



Term 4, Week 9

10 December 2020

COMING EVENTS	
11 December	Year 6 Farewell
14 December	Presentation Day Year 6, via Zoom
15 December	K-6 End of Year Activity Day
16 December	Last Day of school 2020
27, 28 January 2021	Staff Development Days
29 January	First Day of school Year 1 to 6

Value Awards Week 7 & 8

K/1K – Marcus F/Leni L	KE – Felix F	KG – Sylvie S/Henry S	KJ –Eli W/Cameron C
1J – Michael W	1S – Sienna B/Alyssa K	1W – Ethan L/Olivia G	
2F – Christoffer P	2G –David T/Ayden W	3/4G – Jason C/Austin H/Elena L/Betsy P	
3P – Brandon Y/Adhiraj B/Kimberely B/Ava S		4FE – Amelie B/Jad A/Lucas A/lilah L	
5A – Claudia G	5M – Lucas D/Esther Y/Isabel N/Amina L	6S – Kingston V/Lauren M/Gloria C/Orlando C	

Farewell for 2020

I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements and dedication of all our students, teaching and non-teaching staff and our wonderful parent community. This year my Principal address from presentation days, along with messages from our executive team and treat from Ms Barnard will be uploaded onto Seesaw tomorrow.

As was communicated via the school app, I will not be returning to Gladesville Public School next year as I have accepted the Principal position at Moss Vale Public School in the Southern Highlands, pending the 10-day appeals period. This is a decision that has taken a lot of thought for my husband and me, as we wish to relocate to be closer to my family. I have loved being the Principal of this wonderful community and look forward to staying in touch.

Candice Barnard will relieve as Principal until the substantive position is filled.

I wish each and every one of you a safe and relaxing break. Thank you to Candice Barnard in advance for relieving in the role of Principal once again.

A reminder that there are now two staff development days for the start of 2021. Students in Years 1 to 6 will resume school on Friday January 29. COVID19 guidelines will be communicated at the start of the year. It is anticipated that parents will be able to enter the school grounds to drop off and pick up students, however parents will be unable to stay on site during these times.

Students will return to their 2020 class until classes are formed.

Staffing Update

As the year comes to a close, we are planning for staff changes for 2021. In addition to the announcements in last week's newsletter, recent expression of interest processes has resulted in changes to those in fulltime temporary positions for the 2021 teaching year. I would like to welcome Caitlin Rawnsley, Blake Davis, Rachael Sewell and Melanie Wilkinson who will be joining us next year. I take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge our current temporary teachers who at this stage will not be returning next year. Ms Herdman has accepted a position at Truscott Street PS. Thank you to Ms Borg and Ms FitzPatrick for your commitment and dedication to our students. We wish you the best for your future teaching roles. Mrs Walke will also be retiring at the end of this year, however we hope that she will return in a casual capacity in the future. Again, we wish her the best for this next chapter. Ms North, Ms Spork and Mrs Avard will be returning in a part time capacity.

Enrolment numbers have fluctuated in the past week, impacting the allocation of teachers for 2021. This year we have 21 classes, however due to the decrease in Kindergarten enrolments in comparison to the outgoing Year 6 cohort and students, along with other student leavers we are currently sitting on 19 classes. Only a few new enrolments will increase this to the 20 classes. **It is therefore imperative that you inform the school immediately if your child is not returning in 2021.**

Teacher placement and the announcement of any further changes will be communicated when school resumes.

Presentation Days

Congratulations to the students in K-2 who received an award at last week's Presentation Day and to students in Years 3-5 who received awards today. This was the first time we have hosted an event via a live stream. The feedback has been positive, allowing working parents and family members who live interstate to join us remotely. The Year 6 Presentation Day will take place on Monday. My end of year address, joined by the executive team will be recorded and shared on Seesaw this week.

Student Leaders 2021

Congratulations to the 2021 student leadership team. I had the pleasure of announcing our School Captains Lexie. C and Charlie C, Vice Captains Lizzy H and Xavier M, and prefects Anika A, Caitlyn L, Tyler J and Zubair S.



Semester 2 Reports – New Parent Portal

Semester 2 Reports will be available on Friday December 11 via the new Parent Portal. This new method will also allow parents to retrieve the report at dates in the future whilst their child is at GPS and will provide a snapshot of their child's attendance details.

Details on how to access the new Parent Portal have been sent to the **family email address** held by the school, along with a second email sent to the family email which included a link to register yourself as a parent, as well as a unique Access Key to attach your children to your account. **Please be aware that your Access Key will allow any user to link to any students in your family at Gladesville PS. Please be careful with this information.**

Once you have created your account, and used the access key, you will be able to access the portal. The Semester 2 reports will be uploaded to the portal by the end of the day on 11 December.

Tea Towels

The delivery of the tea towels has arrived and they will be distributed next week via classrooms.

Kids Capers – GOOSH - Family Website

Kids Capers GOOSH has launched a new site for Gladesville OOSH families.

The site contains: news, programs, menu, staff roster, staff profiles, local community info (work in progress), key policies, and government (ACECQA) frameworks for OOSH. There is also ongoing provision for feedback.

