



Term 1, Week 6

2 March 2021

COMING EVENTS	
1 & 8 March	Stage 2 Excursion, Kalkari Discovery Centre
4 March	Clean up GPS Day
10 March	Zone Swimming, selected students
15 March	Parent Consultation Workshops, bookings essential
15 March	GPS Harmony Day
19 March	Bullying No Way! Day
31 March	P&C Meeting, via Zoom
31 March	School Photos
1 April	Last day of Term 1

VALUE AWARDS WEEK 4 & 5					
KS	Alba J/Sophie A	KG	Cianna C/Reggie S	KJ	Bella M/Louie C
1J	Illana D/Aleyah P	1G	Marcus F/Jansen L/Hannah G	1R	Lewis M
2K	Chloe K/Henry N	2E	Rose A/Anikh U	2R	Sabrina P/Olivia G
2/3M		3D	Laviniah M/Stephanos A/Max M	3S	Nicholas C/Sam C/Charlie R
3/4H	Elijah T/Felicity M/Viliame R	4P	Nicholas D/Rohan R/Charlie E	4/5M	Austin H/Charlotte M
5D	Maya T/Sasha O/Sabella B/Isabelle A	5N	Scarlett G/Eva M/	6E	Julian C/Lucas D/Isabel N/Ben B
6W	Esther Y/Chloe Z				

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Stage 2 Excursion- Kalkari Discovery Centre

I had the pleasure of joining Year 3 on the first of the two Kalkari Discovery Centre excursions. Year 4 will have their excursion on Monday 8 March. The warm temperature and glorious blue skies set the scene for perfect bushwalking conditions. Students engaged in several hands-on learning activities including a mini-beast hunt and scratch art as they walked 2.5km from Kalkari to Bobbin Head. Year 3 learnt about native plant and animal species and Aboriginal history in the Ku-ring-gai National Park. I commend Year 3 on their excellent behaviour and engagement with the activities throughout the day.



Student Absences

When children attend school unwell, or become unwell whilst they are at school, parents/carers will be asked to collect them. Please understand that this is not just due to COVID-19 and the guidelines around cold and flu symptoms, but any type of illness that your child may present with. Firstly we want to ensure that your child recovers as quickly as possible, but we also need to minimise the exposure of any illness to other students and staff, so they do not spread. We appreciate your ongoing support with this.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Meet the Teacher sessions over Weeks 5 and 6 were an important and long-awaited opportunity for our community to get to know their child's class teachers and the specific class routines. From a school perspective, the COVID safe format ran smoothly and saw high attendance at all sessions. Thank you to the teaching team and executive for their support with this event. This semester we will hold our Parent/Teacher interviews. Further information about the organisation, format and dates for this event will be communicated shortly.

Thank you P&C

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to our first P&C meeting of 2021 in a COVID safe way onsite last week. A big thank you to our P&C for all that you do for our students, staff and the school and the important role you play in facilitating strong home school partnerships. Our P&C have made an incredible difference to classroom learning environments by funding important resources such as much needed decodable readers which are evidence-based texts to support effective reading in the early years of school. P&C funding has facilitated the upgrade of our COLA sound system which now means communication is clear and audible when we are making announcements and running assemblies in the near future.

School Plan- Parent Consultation Workshops

It is a requirement that all NSW government schools develop and publish a Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP).

A Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) is a working document that details the steps our school will take to improve learning outcomes, and the achievement and growth of all students. To ensure continuous improvement, the Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) reflects where our school is at and how it will further improve learning, teaching and leading.

An important part of developing a Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) is consultation with the school community. The SIP has up to 3 strategic directions and associated improvement measures which form the basis of each planning cycle. One of these strategic directions will be 'Student growth and attainment' for all schools. The remaining strategic directions are chosen by each school to reflect and respond to their unique context.

As a follow up to consultation sought in late 2020, we are offering two parent face-to-face workshops on Wednesday 15 March at 9.30am or 2pm to review our school vision statement, school context and strategic directions. We would like to see as many parents/carers as possible involved in this consultation process. Bookings can be made via the [School Interview website](#) using the code **25r5d**.

COVID Intensive Learning Support

The Department of Education have provided our school with some funding to support small group tuition with a teacher focusing on core content and skills, in literacy and numeracy. Students from Years 1–6 who will benefit from intensive support have been identified. Further information will be sent home to some parents indicating their child's inclusion in these small groups.

