stalls and yummy food for sale including sausage sizzle, paella and gelato.

Please note that our first P&C meeting for the year is on Wednesday 27 February at 7pm in the school staffroom (enter via the staff carpark). We would love to see some new faces, so come along if you are interested. You will be surprised by how much you can learn about what's happening at the school in one meeting.