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Term 4, Week 3

29 October 2019

COMING EVENTS	
30 October	P&C Meeting
5 November	Colour Run
7 November	Kindergarten 2020 Orientation
7 November	Outdoor classroom day
8 November	Greatest Showman P&C Movie Night
14 November	Bennelong Music Soiree 6 to 8pm

Value Awards Weeks 1 & 2

KA – Annabelle C/Lily W	KF – Natalie Y/Noirit T	KJ – Alannah C/Drew B	KE – Louis J/Thomas Abood
1G – Julien O	1M – Lachlan P/Emma B	1R – Charlie W/Gabriel M	1W – Sergio D/Catherine Y
1/2J – Jaden K/Sophia C	2G – Solomon P/Annalia C	2R – Tom G/Armando P/Harry C	3P – Madeline J/Will D/Shreyasi D/Jad A
3D – Olivia N/Tom C/Jacob H/Clara S	3/4E – Holly W/Lucas M/Nicholas Y	4F – Aiden K/Edward W/Alexandro C/Mabel P	4M – Joshua K/Amina L
5K – Hannah Y/Shahoren H	5G – Chelsea S/Luis L/Jack S/Charli H	5/6S – Zach W/Audrey N	6B – Harvey H/Millie W/Isabel H/Kingston W
6M – Caitlin Y/Ayan K/Emily M/Maya P			

Early Arrivals to School

Parents are reminded that morning supervision does not begin until 8:40am. Students should not be in attendance prior to this unless attending GOOSH, a morning extra-curricular activity or are supervised by a parent or caregiver. As a matter of safety any student who arrives before 8:40am must go to the Principal's office, and parents will be notified. Parents will need to arrange alternate childcare if child is arriving at school early on a regular basis. Kids Capers (GOOSH) have availability and can be contacted on 9817 3977 or 0481 436 746.

Next P&C Meeting – Tomorrow

The next P&C meeting is Wednesday 30 October 7pm. New members are encouraged to attend. As this is the last official meeting before the AGM, new members will need to attend this meeting to be able to vote at the AGM on Wednesday November 27.

This week's meeting will include a very special thank you tribute to the parents who have taken a major organising role in supporting the Gladesville PS P&C over the years, and have their youngest child leaving us as they head off to high school. Acknowledgments must go to the following parents and families for their contributions.

Katherine Zirn, Lauren Bond, Ruth Colvin, Nicky Seeto, Lisa Tan, Julie-ann Reid, Fullbrook family, Chantal & Steve Hawkins, Janine Ligato and Julia Cuthbertson.

The school community will miss you and are so grateful for the assistance that you have given to the school and the P&C over the years!

Young In Art

Congratulations to all students who had their artwork selected to be displayed in the 2019 Young in Art, an Exhibition of artwork by young people from the primary and high schools in the area. I am thrilled to announce that three of our students have taken out prizes this year, Claudia Year 5, Edward Year 6 and Ashleigh in Year 5.



Student Safety & Security

Parents are reminded that access gates are locked between 9:30am - 2:30pm, with the exception of the Orr Street entrance. All visitors must enter the school via Orr Street and report directly to the office. If your child is late to school, you must accompany them to the office to sign them in.

Parents are also reminded that the staff carpark is not to be used to drop off children or to collect children unless exceptional circumstances have been discussed with the school. To further ensure the safety of all children at Gladesville PS a small fence is currently being installed around the staff carpark near the hall.

Kindergarten Orientation

Today was the first day of the Kindergarten 2020 Orientation Program. We welcomed just over 70 new kindergarten children and their families to experience classroom life, view a wonderful fashion parade of the school uniform and to meet buddies for the first time. We look forward to next week's session which will conclude with a teddy bear's picnic.

Sport update

Congratulations to Remy S, Ben S, Alex S, Will D, Lucy H, Zayla T, Zach W, Hine R and Charli H, who represented Ryde Zone at the Sydney North Athletics Carnival in Week 1. Well done and best of luck to Remy S, Alex S, Ben S and Will D, who have progressed to the State Athletics Carnival happening in November - a huge achievement!

