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Term 2, Week 1

Tuesday 20 April

COMING EVENTS

22 April	K-6 Cross Country
23 April	Winter PSSA commences
26-30 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
26 April	Interrelate Sessions Year 5 & 6
28 April	P&C Meeting

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back

Welcome back to Term 2. It was fabulous to welcome students back to school today ready for a busy few weeks of activities and events including the Cross Country Carnivals, P&C Sausage Sizzle and Parent Teacher Interviews.

We welcome and congratulate Miss Clare Ward on her permanent appointment to Gladesville PS. Clare will be teaching 5N for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Hilary Judge decided at the end of last term to not continue in the role of Relieving AP for Stage 3. Due to this change, Miss Lucy McVay will relieve in the position until the end of Term 2.

Mrs Alicia Elsinga will continue in the role of Relieving Deputy Principal until the end of Term 2 and as a result Miss Jackie Borg will remain teaching 6E.

School Improvement Plan

During last term, we worked hard to finalise our school's Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) for 2021 - 2024. We will be working towards achieving three directions, which incorporate two key initiatives. Our SIP can be read in full on our school website.

Strategic Direction 1: Student Growth and Attainment

This first strategic direction focuses on maximising student learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy. All staff will work collaboratively to implement evidence-based teaching and learning practices and use ongoing assessment data to drive instruction, differentiate

learning and identify required intervention. The two major initiatives within this direction are:

- Reading
- Numeracy

Strategic Direction 2: Building excellence in practice

This strategic direction focuses on the development of an inquiry-focused culture driven by high impact professional learning and data analysis. All staff will take collective responsibility for reflecting on their practice, continually refining their knowledge and skills and improving student outcomes. The two major initiatives within this direction are:

- Inquiry-focused learning culture
- Data literacy

Strategic Direction 3: Positive Learning Environment

Strategic direction 3 focuses on the creation of a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all students and staff. A whole school approach to wellbeing will be planned and underpinned by proactive and preventative evidence-based interventions and approaches which prioritise the multidimensional nature of wellbeing, foster resilience and respectful relationships. The two major initiatives within this direction are:

- Positive Behaviour support
- Inclusive Education

GOT IT Program Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

To support our focus on positive behaviour and social emotional learning wellbeing as part of our School Improvement Plan, Gladesville PS will be taking part in the GOT IT! (Getting On Track In Time!) early intervention and prevention program.

The program focuses on students in K-2 and their parents and carers. The program helps parents and schools to identify children's social and emotional difficulties and supports them to respond to difficult behaviours. The school-based program is delivered by a specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health teams in partnership with school staff.

NSW Health Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) lead the school based program in partnership with the NSW Department of Education.

Further information will be communicated to K-2 parents about the program in the coming weeks.



Our staff participated in our induction this week and the GOT IT! Team will be presenting an overview of the program at the start of the P&C Meeting on Wednesday 28th April at 7pm.

Below is the link to the *Got It!* video which outlines the program.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dphTbRyX5Kk>

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

On the Staff Development Day, staff completed their introductory training in the Positive Behaviour for Learning Framework. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) brings together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. The Framework involves the collaborative development and explicit teaching clear expectations of students and staff.

Students and staff benefit from:

- reduced problem behaviour
- increased time focused on instruction
- improved social-emotional wellbeing
- positive and respectful relationships among students and staff
- support for teachers to teach, model and respond effectively to student need
- a predictable learning environment where staff and students know what is expected to deliver effective practices that can be sustained over time

The implementation process is ongoing and teachers in collaboration with the community will be working to roll out the program throughout the year. The PBL framework supports our implementation of the Second Step program as part of our whole school strategic and planned approach to wellbeing.

Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6. Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 21 July 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2022, you need to apply between Tuesday 20 April 2021 and Friday 7 May 2021.

You will need to access the online application at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

You must not use the child's email address. 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 after Tuesday 20 April 2021. You must submit only ONE application for each student. THE SCHOOL CANNOT APPLY ON YOUR BEHALF.

Candice Barnard

Relieving Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Interviews – Bookings close Friday 23 April

Information about upcoming parent teacher interviews was sent to the community last term via School Stream. Gladesville Public School invites parents to attend interviews with teachers as part of the Semester 1 reporting process. This year parent-teacher interviews will be held using the video conference platform, Zoom based on feedback from the parent/carer community last year and the Department's advice that schools should continue to consider the use of alternate technology platforms for parent/carer meetings. In the event you do not have access to technology, please contact the school or your child's teacher to organise another arrangement.

Bookings will be made online by going to <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> or via the link on the app. Use the code **7yg87** then enter your details, select the teachers you wish to see and select an appointment time. For those families with more than one student at the school, we recommend that you leave a minimum of 10 minutes between each appointment time. Once you have made your booking, a confirmation email will be sent immediately to your nominated email address. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk/spam folder and make sure your email address is correct. You may book or change your appointment up to **3.00pm Friday 23 April**, when all bookings will be finalised. Please contact the school office if you need to access internet at school to complete a booking. Access codes will be posted on Seesaw on Friday 23 April.

Alicia Elsinga

Relieving Deputy Principal

Stewart House



As NSW Public Education's Charity of Choice, Stewart House is a not-for-profit organisation. Stewart House was formed over 88 years ago by the NSW Departments of Education and Health in collaboration with the NSW Teachers Federation. Since 2009, the organisation has been governed by an independent Board of Directors who administer the Stewart House program across the entire site including health, education and residential facilities.

To support Stewart House we will be sending home envelopes with the eldest student in each family. If you wish to support this very worthy cause, please insert a donation of \$2 into the envelope and seal it. Return the envelope to the school office no later than Friday 14 May.

News from your P&C

Welcome back to term 2, we hope everyone had a safe and restful break.

Meeting – Wednesday 28 April

We are looking forward to our next P&C meeting on Wednesday, 28 April. This meeting will be back in the school hall so it will be lovely to connect in person again. As always, we would love to see some new faces this meeting and with the easing of restrictions, everyone is welcome! Please send your RSVP to our Secretary Drew Dunstall - secretary@gpspandc.onmicrosoft.com.

Cadbury Easter Egg boxes

Thanks again to all of the families who sold (or ate!) Easter Eggs in the lead up to the holiday break. For those still to return funds raised by the Cadbury Easter Egg boxes, we will be doing our last collection on Friday 23 April from 2.50pm at the canteen.

Cross Country Sausage Sizzle

Thanks to the parents and carers who have volunteered for the Cross Country sausage sizzle – we couldn't do it without you and look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day stall will return this year and be held on Friday 7 May. We are now calling for volunteers. We will need some helpers for set up from 8.30 – 9 and then volunteers ready to help with the sales from 9-12. If you can help please sign up [here](#).

Volunteers – does your workplace offer volunteer leave?

Did you know Gladesville Public School P&C is a registered not for profit organisation? If your workplace offers volunteer leave, you may be able to put your hand up to volunteer at P&C events during your work day! It's worth asking your workplace as events like cross country BBQ and the Mother's Day stall are not possible without volunteers!

Second hand uniforms

As the weather starts to cool down you may be looking for new winter uniform options. The second hand uniform rack has moved back to it's original home – the uniform shop!



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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Gladesville Public School is held on Fridays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 23 April 2021.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.