Selective High School Placement Test 2021

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021 from 9.00am to 1.30pm for students who have previously registered.

Candidates from this school will be sitting the test at Riverside Girls High School unless parents have made special arrangements with the High Performing Students Team to attend an individually allocated test centre candidates from this school have been sent to:

Riverside Girls High School
Huntleys Point Rd
GLADESVILLE NSW 2111

Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> to find:

- Test centre allocations by public school.
- A map of test centre addresses under the heading 'The test'.
- The bulletin, Test information for parents and students. The bulletin contains very important information about the test and should be read carefully.

Stage 2 Camp

In light of interruptions to planning and a year without camp due to COVID-19, the decision has been made to change Stage 2 excursions to day trips in place of an overnight excursion. The option of day trips is more closely aligned with curriculum content and supports the social emotional needs of our Years 3 and 4 students. Overnight excursions will remain in place for Stage 3, alternating between Canberra (2022) and Sport and Recreation (2021) venues.

Updated Library Guidelines

Based on recent changes to COVID-19 guidelines by NSW Health, the need to quarantine books is no longer required. Mrs Goodfellow and Mrs Mangione will continue to practise good hygiene when handling returned items. Please ensure your child has a library bag on their library day to encourage them to develop good reading habits.

After School Activities

Please find an overview of after school activities below. These are operated by organisations who hire our school facilities, providing students with a range of opportunities. While the school cannot endorse any particular activity, this list is provided for your convenience.

Organisation	Contact/Website	Other Information
Sydney Academy Chess	www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au	Friday morning before school 8.00am-9.00am
Hunter Chinese Community Language	hunterchineselangaugeschool@gmail.com	Monday after school 3.30pm-4.30pm
Bennelong Music Tuition and Band	http://www.bennelongmusic.com.au/	Monday Concert Band 7.40am-8.40am Wednesday Training Band 7.40am-8.40am Wednesday-Friday after school Tuition 3.15pm-5.45pm
Christ Church Gladesville	https://www.christchurch.org.au/	Sunday K-6 Primary School Program from 9.15am

GOOSH QR CODE- Community Website

To create a link between families and GOOSH, a QR code has been made available to link



parents and carers to the community website containing the following information: weekly program/menu/roster, staff profiles (pictures), news, NQF guidelines, MTOP, key Kids Capers policies (eg COVID), community links, day book (several pictures each week of activities -craft, sport, anything of interest), and most importantly feedback areas. The website is monitored and updated weekly.

Candice Barnard

Relieving Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Attendance-Every Day Counts



When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Parents and carers can help foster positive attendance habits by:

- helping their child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ensuring their child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning. School begins at 9.10am.
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time

- promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

Clean Up Australia Day- Thursday 4 March



Clean up GPS day will be held on Thursday 4 March. Each class will be allocated an area in the school grounds to tidy up. Students are encouraged to bring a pair of gloves to school on this day. More information about the national Clean Up Australia Day event on Sunday 7 March can be found at <https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/>

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Second hand uniforms will be collected at the Trim Place gate from Wednesday 3 March to Thursday 11 March. Uniforms need to be washed and in good condition. These uniforms will then be sold in the afternoons from 2.50pm to 3.20pm Monday 15 March to Wednesday 17 March.

Alicia Elsinga

Relieving Deputy Principal

Parent Portal

The GPS Parent Portal provides a snapshot of student attendance for the current year, as well as access to the most recent Academic Report.

Families from Years 1 to 6 new to the school will have recently received a [Link to Parent Portal](#) along with instructions on adding students to the account. Families with students attending the school in 2020 received this information in December last year. Parents will be able to access reports while their child attends Gladesville Public School, so we recommend saving Reports as you receive them as you will be unable to access them once your child has left the school. Kindergarten students new to the school will be receiving this information shortly.

News from your P&C

The P&C has kicked off a fun Easter fundraising drive to raise money for our school.

It would be great if you could roll up your sleeves and help. The good news is that the fundraisers are super simple... and delicious!

Cadbury Easter Egg Fundraiser: we're selling Easter Boxes which contain 20 bags of eggs for you to sell. You simply pick up your Easter Box (free of charge), sell the contents, and then return the funds back to us. Pick up / drop back dates are: Fri 12th, Fri 19th and Fri 26th March at 2.50pm at Trim Place Gates.