Staffing Update - Relieving Principal and Deputy 2020

I will be starting my maternity leave in Week 8 of this Term (December 2). Candice Barnard will relieve as Principal and Alicia Elsinga will relieve as Deputy Principal until my return in Term 3 of next year.

Baby Ratcliffe

Congratulations to Mrs Ratcliffe and husband James and on the safe arrival of a baby boy, Percival.



REMINDER: Selective High School Applications for 2021

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 12 March 2020**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from late-September 2019 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on **8 October 2019** and closes at **10pm on 11 November 2019**. **You must apply before the closing date.**

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could

apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 8 October 2019.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

If you intend to apply and are yet to return the 'Intention to Apply' note to school please do so as soon as possible.

School Leader Nomination and Election 2020 Process

The first steps in the School Leader Nomination and Election Process 2020 process begin this week with information being shared with both the staff and parent community about the steps in the process and key dates. Please find the flowchart below which clearly outlines each step in the process, what will occur at each step for students and dates for nominations, presentation of speeches and announcement of successful candidates. If you have any questions about the leadership process please see Miss Barnard.

School Leader Nomination and Election Guidelines

Gladesville Public school

Updated October 2019



The nomination and election process has been structured in order to provide a clear and supportive process where students are able to make an informed decision about voting for the most suitable candidate for the school captains, vice-captains and prefect positions for the following year.

The process for applying for a student leadership role is as follows:

Step 1: Informing staff- Week 3 Term 4 (Tuesday 29th October)

Deputy Principal summarises the procedures at staff meeting including key dates.

Step 2: Informing Parent Body- Week 3 Term 4 (Tuesday 29th October)

Information about the nomination and election process, key dates as well as the roles, responsibilities and expected behaviours will be communicated to Year 5 parents and published in the next newsletter.

Step 3: Leadership Talk- Week 4 Term 4 (Monday 4th November)

A general talk focused on leadership qualities will be presented to Year 5 students by the Deputy Principal/ Principal. This includes what is required of students throughout the nomination and election process, roles and responsibilities as well as expected behaviour throughout the process. The incumbent school leaders will also share their experiences. Students will take a self-nomination application form to be submitted to Deputy Principal by Monday 11 November at 9:10am.

Step 4: Student Self-Nomination- Week 5 Term 4 (Monday 11th November)

Students self-nominate by submitting the application form to Miss Barnard for the positions of school captain (male and female), vice-captain (male and female), and prefects (2 males and 2 females).

Step 5: Election Speeches- Week 6 Term 4 (Monday 18th November)

Students who have submitted a self-nomination form will write their election speeches at school. The topic will be announced on the day and will be related to theme of leadership. Students will be given 1 hour to prepare and speeches should not exceed two minutes. Election speeches will be presented at a special assembly for Years 2-6 students only. Female candidates will present first followed by the male candidates. Students Years 2-6 and staff will vote by secret ballot. Voting sheets will be returned to the Deputy Principal/Principal immediately for counting. All positions will be decided by a process of preferential voting with positions being allocated in order of vote count.

Step 6: Notification of Leadership

The student executive (8 students) will be announced at a school assembly prior to the Presentation Day. Positions of Captains and Vice-Captains will be announced at the Presentation Day (Thursday 12 December). Students will be inducted and presented with badges at Presentation Day.

Peer Support Lessons

The focus of Peer Support Lessons in Week 4 for Kindergarten and Stage 1 is the Community Factor.

Lyn Worsley outlines the Community Factor in the following way:

‘The Community Factor refers to the wider community, which the individual is a part. It may be the neighbourhood, local soccer club, a network of the other families, or the local community worker or psychologist. The research notes the presence of an influential adult outside of family who they admire can help the development of resilience.’ (Worsley 2017, p. 17)

In the Community Factor lessons, students will be identifying the members of their wider community and their involvement in community groups.

