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Term 4, Week 1

13 October 2020

## COMING EVENTS

23 October	Summer PSSA re-commences
28 October	Buffalo Creek – Year 1
28 October	P&C Meeting, via Zoom
29 October	Buffalo Creek – Year 2
30 October – 6 November	K-2 Virtual Book Week Performance
3 November	Kindergarten 2021 Orientation
5 November	K-6 Book Week Dress Up

### Welcome back to Term 4

I hope everyone had an enjoyable break. Please remember to notify the office via email as soon as possible if you are aware that your child will not be returning to Gladesville Public School next year.

Similarly, if you know of any neighbours who need to enrol their child for Kindergarten, or any other grade for 2021, please ask them to make contact with the office as the orientation programs begin in Week 3.

### Staffing Update

This term we welcome back Rebekah Ratcliffe who will be teaching 2G on a Monday and Tuesday as Mrs Guido will be on leave for the remainder of the year. Mrs Elsinga will teach 2G Wednesday to Friday, while continuing in her instructional leader role on a Monday and Tuesday.

### Book Week – New Dates



The official CBA book week celebration has been moved this year to next week with the theme 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. As our K-2 students will be participating in a virtual excursion between 30 October – 6 November, we will celebrate book week in Week 4 with a K-6 dress up day. Students are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character on Thursday 5 November. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, students will not participate in a parade.

## COVID-19 Operational Updates

At the end of last term the updated Term 4 guidelines were sent to parents via schoolstream and are available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>. The school is in the process of planning Kindergarten Orientation, end of year activities, presentation day and the Year 6 farewell to ensure opportunities are provided within the guidelines.

Parents are encouraged to download the School Updates App in addition to the Gladesville Public School App, to be kept informed of any potential school closure.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app>

Parents are reminded that students are not to attend school if unwell.

## Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them each day, labelled with your child's name. The water filling station is available to refill bottles, however the bubblers are still not available for student use.

## Class Placement Requests for 2021 – Final Reminder

To guide class placements for 2021, parents have the opportunity to send me a confidential letter to outline any major concerns for consideration. Each concern will be considered, however, there is no guarantee that all requests can be met due to the complex nature of class structures. Requests for students to be placed with specific class teachers will not be considered. Requests from previous years are not reviewed, a new request needs to be made each year as situations can change.

Please send requests to the office in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential: Attention Katherine Hurst' by THIS Friday 16 October.

If you would like to discuss your child's class placement personally, please make an appointment to see Ms Barnard or me through the school office or school email.

## 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 or band. Any student who arrives before 8:40am must go to the office as a matter of safety, and parents will be notified. Parents should 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.

## School Leader Nomination and Election 2021 Process

The first steps in the School Leader Nomination and Election Process 2021 process begin this week with information being shared with both the staff and parent community about the steps in the process and key dates. The following flowchart 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 contact Miss Barnard.

## School Leader Nomination and Election Guidelines

### Gladesville Public school

Updated October 2020



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 1 Term 4 (Tuesday 13 October)**

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



#### **Step 2: Informing Parent Body- Week 3 Term 4 (Tuesday 13 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 following newsletter.



#### **Step 3: Leadership Talk- Week 1 Term 4 (Friday 16 October)**

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. Students will take a self-nomination application form to be submitted to the Deputy Principal by Friday 23 October at 9:10am.



#### **Step 4: Student Self-Nomination- Week 2 Term 4 (Friday 23 October)**

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 5 Term 4 (Thursday 19 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 live streamed via a digital platform 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. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, a digital voting system may be trialled. If paper voting proceeds, 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. Students will be inducted and presented with badges at Presentation Day.

## Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

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

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 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, 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 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The application website opens at that link on **13 October 2020 and closes on 16 November 2020**. 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 Team for assistance.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

## World Teachers' Day - October 30 Celebrating quality teaching and inspirational teachers



This year NSW will celebrate World Teachers' Day on **30 October 2020**.

World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to celebrate the 160,000+ hardworking and dedicated primary, secondary and early childhood teachers in NSW.

2020 has been a year like no other with teachers having to adjust their teaching practices in response to the outbreak of COVID-19. There are lots of ways our community can show its appreciation and support to your child's class teacher. Suggestions include writing a message of acknowledgement or thanks, students creating handmade cards, small gifts such as chocolates, hand-picked flowers from the garden or fresh fruit.

The teachers will celebrate by enjoying a BBQ breakfast on the day. If you would like to shout a coffee for a teacher for the morning, please send \$3 in an envelope labelled with 'world teachers' day'. We will place a bulk order on the day.

## Tea Towel Fundraiser

The P&C are excited to announce the GPS 2020 fundraiser: a Commemorative Tea Towel.

Featuring every student and teachers' very own self portrait. These large, high quality tea towels are made with 100% ethically grown natural cotton. A long lasting keepsake for family and friends, and delivered in time for Christmas. Orders close 6 November. Order yours today via the Qkr! App <https://qkr.mastercard.com/store>.

