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Term 4, Week 9

Tuesday 30 November 2021

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 30 November	Kindergarten Onsite Orientation
Friday 10 December	Kindergarten-Year 5 Virtual Presentation Days
Monday 13 December	Year 6 Presentation Day Virtual Assembly
Tuesday 14 December	Year 6 Farewell
Thursday 16 December	Last Day of Term 4 for students

MERIT AWARDS Weeks 7 and 8 Term 4

KS	Elliot A/ Max B Alba J/ Nicholas L	KG	Arjun D/ Olivia S Cianna C/ Alfie A	KJ	Eva A/ Elena M Liam S/ Louie C
1J	Rocco C/ Caleb S Anthony M/ Emmy FN	1G	Lachlan N/ Hannah G Felix F/ Alex N	1R	Will P/ Oscar G Mia G/ Andrew F
2K	Fernando GM/ Drew B Esme L/ Benji S	2E	Oscar M/ John K Amelia B/ Natalie Y	2R	Nicholas S/ Ethan L Liam F/ Lily W
2/3M	Caelin Y/ Maya M Alannah C/ Harvey U	3D	Stephanos A/ Laviniah MK Sofia T/ Zara A	3S	Myra C/ Kristos T
3/4H	Eric Z/ Julian H	4P	Harry C/ Valentina T Nicholas D/ Mia A	4/5M	Zac C/ Josh P Shiya V/ Emily Y
5D	Matheo DM/ Tosia K Nicholas Y/ Ruby L	5N	Tedon Y/ Liza L Daniel K/ lilah L	6E	Xavier M/ Jayden W Maya L/ Saul ER
6W	Oli K/ Rutwick C Daniel S/ Cristina J				
Technology	Doris Z/ Lara K				
EAL/D	Myra C/ Grace Z/Hayley W				
Gold Awards	Vida D/ Oli W/ Theo T/ Sophia T/ Olivia B/ Louis E/ Zac C				

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we come to the end of what has been an incredibly challenging year, it is a timely reminder for us all to work together to ensure a successful and happy end to 2021. I acknowledge that many of us are experiencing fatigue, juggling priorities and stresses that are common as the year comes to a close. It is important to remember that all members of our community have a right to respectful communication.

The best educational outcomes for our students occur when the parent/carer community and staff work closely together in partnership. We all play a part in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our school when communicating with one another whether it be in person, via email or social media.

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Miss Sarah Kay who was successful at merit selection for the permanent position of Assistant Principal. Miss Kay will be joining us from Mowbray Public School from Term 1 2022. I further extend this congratulations to Mrs Kathy Gounakis who has been successful in gaining a second year at Putney Public School in the role of Relieving Assistant Principal.

Ms Sewell has commenced her maternity leave and is expecting her first baby any day now. Mr Davis has secured a position at Queanbeyan South Public School for 2022. We wish both Ms Sewell and Mr Davis all the best next year and thank them for their outstanding commitment to their students, teaching and learning this year.

Miss Whitney Erskine and Miss Alison Kelleard will continue their maternity leave in Semester 1.

Teacher placement and the announcement of any new teachers will be shared early next year.

Last Day Term 4

The last day of Term 4 for students is **Thursday 16 December**. Staff will be at school on Friday 17 December for a School Development Day. This day will be used to plan teaching and learning programs for 2022.

All students are required to attend school until Thursday 16 December 2021. If parents/carers are seeking permission for their child to be absent from school for a period of more than 11 school days, please submit an Application for Extended Leave (Travel) form.

Key Dates for 2022

Date	Event
Friday 28 January	Staff return (Staff Development Day)
Monday 31 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 1 February	Students Years 1-6 return
Tuesday 1-Thursday 3 February	Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
Monday 7 February	Kindergarten commence in classes

Staff Gifts

As we approach the end of the school year, some families like to give small gifts to their teachers. While it is a generous and thoughtful gesture, it is not expected. Please be advised that NSW Department of Education staff members are unable to accept gifts with a value greater than \$50 (unless it is a combined class gift valued at less than this amount per contributor). Staff members are obligated to declare and then politely decline gifts greater than this value.

