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GLENMORE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A picture says a thousand words...



Principal's Message

A New School Year

I would like to welcome back all of our families to a new school year. I also formally welcome all of our new families to our wonderful school. This year we have a few new members of staff; Mrs Grant and Mrs Townley-Jones both join our teaching teams and Ms Penehoe and Ms Moussi are our two new School Learning Support Officers. I know you will warmly welcome those new to our school.

I can report that this year's enrolment stands at 657 students, which entitles us to 28 classes, 3 of which form part of our support unit.

Each year the classes at Glenmore Park Public School are named to reflect a theme. This year our classes have been named after an author. Please refer to the list below for a summary of our staffing and classes for the year.

Class	Also known as	Teacher
K/6C	K6 Joy Cowley	Mrs Curry
K/6O	K6 Wendy Orr	Mrs O'Rourke
K/6R	K6 JK Rowling	Mrs Reasbeck
KD	K David McKee	Ms Dickenson
KK	K Kim Kane	Miss Kasic
KR	K Michael Rosen	Mrs Roberts
KW	K Mo Willems	Mrs Whiticker

Class	Also known as	Teacher
1H	1 Martin Handford	Mrs A Hughes
1O	1 Narelle Oliver	Ms O'Connor
1R	1 Emily Rodda	Mrs Ross
1S	1 Dr Seuss	Miss Smith
2B	2 Beatrix Potter	Mrs Beard
2D	2 Roald Dahl	Mr Denny
2P	2 Pamela Allen	Mrs Pace
2W	2 Margaret Wild	Mrs A White (Ms Watts)
3C	3 Lauren Child	Mrs Curran
3E	3 Enid Blyton	Mrs Evans
3F	3 Jackie French	Mrs Filo
4C	4 Lewis Carroll	Mr Corry
4M	4 May Gibbs	Ms Monteith
4P	4 RJ Palacio	Miss Preissl
4/5K	4/5 Jeff Kinney	Mr Kirby
5C	5 CS Lewis	Miss Carter
5G	5 Andy Griffiths	Mrs Grant
5H	5 Heath McKenzie	Miss Honess
6B	6 Anthony Browne	Mrs Ballas
6C	6 Eric Carle	Mrs Chaulk (Mrs L Hughes until W6)
6M	6 Mem Fox	Mr Martin

As most parents would understand, state schools are staffed on total enrolment numbers. As such, fluctuations in said numbers impact on the way we form classes. Staff entitlements also allow teachers to take various types of leave throughout their careers such as long service leave, leave without pay, part-time leave etc.

Our 2018 staff list:

Deputy Principal

Mr Arnold

Assistant Principals

Support: Mrs Reasbeck

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten): Ms Dickenson

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): Mrs A White

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4): Mr Corry

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6): Mr Martin

Instructional Leader: Ms Webb

Office & Support

Mrs Helen Hillsmith – School Admin Manager

Mrs Janet Spinks – School Admin Officer (Tu - Fri)

Mrs Jenny Burns - School Admin Officer (M – Th)

Mrs Janie Kelaher – School Admin Officer (Mon/Thur/Fri)

Mrs Libby Bamford – School Admin Officer (Tue-Thurs)



Mr Steve Carley – General Assistant
 Mrs Spicer – School Learning Support Officer
 Mrs Cefai – School Learning Support Officer
 Ms Bose – School Learning Support Officer
 Ms Macdonald – School Learning Support Officer
 Ms Penelope – School Learning Support Officer
 Ms Moussi - School Learning Support Officer

Class Teachers

Please refer to table above

Support Teachers

Miss Whitby – Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher
 Mrs L White - Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher
 Miss Oudkerkpool - Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher
 Mrs Findlay - Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher
 Mrs Odhiambo – Learning and Support Teacher (Tue -Fri)
 Mrs Watson – Learning and Support Teacher (Mon/Tue)
 Mrs Dalitz – Teacher Librarian (M – Th)
 Mrs Magner—Teacher Librarian (Th, F)
 Mrs Townley-Jones – English as an Additional Language/Dialect Teacher (EAL/D)

Included on page 4 is our contacting the school guide for your reference.

Parent Waiting Area

We have many students at the school and when parents/carers are also in the playground this creates some safety issues. The teachers are required to actively and effectively supervise the children and so in order to ensure this is possible, especially in the mornings, we ask that you remain behind the blue line that is near the staffroom. Your cooperation is crucial in ensuring the safety of our students.

Curriculum Contributions

At the end of last year I published an outline of the 2018 Curriculum Contributions. Please refer to the note sent home today for further details and payment deadlines.

School Therapy Sessions

If your child has had therapy sessions by an external provider in the past and you did not receive one of the information packages sent home last Friday, could you please contact the office as soon as possible. We have had to update our processes to comply with the Department's policy. Please note that no therapy sessions can commence until the school has contacted you. We thank you for your patience as we transition to the new procedures.

