



Term 1, Week 2

1 February 2020

COMING EVENTS

3 – 12 February	Kindergarten 2021, finishing at 2pm
4 February	Years 3 to 6 Swimming Carnival (COMPETITORS ONLY)

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all families. I hope you enjoyed some rest and relaxation during the school holiday break. I warmly welcome all new families and returning families. We hope that you enjoy a long and happy association with our school.

I would like to welcome back our teaching, administration and support staff. They are looking forward to another rewarding year working at Gladesville Public School.

I am excited to lead Gladesville Public school again in the Relieving Principal role. I look forward to working alongside Mrs Alicia Elsinga who will be joining me as Relieving Deputy Principal.

Class Formation

This year we welcome new members to our teaching staff. Miss Caitlin Rawnsley (2R), Mr Blake Davis (3D) and Ms Rachel Sewell (3S).

We also welcome back Ms Jackie Borg and Mrs Megan Chan who will be co-teaching 6E while Mrs Alicia Elsinga relieves in the position of Deputy Principal. Miss Ella North also returns to teach 5N.

Mrs Angela Fasullo has been successful in gaining the position of Assistant Principal Learning Support, operating out of Ryde East Public School, via merit selection. We congratulate Mrs Fasullo on this exciting news and wish her all the best with her new appointment. Ms Maria Kotouc will continue to relieve in the position of Learning and Support Teacher this year.

Mr Manning Gay, Mrs Carolyn Spork, Mrs Megan Chan, Miss Katie Wagstaff will be joining our RFF team with a focus on Creative Arts.

School Events Update

Unfortunately, due to current COVID-19 guidelines, events such as Greetings on the Green and Harmony Day Dinner are unable to proceed at this stage. School-based outdoor activities that involve parents and members of the community must occur outside of school

hours and are limited to 30 people indoors and 50 people outdoors for schools within Greater Sydney. In the event that the restrictions are lifted, we may be able consider events in the future.

The format of 'Meet the Teacher' sessions is yet to be finalised based on the current COVID-19 guidelines. We are in the process of considering options to best balance the restrictions and facilitate parent engagement. Further information will be sent to the community by the end of Week 2.

2021 Staff

Executive Staff

Miss Candice Barnard	Relieving Principal
Mrs Alicia Elsinga	Relieving Deputy Principal
Miss Andrea Stiglic	Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal (Rel.)
Mrs Maxine Johnson	Stage 1 Assistant Principal
Miss Samantha Hulme	Stage 2 Assistant Principal (Rel.)
Mrs Hilary Judge	Stage 3 Assistant Principal (Rel.)

Teaching Staff

Early Stage 1

KG	Mr Ben Green
KJ	Mrs Hilary Judge
KS	Miss Andrea Stiglic

Stage 1

1J	Mrs Maxine Johnson
1G	Mrs Lynda Guido/ Ms Kelly Wosien
1R	Ms Allison Rogers
2K	Ms Alison Kelleard
2R	Miss Caitlin Rawnsley
2E	Miss Whitney Erskine
2/3M	Miss Anushka Miller

Stage 2

3D	Mr Blake Davis
3/4H	Miss Samantha Hulme

2/3M	Miss Anushka Miller
3S	Ms Rachel Sewell
4P	Mrs Deanna Pedersen
4/5M	Miss Lucy McVay

Stage 3

4/5M	Miss Lucy McVay
5D	Ms Linda Dinh (formerly Ms Eyles)
5N	Miss Ella North
6W	Mrs Jenny Woods
6E	Ms Jackie Borg (Monday- Thursday) / Mrs Megan Chan (Friday)

Specialist Programs

Learning and Support Teacher	Ms Maria Kotouc (Rel.)
English as an Additional Language Dialect (EAL/D)	Mrs Kristy Avard (Tuesday-Friday)
School Psychologist	Mrs Rebecca Hanson (Wednesday and Thursday)
Technology Teacher	Ms Lisa Jencsok
Librarian	Mrs Inez Goodfellow
RFF/ Collaboration Support	Mrs Victoria Rampton (Monday and Tuesday) Mr Manning Gay (Monday and Tuesday) Mrs Carolyn Spork (Monday, Tuesday and Friday) Mrs Katie Wagstaff (Monday and Tuesday) Mrs Megan Chan (Tuesday)
Student Learning Support Officers (SLSO)	Mrs Sandy Miller Ms Monica Zeaiter Mrs Kathy Antonis Mrs Mary Kelleher Mrs Donna Carroll

Swimming Carnival

The 3-6 swimming carnival will be held at Ryde Aquatic Centre this Thursday 4 February. As per updated correspondence on January 27, only students who have permission to participate in structured aquatic activities in the 50 metre pool (competitive races) will be able to attend the carnival.

All non-swimmers and average swimmers (permitted to swim in 25m in 50m pool and novelty activities) will now stay at school on 4 February under the supervision of GPS staff.

Parent attendance at the swimming carnival as spectators or volunteers to assist with the running of the carnival is not permitted.