2022 Planning

If you are aware that your child/ren will not be returning to Gladesville Public School next year, please notify the office as soon as possible. It is important that we can anticipate accurate enrolment numbers for 2022 to assist with class planning.

Parent Survey: Working Together to Strengthen Consent Education

A survey for parents and carers of NSW public school students on consent education has been launched by the Department of Education.

Earlier this year the DoE secretary signed a [Statement of Intent](#) to strengthen consent education with the heads of Catholic Schools NSW and the Association for Independent Schools NSW.

This followed a petition by former Sydney student Chanel Contos, through which thousands of young people shared deeply shocking stories of sexual harassment, abuse and violence amongst young people. The work underway across government and the Department to strengthen legislation and consent education is vital to ensuring that future generations of students never have to share similar stories.

As the first and continuing educators of children, it is of course important that we work in equal partnership with parents and carers on consent education. This was called out strongly in the Statement of Intent. The parent and carer survey is anonymous and available in 10 languages other than English. It will take less than 10 minutes to complete and will be open until **15 December 2021**.

It will help us to plan the next stages of work, particularly how we can support parents and carers to have important conversations about consent with their children and young people.

We have worked hard to make sure that diverse parent and carer communities across the state can share their views. We've promoted the survey through schools as well as through the NSW Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations, Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, Family Advocacy, Multicultural NSW and the Ethnic Communities Council. On the advice of experts, we are running focus groups across Aboriginal and Multicultural communities – to ensure we are catering to the engagement preferences of different communities.

The results of the survey and focus groups will be shared with this group and placed on the Department's webpage later this year. More information and FAQs are also available on the [website](#).

The survey can be completed [here](#).

Pedestrian Safety

School executive members have observed an increase in the number of parents or carers attempting to cross Linsley Street at Kiss and Ride or from Coulter Street, rather than using the two available pedestrian crossings. This behaviour is placing our students, parents/carers and younger siblings at risk and is causing issues with traffic flow. Please use either of the crossings available.

2021 Presentation Days

Presentation Day Assemblies- Friday 10 December	
Kindergarten	9.45am
Stage 1	10.30am
Stage 2	11.45am
Year 5	12.30pm
Year 6 Presentation Day	
Monday 13 December: 9.45am	

Parents of students receiving awards will be contacted via email this week. A list of the awards which will be presented is below. Due to restrictions and the cancellation of sporting events, we are unable to award the Athletics Champion and the Excellence in PDHPE Awards.

K-2 Presentation Day

Class Awards – Certificate

- **2x Class Award** - *teacher's choice – examples include; academic excellence or achievement, effort & application,*
- **2x Values/Citizenship Award** – *awarded to students who have: demonstrated aspects of the school's core values, involvement in school community service, shown care and consideration for peers.*
- **Love of Literature Award** – *awarded to a student in each class who has demonstrated a love of reading and being read to, and who is actively involved in borrowing during library lessons.*
- **Technology and Innovation Award** – *awarded to a student in each class who has demonstrated excellence in technology lessons. Awarded by Lisa Jencsok*

Special Awards - Certificate

- **EAL/D Award** – *awarded to students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and improvement in English as an Additional Language lessons. One per stage. Awarded by Kristy Avard*

Stage Award – Certificate & Trophy

- **Gladesville Public School Values Award** – *a perpetual award. Awarded to a student in each stage (Early Stage 1, Stage 1) who has shown an outstanding and ongoing commitment to all core values: respect, integrity, excellence, care and compassion and fair go. One per stage*

3-6 Presentation Day

Class Awards – Certificate

- **2x Class Award** – 1 x academic achievement and 1 x teacher's choice – examples include; academic excellence or achievement, effort and application.
- **1x Exceptional Effort and Application**– awarded to a student in each class for consistent and sustained effort across all areas of learning
- **1x Values/Citizenship Award** - awarded to a student who has: demonstrated aspects of the school's core values, involvement in school community service, shown care and consideration for peers.
- **Love of Literature Award** – awarded to a student in each class who has demonstrated a love of reading and being read to, and who is actively involved in borrowing during library lessons.
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Awarded by Kristy Avard