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## Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers



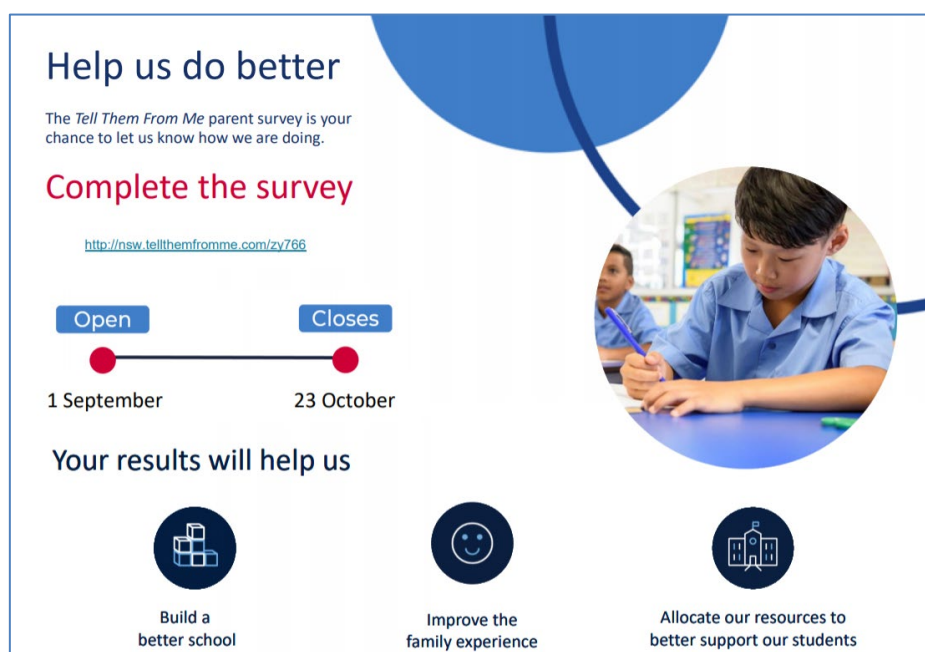
and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>. To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/zy766>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>



**Help us do better**

The *Tell Them From Me* parent survey is your chance to let us know how we are doing.

**Complete the survey**

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/zy766>

**Open** **Closes**

1 September 23 October

**Your results will help us**

- Build a better school
- Improve the family experience
- Allocate our resources to better support our students

The graphic features a blue circular background with a photograph of a young boy in a school uniform writing at a desk. A timeline shows the survey is open from 1 September to 23 October. Three icons represent the benefits: a school building, a smiley face, and a school building with a flag.

## P&C Meeting & New Executive

A reminder that the next P&C meeting is taking place via Zoom on Wednesday 28 October. New members are welcome and encouraged. Please see the letter from our P&C below, which was sent last term regarding the vacant positions

## P&C Updates

Dear GPS community,

It's been a very quiet year for the P&C, but what hasn't changed is that we now need to prepare for our AGM and elections which happen every year in November. We only have

two meetings left for this year, October 28 and November 25. So far, all meetings this year have been conducted by Zoom and it is possible that this may continue for some time yet. It has been very successful so far and our meetings have never been so efficient.

As always, there are a number of vacancies that will need to be filled at the AGM in November. This year, the ones we are already aware of are the roles of President, Secretary and Events. While the roles of President and Secretary should ideally each be performed by one individual, we would hope that two or three people will nominate themselves to share the Events role.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward for any of these vacancies, we warmly encourage you to do so. To assist you in making this decision, please see the following role descriptions for the upcoming vacancies:

### **President**

- Chair P&C meetings
- Draft and present President's report at P&C meetings
- Proof and approve P&C meeting minutes
- Meet and liaise with school staff as necessary
- Support and assist P&C executive and subcommittee members as necessary
- Assist with P&C events and present speeches where available
- Draft/assist with drafting regular P&C message for school newsletter

### **Secretary: Responsible for the administrative tasks related to P&C meetings**

- Responsible for the administrative tasks related to P&C meetings
- In consultation with President prepare meeting agenda
- Take notes of all discussions at meetings to produce a set of Minutes
- Ensure Minutes are distributed to the school community in a timely manner
- Issue notice of all meetings and agendas
- Maintain official records of P&C Association such as the constitution, by-laws and attendance lists

### **Events Coordinator**

- Plan and deliver all P&C events such as Greetings on the Green, Mother's Day and Father's Day event/stall, Harmony Day, annual school/community fundraiser, Gelato Day and polling booth fundraisers
- Support School/SRC events such as Cross Country Carnival, SRC disco
- Coordinate parent volunteers to assist at each event
- Present Event subcommittee report at P&C meetings
- Meet and liaise with school staff to coordinate events as necessary

- It is highly recommended for events to run as a team/committee, working together to deliver these events, support the school community and elevate the overall school spirit.

If you have any further questions or would like some more information, please email [gladespc@gmail.com](mailto:gladespc@gmail.com)



**Live Life Well @ School**

**KIDS EATING HEALTHIER FOODS**

What to pack  
for  
**Crunch  
& Sip**

Pack a water bottle  
and a container of bite  
sized pieces of fruit or  
vegetables ready to eat  
in the classroom.  
Choose an easy to eat  
fruit or vegetable that  
isn't messy.

For more ideas see:  
[healthy-kids.com.au/crunchsip-healthy-snack-ideas](http://healthy-kids.com.au/crunchsip-healthy-snack-ideas)

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# Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

**Combines  
learning  
with fun!**



## Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

## Gladesville Public School Chess Classes, 2020 Fridays 8:00AM - 9:00AM in the Library

Term 1	Cost: \$103.50	7th Feb - 3rd Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$115	1st May - 3rd Jul
Term 3	Cost: \$115	24th Jul - 25th Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$103.50	16th Oct - 11th Dec

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at  
[www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment](http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment)

Enter the code **XDCQOP25JJ** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

*\*Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term. No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for. For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.*

### OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery)

To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment

<b>Workbook 1 – Cost: \$31</b> [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	<b>Workbook 2 – Cost: \$31</b> [For Intermediate Players]	<b>Workbook 1 &amp; 2 – Cost: \$46</b> [SPECIAL OFFER]
<b>Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$42</b> [For Advanced Players]	<b>Chess Set &amp; Roll-up Board – Cost: \$34</b> [Recommended for All Ages]	<b>Chess Clock – Cost: \$77</b> [Recommended for All Ages]

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a **free chess set or workbook 2** valued at up to \$34. Offer expires 31st March, 2020.



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