You can also purchase your own Easter Box (same contents as above) via the Qkr! App (<https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store>) to use as your own Easter egg gifts, take to work, give to family and friends. Instead of purchasing your eggs from the supermarket, we'd love you to support this initiative and purchase via the P&C.



GLADESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

EASTER EGG FUNDRAISER!

Pick up a Cadbury Easter box (no charge) and sell them to raise funds for our school.

SIMPLY COLLECT YOUR BOX FROM TRIM PLACE GATES AT 3.15PM ON: FRI 12TH, 19TH AND 26TH MARCH

Sell the contents of the Easter box, collect the money and drop it back to us on one of the above dates.

*You can also order and pay for your own Easter Box via the Qkr! App:
<https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store> for pick up on the above dates.*



Hot Cross Buns: you can pre-order your Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns in three delicious flavours - traditional, apple & cinnamon, and choc-chip. Each 6 pack is \$8. Pre-order via Qkr! App only (<https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store>) for collection on Fri 19th and Fri 26th March at 2.50pm from Trim Place Gates.



The poster features a yellow background with orange bunting at the top. In the center is the school crest. Below it, the text reads 'GLADESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C' and 'HOT CROSS BUNS!' in large, bold, orange letters. A circular badge on the left says '\$8 per 6-pack'. To the right, three heart icons precede the flavors: 'TRADITIONAL', 'APPLE & CINNAMON', and 'CHOC-CHIP'. Below this, it says 'Available by pre-order only via Qkr! App' and provides the URL 'https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store'. Further down, it lists 'Two deliveries: Fri 19 & Fri 26 March' with closing dates for orders. At the bottom, it states 'Orders to be collected at 3.15pm on 19th and 26th March from Trim Place gates.' The bottom of the poster shows a photograph of various hot cross buns on a wooden surface, some with fruit and chocolate chips.

GLADESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

HOT CROSS BUNS!

Order your Bakers Delight hot cross buns via the school and help support P&C initiatives.

\$8 per6-pack

♥ **TRADITIONAL**

♥ **APPLE & CINNAMON**

♥ **CHOC-CHIP**

*Available by **pre-order only** via **Qkr! App***
<https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store>

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Fri 19 March – orders close Mon 15 March
Fri 26 March – orders close Mon 22 March

*Orders to be collected at 3.15pm on
19th and 26th March from Trim Place gates.*

Thank you in advance for your support!


Meetings

Thanks to everyone who came to our first P&C meeting for 2021. We had a wonderful turn out of new and returning members and it was so nice to be back on school grounds. Thanks also to Candice and Alicia for their support in this meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on Zoom on Wednesday 31 March. RSVP to secretary@gpspandc.onmicrosoft.com to receive the Zoom login details.

A reminder that the first meeting each term will be in person (capped pending restrictions) and the second meeting each term will continue on Zoom. The reasons for this is that face to face meetings helps build a sense of community and appeals to some, including those who may not have good internet access at home or comfort online. Zoom meetings are appealing for those who may need to pay a babysitter to attend in person, it also means members can attend from anywhere.

Louise Lindsay – President@gpspandc.onmicrosoft.com




Confident
Independent & Creative
Young Women

Open Day

Thursday 4 March, 2021
3:30–6:00pm

Bookings Essential on Website

GUIDED TOURS

 **RIVERSIDE**
GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Huntleys Point Road, Gladesville
Ph: 9816 4264
W: riversideg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

 City of Ryde

**SATURDAY
27 MARCH
2021**

**ANZAC PARK,
WEST RYDE**

Join us this Easter for family friendly celebrations!

KIDS EASTER CONCERT
10.00 - 11.30am.
\$5 plus booking fee
(Includes a kids show bag).
Tickets must be pre-purchased.



**WEST RYDE EASTER
SINGING COMPETITION**
2.00 - 4.00pm



www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Easter

Sunsmart Snippet

Choose a sun smart hat



Broad-brimmed, bucket and legionnaire styles
Wearing a sun smart hat everyday protects your face, head, neck and ears, and reduces the amount of UV radiation reaching your eyes by 50%.

Baseball caps and sun visors DO NOT protect the cheeks, ears and back of the neck and are not recommended.

www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

 **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box