Stage Award – Certificate & Trophy

- **Gladesville Public School Values Award** – a perpetual award. Awarded to a student in each stage (Stage 2, Stage 3) who has shown an outstanding and ongoing commitment to all core values: respect, integrity, excellence, care and compassion and fair go. One per stage

Grade Awards – Certificate & Trophy

- **Creative and Performing Arts award** – awarded to a student who has demonstrated excellence in the area of creative and performing arts. One per grades 3-5
- **Rotary Award for effort and involvement** –awarded to a student for involvement in extra-curricular activities such as debating, public speaking, film club, SRC. One per grade 3-6

Special 3-6 Awards – Certificate & Trophy

- **Premiers Sporting Challenge Medallion**- 1 student across 3-6
This award is given to a student for
 - commitment to fair play
 - encouragement of their peers
 - effort and improved performance in a sporting context
 - overall contribution to their school's weekly sporting program
- **Swimming Champion – Junior Boy, 11 Years Boy, Senior Boy, Junior Girl, 11 Years Girl, Senior Girl**

Year 6 Awards – in addition to class awards

Grade Awards- Certificate & Medallion

- **Ray Wilson Shield Year 6 Achievement** – highest academic achievement
- **Ray Wilson Year 6 Proficiency** - second highest academic achievement

Key Learning Area Awards – Certificate & Medallion

Awarded to students who have demonstrated overall academic excellence and sustained effort and application in each area of learning. Awards are not necessarily presented to the highest achieving student in each subject.

- **Excellence in English**
- **Excellence in Mathematics**
- **Excellence in History**
- **Excellence in Geography**
- **Excellence in Science**
- **Excellence in Technology**
- **Excellence in Creative and Performing Arts**
- **City of Ryde Excellence Award** – *a student whose work is consistently of a high standard*
- **Anthony Roberts Goodwill Award** - *citizenship/involvement in the school community*
- **Hunters Hill High School Encouragement Award** - *recognition of a student who will attend HHHS*
- **Leadership Awards** - *School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects*

***All Year 6 students are awarded a graduation certificate at the Year 6 Presentation Day**

Semester 2 Reports

It is anticipated that Semester 2 student reports will be available from the Parent Portal from Wednesday 15 December.

Follow the link <https://gladesvilleps.sentral.com.au/portal> to log in. Alternatively, the APP can be downloaded to your phone from <https://www.sentral.com.au/parents>

Your username will be the email address you used to set up your account. If you have forgotten your password, you will be able to click on the "Forgot Password?" link to reset it.

School Security

Please keep a look out for our school throughout the holidays. I ask that if you see anyone not treating our school with care and respect at any time, that you please notify School Security on 1300 880 021.

Candice Barnard
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

2022 Student Leadership Process

Last week over 30 Year 5 students delivered speeches to their fellow peers in Years 2 to 6 as nominees for the 2022 school student executive. Congratulations to all of the candidates for taking the opportunity and for delivering speeches with such pride.

On Friday, the names of the students in the leadership team will be announced at the weekly assembly.

School Captain, Vice-Captain and Prefect roles will be announced at the Year 6 Presentation Day, when the incoming leadership team will be presented with their badges.

Project Kindness- FINAL DAYS

Thank you for your generous donations for Project Kindness! The team have been overwhelmed with the community response to this initiative. The donation bin will remain in the front office for one more week so please keep the donations coming in.

Do you have any school shoes or sneakers with little wear and tear due to home schooling? If so, please tie the laces or buckles together and hand them to your teacher who will place them in the Project Kindness bin in the office. Fiona and Clem will make sure they go to a child in need for 2022.

Don't forget to give yourself a pat on the back for being so kind!

Check out <https://projectkindness.com.au/> if you would like to learn more about Project Kindness.



News from your P&C

Gingerbread Houses have arrived! If you ordered a Gingerbread House you will have received an email with the pick up details. Enjoy the decorating!

Gelato - What a day – 650 scoops of gelato, lots of Zooper Doopers and many, many happy kids. A huge thank you to all our volunteers who did an amazing job.