The focus of Peer Support Lessons in Week 3 for Years 3-6 is the Skill Factor

Lyn Worsley outlines the Skill Factor in the following way:

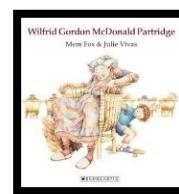
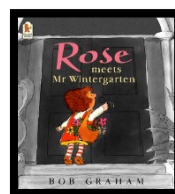
“There is a lot of research into the “efficacy” of an individual who develops hardiness associated with learning or attaining a skill. The skill may not be something they are the best at but rather a skill they have worked at attaining and have felt a sense of success associated with it. In mastering a skill, an individual can also attract a cheer squad or a coach.” (Worsley 2017, p. 15)

In the Skill Factor lessons, students will be identifying their skills and how they and the people around them value and feel about these skills.

How can you continue the conversation at home?

The picture books used by Early stage 1 will be *Rose Meets Mr Wintergarten* by Bob Graham and Stage 1 will be reading *Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox and Julie Vivas

Vivas, if you would like read these in the home. Digital versions are readily available on YouTube.



The following article [Helping your child connect with others in the community](https://raising.children.net.au/helping-your-child-connect-with-others-in-the-community) from raising.children.net.au, focuses on the benefits of community connections and how to help children make these connections.

Are you able to volunteer as an ethics teacher at Gladesville Public School in 2020?

We are currently seeking volunteers so that ethics classes can continue to be run in 2020, as we don't have enough teachers to offer ethics to all year groups.

Ethics classes rely solely on volunteers and are run as an alternative to scripture and non-scripture on Wednesday mornings. In ethics, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence.

Ethics teachers receive full training and lesson materials are supplied through Primary Ethics.

If this is something that interests you, please contact Inbal Luft (Phone 0403 194 966; Email: inbal.luft@gmail.com) who coordinates the ethics program at the school.

For more information about ethics classes, visit <https://primaryethics.com.au/>

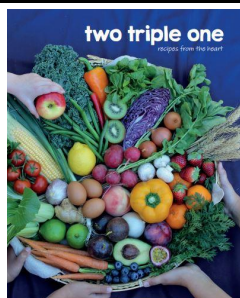
News from your P&C

➤ P&C Event 140 Years and Movie Night

Our birthday party movie night is on Friday NEXT WEEK!!! Please buy your tickets now to this great event. There will be pizzas and Mexican food, fairy floss, cakes, glow sticks, drinks- it's going to be fabulous!!! You can also bring your own food and drink but no alcohol or glass please. Please note that children cannot be dropped off at this event and need to attend with an adult. Tickets are available at <https://qkr.mastercard.com>



➤ Our celebratory cookbook "two triple one" has arrived and it is brimming with colour



and delicious recipes. Please support this school fundraiser and buy a copy for yourselves and as a gift for others. Orders are open on Qkr! until 8 November. Tell your family and friends that they can also buy a copy at the Bayview Hotel and Cav & Co. Huge thanks to our major sponsors, the Bayview Hotel and Michael Gallina of Belle property. Thanks also to Heather Brodie, Hally Bolt and the cookbook team for their massive efforts in creating this beautiful keepsake.

- Monthly meeting is this Wednesday night at 7pm in the staff room. We will be thanking and farewelling leaving GPS families and will be discussing movie night, the new bins and planning for 2020. Our AGM is on Wednesday 27 November at 7pm. Please come along, all welcome!



Our annual GPS Music Soiree, which will be held on Thursday 14 November (6.00pm-8.00pm) is fast approaching. All Band, Strings and Instrumental students are invited to perform on the night and it's a wonderful opportunity for parents to see and hear what their children have been learning. A permission slip has been emailed to all parents, please ensure it is returned to Bennelong Music by 6 November to ensure your child's inclusion in the evening.

And a reminder to all parents, that we are still taking enrolments for Term 4, 2019. If you would like your child to learn an instrument this term please contact us at info@bennelongmusic.com.au or check out our website at www.bennelongmusic.com.au for more information on what we offer.



Fundraiser Party

Join us for an end of year celebration
at Henley Green Community Garden
on Saturday November 30, 5pm-11pm
- All Weather Event -

Tickets may be purchased through our Facebook page:
Henley Green Community Garden.

\$30 per ticket for one glass of Prosecco and meal.

Other food and beverages will
be available to purchase
on the evening.

