



Term 1, Week 8

16 March 2021

COMING EVENTS

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| 19 March | Bullying No Way! Day |
| 26 March | P&C Gelato Day |
| 31 March | P&C Meeting, via Zoom |
| 31 March | School Photos |
| 1 April | Last Day of Term 1 |
| 20 April | 1 st Day of Term 2 |

VALUE AWARDS WEEK 6 & 7

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| KS | Nicholas L/Ruby A | KG | Jayden C | KJ | Sia O |
| 1J | Kaylee Y | 1G | Felix F/Aurelia T | 1R | Emily P/Valor A |
| 2K | Gabrielle D/Ines V | 2E | Oscar M/Lucas C | 2R | Jaydan S/Isabella A |
| 2/3M | Alannah C/Lucas M | 3D | Christen D/Nicole C | 3S | Tilly P/Grace Z/Hayley W |
| 3/4H | Samuel Y/Maya P | 4P | Crystal G/Jaden K | 4/5M | Andie S/Justin L/Holly O/Kosta V |
| 5D | Matheo D/Duncan V/Melissa B | 5N | Will D/Thomasin A | 6E | Ben B/Isabelle |
| 6W | Lizzy H/Tyler J | | | | |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Harmony Day

Students and staff celebrated this harmonious day by wearing traditional dress, the Australian colours of yellow and green or in the colour of orange (the representative colour of Harmony Day). Throughout the day, the classrooms were a buzz with a variety of presentations, discussions, activities and artwork with the central meaning of Harmony Day, 'Everyone Belongs'. We all celebrated the diverse backgrounds that make our school rich with culture.



Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday 30 students who met qualifying times, attended the Ryde Zone Carnival at Ryde Aquatic Centre. Thank you to Miss McVay, Ms Dinh and Mrs Edmondson who attended the Zone Carnival with the students. All students were outstanding ambassadors for Gladesville Public School and tried their best in all races.



School Photos

School photos will take place on Wednesday 31 March. Payment envelopes will be sent home with students today. Sibling photo envelopes will be available to be collected by students **ONLY** from the front office. Students need to wear their full summer uniform on photo day.

NAPLAN 2021

On Thursday 25 March, all students in Years 3 & 5 will participate in the online Practice NAPLAN Tests. This is in preparation for the actual tests which will be held next term from May 10, during Weeks 4 and 5.

In preparation, the students will participate in the online practice tests so that they are familiar with the technology and the types of question formats, and teachers participate in training sessions to foster consistency in test administration. Use this [link](#) to find out further information and to learn how to support your child through NAPLAN.



Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN will continue to be administered online in 2021 for Years 3 and Year 5 students. NAPLAN tests are intended to complement the existing range of school-based assessments and provide useful point-in-time information in relation to student performance.

The NAPLAN online test window starts on 11 May 2021 and finishes on 21 May 2021. All tests will be administered online with the exception of Year 3 Writing which will be a pencil and paper test. Further information about the test and school timetable will be communicated to parents closer to the testing window.

Easter Hat Parade, K-2

The easing of COVID-19 restrictions, means that our annual Easter Hat Parade will go ahead

this year on Thursday April 1. **Separate communication will be sent to parents of K -2 students regarding this event.**

Please note the following restrictions that will be in place to comply with NSW Department of Education guidelines:

- only one person per K - 2 child can attend the event
- parents who do not have children in K - 2 will not be able to attend
- all parents attending must complete the mandatory two-part sign in process using the Service NSW COVID app and signing in at the tables located at the Trim place gates whereby you are agreeing to complying with COVID safe practices outlined on displayed posters
- social distancing of 1.5metres must be maintained at all times between adults
- all attendees must depart the school immediately after the event
- please do not gather in groups at entry or exit points or on the school site
- please do not attend if you are suffering from any cold or flu-like symptoms, regardless of how mild



We appreciate your support with adhering to the above measures which allow us to hold events like the Easter Hat Parade and keep our students, staff and community safe.

Tell Them From Me Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: <http://education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used Tell Them From Me to survey 5.4 million students.

Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between Wednesday 24 March and Friday 29 April 2021.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form is attached to this newsletter. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Tuesday 23 March 2021.