2111 Cookbook – We still have some 2111 Cookbooks available for sale at the bargain price of \$20. Purchases can be made via QKR with the book being delivered to your child's classroom. For parents who have joined the school in recent years, 2111 is a beautiful book published to celebrate the school's 140th birthday. It contains hundreds of recipes from school families and is a beautiful gift. All sales are a direct contribution to the P&C.

P&C AGM was held on Wednesday 24 November. We have farewelled two of our committee members and welcomed new members!

A big thank you to Fletcher Simpkins and Drew Dunstall who have both stepped down from the Executive Committee for 2022. Both contributed a great deal of time and energy as Treasurer and Secretary. Luckily for us, Fletcher has still offered his assistance at future events but we do say a sad farewell to Drew and his family, we wish them well in their new adventures.

Thanks also to the entire committee for 2021. It was not always an easy year but we have a great team and look forward to working together in 2022.

The P&C Committee for 2022

President: Louise Lindsay

Vice President: Debra Grimes

Vice President: Mark Philp

Treasurer: Monique Finucci (New)

Secretary: Siobhan Leach (New)

Events/Fundraising: Angela McCann

Grounds: Rupert Standley

GOOSH: Rainer Ahrens

Communications: Tony Chan, Alista White-Lombardi, Miles and Emily Joyce (New)

Sustainability: Inbal Luft

Diversity and Inclusion: Alice Goulding (New)

Out of area school parent representatives: Belinda Meggarity and Lauren Bradshaw

Merit Selection: Rupert Standley and Mark Philp

Be Kind

2021 has certainly been a tough year for everyone – students, parents and teachers alike. As the year draws to a close, a reminder that everyone is doing their best, and kindness goes a long way.

With that in mind, the P&C endorsed a charter at the final meeting of the year. Please take a read below.

Gladesville Public School Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association Charter at November 2021

The GPS P&C operates to:

- Promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff together; and
- Assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students

The Committee is comprised of both Office Bearer and Sub-Committee positions by members of our parent community; volunteers who give their time freely to support Gladesville Public School and the objectives of the P&C. Any Committee member of the GPS P&C is obliged to execute their role with care and diligence, and in good faith, in the interests of the school and community acting with respect at all times.

All our work is underpinned by the spirit of collaboration and respect; the way we conduct ourselves is representative of how we expect to be treated by the school community. We acknowledge we have varying skills and experience, but all decisions are made collaboratively and as a fair representation of our community.

Importantly, we are not a business, we exist to represent hundreds of parents and for the benefit of the Gladesville Public School community.

Our values:

- We work in partnership with the school
- We treat each other with respect and fairness
- We communicate in a positive and constructive manner
- We embrace diversity and the opinions of all members of the P&C

Communication with the P&C:

Underpinning the P&C values, all members of our community have the right to be respected. Therefore, to ensure the wellbeing of our P&C committee, members and volunteers, any issues or complaints relating to P&C activities should only be sent to one of the two Vice Presidents via the email addresses below. The two Vice Presidents will address all concerns in a timely manner and reserve the right to engage the school executive for assistance, especially regarding events or activities held on school grounds. No member of the P&C is contactable via their personal email or mobile to lodge complaints.

VP1@gpspandc.onmicrosoft.com

VP2@gpspandc.onmicrosoft.com

All persons working on, or with, the P&C Committee strive to act in the best interests of the school community at all times. The Committee therefore kindly requests that no parent publicly voice negative comments or individual opinions relating to the GPS P&C, particularly on social media channels. The above process provides any individual the ability to raise concerns or complaints in such a way as to mitigate any offence or harm to others.



Thank you

As this is our final contribution to the school newsletter for 2021, we would like to say a big thank you to all of the GPS community who has supported the P&C this year. Be that volunteers, those who have purchased fundraising items and committee members thank you.

A special shout out to the GPS Executive, teachers, and support staff. We thank you for helping facilitate our activities on school grounds and just generally being a lovely team to work with and support our kids.

May you all have a safe and happy end to 2021.