If your child is a competent swimmer and you wish for them to attend the carnival and are yet to complete the permission note, submit payment and complete online booking of races. Please do so no later than **Monday 1 February** to enable organisation to be finalised. To enter your child in a race, please visit the school's website events page, using the code **253dn** select appropriate events. All competitors must travel to and from the venue on the bus.

Permission notes and payment for non-swimmers and average swimmers are no longer required. If payment has already been made, all invoices for those students who will no longer be able to attend the carnival will be cancelled and monies paid will revert to Fees in Advance. Families will be contacted by email in the coming weeks to discuss use of funds for outstanding fees, refund or keeping funds in Fees in Advance for future events and expenses.

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

Parent Contact List

Each year at the Meet the Teacher Evening the P&C provide families with the opportunity to share contact information for communication purposes, whole school or class specific. To streamline this process please use the QR Code to provide your contact information. This will need to be completed for each child and will become active once classes are formed.



Allergies- How can we all be allergy aware?

Gladesville Public School is concerned about the safety and wellbeing of all our students. Many of you will know someone who is affected by anaphylaxis, a life-threatening allergic reaction. Staff have had mandatory training in severe allergy management and we have implemented a number of risk management strategies to help keep students with allergies safe and build allergy awareness within our community. If parents would also like to complete the training, it is available [here](#) online at no cost.

We have a number of students who live with the risk of anaphylaxis to various foods. Whilst these children are being taught to care for themselves at an age-appropriate level, we ask that you help us educate your child on the importance of:

- Not sharing food with others
- Washing hands after eating
- Seeking help from an adult if they think their friend with allergies is sick.

Peanuts are the leading cause of severe allergic reactions, followed by tree nuts, shellfish, egg, fish and milk.

We can never totally eliminate the risk of an anaphylaxis, nor claim to be a nut free school, but we can all do things that will help minimise the risk. Please consider children with food allergies when packing your own child's lunch or when sending in food for any special occasion or events. We ask that you do not send peanut butter sandwiches or food containing peanut butter, any nuts or foods containing whole nuts such as muesli bars. Foods that 'may contain traces of various foods' are fine for the non-allergic students to consume at school as long as they do not share food.

Birthdays

Birthdays are a wonderful celebration and children love to share their special day with their classmates. Due to allergy concerns, we discourage any food treats being sent in for classmates on your child's birthday. In the event you feel the need to send something in, it has to be individually wrapped, nut free and will be sent home for families to decide whether it can be eaten. We will celebrate in class and make the children feel special on their birthday.

Extension of Zone PSSA Sport Opportunities Years 3-6

Each year there is the opportunity for students to be part of a zone or area team in a variety of sports. As a school we are able to select a small number of students to send to represent Gladesville Public School at each trial. To attend trials, it is expected that students participate in their chosen sport outside of school in either Division 1 or Representative level in U11/12 age group or above.

Most sports are open to Year 5 and 6 students only. When trials are announced, the sport coordinator and PSSA coaches of each sport will consider:

- **level of sport played outside of school**
- **performance at weekly PSSA**
- **performance at an in-school trial (if number of students applying for positions exceeds the number of students our school is allowed to send)**

There is a short turn around on trial dates for some of the sports and we would like to ensure that permission notes can be distributed and returned by set deadlines.

Sports on offer:

- Girls and Boys: Basketball, cricket, diving, golf, hockey, netball, soccer, softball, tennis, touch football
- Boys only: AFL, rugby league, rugby union

If your child meets the criteria to be nominated as a possible school representative at a trial, please send in the following details to the school email addressed to Miss McVay by Friday 5 February:

- Child's name, class / 2021 grade, age, date of birth
- Chosen representative sport
- Local club and representative teams – name of club/s, current competing age group, division, number of years played

- Positions played

NSW PSSA and Ryde PSSA have planned a return to representative sport, trials and carnivals. Please be aware that variation to arrangements may occur if COVID-19 guidelines change.

News From Our P&C

Welcome to term 1 2021.

We are very excited to be back on school grounds for our first meeting this year – Save the Date, **Wednesday 24 February at 7pm**. To accommodate numbers and be Covid Safe, the meeting will be held in the Hall with numbers capped at 30. (A Zoom option will be available should we exceed this number.) We would love to see some new faces, so please come along! RSVPs are essential, please let our Secretary Drew Dunstall know you'll be there by emailing him at secretary@gpspandc.onmicrosoft.com

Tea and Tissues

While Covid restrictions have prevented us in welcoming new Kindy parents in the style we would like, our wonderful P&C events lead, Angela Tufail worked hard over the summer holidays to come up with an alternative. A welcome pack including some tea and a special edition cookie will be handed out to Kindy parents after drop off on day 1. We wish all of our Kindy families a warm welcome and we hope to see you at P&C events this year!



Second hand uniforms Thanks to parents who have kindly donated second hand uniforms already this year. For those who are still cleaning out the cupboards, please continue to drop off at the Trim Place gates in the mornings. We have some lovely volunteers who will sort the clothes ready to be sold in the afternoon on dates yet to be confirmed.

Second hand items sell for \$2-\$5 with all funds going to the P&C to support our school.

And finally, don't forget to follow us on Facebook - Gladesville Public School P&C and use the Password I Love GPS

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