High School Placement Forms

An Expression of Interest form is required for all Year 6 students for high school placement in 2022. Any outstanding forms need to be completed and returned to school **no later than Friday 19 March**. Please note the Expression of Interest form must be completed for ALL students including those who have applied for placement in a non- government school. If you have any queries about completing the Expression of Interest, please contact Mrs Judge.

School Plan- Parent Consultation Workshops

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the School Plan 2021-2024 consultation sessions yesterday. Your feedback was invaluable and will be used to review the draft plan before it is submitted at the end of the term for approval by our Director of Educational Leadership.

Candice Barnard
Relieving Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Seesaw Access

Seesaw has two apps connected to the online portfolio, the Class app and the Family app. The class app is where students are able to post and comment on their work. The family app is where parents are able to view work and comment on student's posts.



Last year Seesaw was used for Home Learning and in-class work, this is why parents were asked to download the Class app for Home Learning. As this is not needed anymore please delete the class app and only use the family app. Some parents have been getting the message to enter a code to access their child's page. If you are getting this message you are trying to access Seesaw using the class app.

Bullying NO WAY! Day- Friday 19 March



BULLYING. NO WAY!

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is an important day in our school calendar to join with other schools across Australia to say 'Bullying. No Way!' The NDA promotes school, parent and community partnerships to build supportive learning environments and find workable solutions to address bullying.

Together we can make change. Everyone has a role to play in supporting young people in dealing with bullying and helping to energise positive discussions about the issue.

Students are asked to wear odd socks on Friday 19 March to stand with us against bullying. In class students will be having lessons about what bullying is and what everyone can do to support students not to be bullied. For more information about how to support your child see <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/attendance-behaviour-and-engagement/anti-bullying/nsw-anti-bullying/parents-and-carers>

Alicia Elsinga
Relieving Deputy Principal

Clean Up Australia Day- Thursday 4 March

On Thursday March 4 every child at Gladesville Public School participated in Clean Up GPS Day. We are so proud of the efforts and enthusiasm all of our students showed, and can already see that the playground has been kept a lot cleaner since!



News from your P&C

➤ GPS Easter Egg fundraiser

Wow, what a response to our first selling day – all boxes were gone within about 20 minutes. Never fear, we will have re-stocked by this Friday so there is still time to purchase a box on QKR to pick up this Friday or collect free of charge and return the proceeds of your sales at a later date.

Qkr! App details (<https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store>)



➤ Cross Country Sausage Sizzle – Thursday 22 April – order now!

The P&C are excited to be hosting a Sausage Sizzle lunch for all students (K-6) to coincide with this year's cross country, Week 1, Term 2

Online payments are now available through the Qkr! App – please note orders can only be placed via QKR, no cash will be taken.

Items available for order are:

Sausage in a bread roll- \$4.00

Tropical Juice - \$2.00

Orders close on the last day of term 1 – Thursday 1 April.

*Sausages are gluten-free, tomato and BBQ sauce options will be available on the day.



Thanks also to the parents who have volunteered to help with the BBQ. If you haven't already, please sign up to volunteer [here](#).

➤ **GPS Gelato Day – Friday 26 March**

As we head toward the end of Term 1, we wanted to bring back an old favourite for the kids, Gelato Day! Cash purchases only the day please, see flyer for further details.



**GPS
GELATO
DAY!**

FRIDAY 26TH MARCH
\$3 for one scoop
\$5 for two scoops
\$1 for a zooper dooper

**Please bring
money on
the day!**

Strawberry, Watermelon & Mango pure fruit sorbet
(dairy free)
Chocolate, Vanilla, Mint Choc Chip, Caramel Popcorn
(may contain traces of nuts)

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***Tell Them From Me* student survey:**

Information for parents and consent form for parents and carers



Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar** which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will **not** be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by delete and insert date of return **Tuesday 23 March 2021**

More information about the survey and the research is available in English at education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm

Candice Barnard

Principal

Gladesville Public School

English

Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by **Tuesday 23 March 2021**

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me*** student feedback survey.

Name of student 1

Roll class of student 1

Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

Name of student 3

Roll class of student 3

Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

Name of parent/carer

Signature of parent/carer

Date

English