A QR code is now displayed at the entrance to the centre for easy access.

The site address is below, and you can access it now:

<https://sites.google.com/view/kc-gladesville/home>

The site will be updated and reviewed weekly. For urgent matters, please speak to the staff directly or email GOOSH. If you require before or after school care for 2021 please contact Kids Capers directly at gladesville@kidscapersoosh.com.au.

Christmas Banner Project

Congratulations to Chloe F for her winning Christmas design as part of the City of Ryde annual Christmas celebrations. Chloe's design on theme of 'Peace' was selected to represent Gladesville Public School in the Christmas Banner Project. On Friday December 4 Chloe excitedly met with the Mayor for a photoshoot and had the opportunity to see her design on a pole banner. The banners have been installed in the following locations around the City of Ryde for the community to view.

- Anthony Road and Chatham Road, West Ryde
- Rowe Street East, Eastwood
- Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park
- Delhi Road, North Ryde
- Devlin Street, Top Ryde
- Blaxland Road, Top Ryde (along Ryde Park)
- Ryde Park (small banners)



OC Placement Testing Results

The Opportunity Class Placement Test was conducted on Wednesday 18 November 2020.

It is expected that results will be released to parents and schools in mid-January 2021.

To ensure that most vacancies are filled by the start of Term 1, 2021, parents who are offered placement on behalf of their children will have just one week to respond to their offers.

Parents are being emailed to ensure that they watch their emails or depute someone else to respond on their behalf if they will be out of contact when the results are released as offers will lapse if parents do not respond in time.

News from your P&C

What a year 2020 has been! P&C moved into the world of Zoom meetings, we all took on second jobs home-schooling our children and have learnt to navigate the school community in a very different way. I think we can all agree that it has been a unique and challenging year and we are very happy to say farewell to 2020.

Thank you to everyone who was able to 'attend' a meeting throughout the year and also to our volunteers, parents and carers in the school community who have supported our work - we definitely value your continued support and assistance.

A special thank you to the 2020 Executive Committee members who are either taking a break or leaving GPS next year. Alice Beer, Jess Sabharwal, Belinda Megarrity, Adriana Guthrie and of course Ellen Knoblanche who has continued to contribute a significant amount of time and energy to the P&C – thank you!

We can't forget our inspiring, committed and generous GPS staff. Thank you for your energy and commitment in creating such a wonderful community at GPS and your ongoing support of the P&C.

This year has been a very challenging year for our P&C and the whole world. We have not been able to engage with our community or fundraise anywhere to the same extent as we have done throughout our history. We look forward to seeking out new opportunities next year and to coming up with some creative ideas of how to function in this new, changing environment.

The following positions were elected at the November AGM

President: Louise Lindsay

Vice Presidents: Debra Grimes and Mark Philp

Secretary: Andrew Dunstall

Treasurer: Fletcher Simpkins

Events/Fundraising: Angela Tufail

Grounds: Rupert Standley

GOOSH: Rainer Ahrens

Communications: Alista White-Lombardi and Tony Chan

Sustainability: Inbal Luft

Music and Uniform are both vacant and we would love parents to volunteer for these roles at the February meeting.

In 2021 we plan to have a combination of face-to-face and Zoom meetings in the hope more parents and carers will join the meetings. **Save the date - the first meeting for 2021 is scheduled for Wednesday 24 February.**

If restrictions lift, Greetings on the Green will combine with Harmony Day in mid-march 2021. If you would like to get involved in organising this event please get in touch with any of the committee!

On behalf of all of us on the P&C, we wish our GPS parents, carers, teachers and staff a safe and happy holidays. See you in 2021!



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS & BAND 2021

Please find attached our information and enrolment forms for music lessons in 2021. If you are interested in your child receiving lessons, please complete the attached ENROLMENT form and email back to us ASAP. All timetabling is done during the holidays, so we need your information before the end of term.

Please DO NOT hand in your form to the school office. The easiest way is to take a photo of the completed form and email straight to us from your phone to:

info@bennelongmusic.com.au

Please call our office between 9am-3.30pm with any questions: 1800 788 639

Ethics classes in 2021

Ethics is offered as an alternative to religious education and non-scripture at Gladesville Public School.

The ethics program relies solely on volunteers. Primary Ethics, who oversee the ethics program in NSW, provides training to all volunteers.

Classes in 2021 will run on Wednesdays between 11:30am-12:30pm.

Currently, we have enough volunteers to offer ethics to Years 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Unfortunately, we don't have enough volunteers to offer ethics classes to Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 6 in 2021.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like further information, please visit the Primary Ethics website (<https://primaryethics.com.au/>) and/or contact Inbal Luft on 0403 194 966 or inbal.luft@gmail.com.

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**HENLEY
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MARKET**

FRESH PRODUCE · FRESH FOOD · COFFEE

Celebrating and sharing the seasons.

**Saturday
19th December
8am–12pm**

Henley Green
Community Garden
2 Crown St, Henley
(off Victoria Rd)

Parking Available

happyhens.org.au