School Timetable

As reported late last year, we have been successful in being able to sanction our morning sessions for uninterrupted literacy learning. As part of the changes we have altered how teachers will receive their RFF (relief from face to face teaching). All teachers are entitled to two hours a week of RFF. In order to minimise interruptions and maximise learning time, teachers will be provided with their RFF as a day per fortnight. Their class will be taught by the same RFF teacher each fortnight to ensure consistency and a smooth transition.

We are also requiring your assistance with ensuring that the children are at school on time each day. All students should be here by 8.55am to ensure they can line up and move in to their rooms when the bell rings. It is very disruptive for the students when children arrive late. Our school day commences at 9am.

Kiss and Drop Zone

I would like to just remind our families that we have a Kiss and Drop Zone that operates each morning and afternoon. You are **NOT** permitted to park in this zone whilst it is in operation (8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm).

It is a zone where families are able to set down or pick up children. There is a **limit of 2 minutes** and if your child is not there in the afternoon, you must move along and then return to the zone.

It is crucial that we all work together and obey the rules in order to ensure the safety of all of our children. I thank you in advance for your cooperation with this issue.

Emergency Information Card Update 2018

At the beginning of each year we ask all families to complete this card and return it promptly to the school. It is an important part of our beginning of year processes as it enables us to ensure we have the most up-to-date contact details for each student. This year's cards will be distributed soon to all students and I would encourage you to complete the card and return it by the end of next week.

Dates for your diary...

The beginning of the year is always busy and as such I would like to draw your attention to a few events that will be taking place at the school.

- Leaders Induction Ceremony – Thursday 15 February at 2pm
 - * *All the students in leadership positions will be presented with their badges at this ceremony. Invitations will be sent to the families of the students involved.*
- Parent Information Afternoon (Meet the Teacher) – Tuesday 13 February from 5pm to 7pm
 - * *This is an opportunity for parents/carers to visit their child's class and hear about what they will be learning this year. It is also the opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Please note: this is not a Parent/Teacher interview night, if you would like to discuss any issues with your child's teacher you will need to schedule an alternative meeting time.*
 - K-2 and Support classes will be from 5pm until 6pm*
 - 3-6 classes will be from 6pm until 7pm*
- Swimming Carnival – Thursday 15 February from 7pm.
 - * The note was sent home last week

Contacting the School – A Guide for Families

The following has been prepared for families to use when contacting the school.

Please remember that with most enquiries your child's class teacher is your **first port of call**.

Questions about ...	Action to be taken
My child's welfare, learning or stage activities	1st Please write a note to your child's class teacher OR 2nd Please contact the office to organise an interview with the teacher
A school policy or practice	Please contact the office and the appropriate member of staff will respond
The actions of another child towards my child on school grounds	Please inform the class teacher OR the stage Assistant Principal OR Deputy Principal if an urgent matter
The actions of another child towards my child while travelling to or from school	Please inform the stage Assistant Principal or Deputy Principal
The actions of a parent while on school grounds	Please inform an Assistant Principal or Deputy Principal

The actions of a member of staff (for feedback or clarification)	1st Please write a note to the teacher concerned or contact the office to organise an interview 2nd Organise an interview with the Assistant Principal responsible for the stage 3rd Contact the office to organise an interview with the Deputy Principal/Principal
Playground Accidents	Please contact an Assistant Principal or Deputy Principal
Lost Property	1st Ask your child to check the lost property box 2nd Check the lost property box yourself 3rd Please write a note to your child's teacher
High Schools	Please contact the Stage 3 Assistant Principal
Financial Assistance	Please contact the office for the relevant forms to be completed

EQUIPMENT LISTS FOR 2018

KINDERGARTEN (Early Stage 1)

4 glue sticks
 Large box of tissues
 4 whiteboard markers
 Paint shirt or apron with name
 Liquid soap
 Packet of kitchen paper towels

YEARS 1 & 2 (Stage 1)

- * Art shirt (Mum or Dad's old shirt will do) with name
- * A4 size Homework book with lines please.
Covered and sent to school by Friday Week 2. Not too thick, stapled 100-124 pages. Spiral bound books not suitable as they fall apart! No scrap or small exercise books.
- * Four glue sticks per term (Bostick are the best brand—these may be shared) *Glue pots, pens, liquids are not suitable*
- * Box family size tissues (these will be shared)
- * Paper towel (1 roll for class use)
- * 2 whiteboard marker pens
- * USB stick – labelled with name and class
- * Small pencil case and set of textas (12-20 only)
 labelled with name and class
- * Liquid soap

YEARS 3 & 4 (Stage 2)

- * 128 page A4 exercise book for homework
- * Scissors
- * 2 Erasers
- * 2 large Glue sticks
- * Wooden or plastic ruler (not metal or bendable rulers)

- * Dictoinary (Junior)
- * 6 HB lead pencils
- * Textas
- * Coloured pencils
- * SMALL Pencil Case
- * Paint Shirt (optional)
- * Barrel sharpener
- * Highlighthers
- * 2 Whiteboard markers
- * USB stick
- * Tissue box or a roll of paper towel
- * Liquid soap
- * Calculator (Year 4 ONLY)

Liquid paper, permanent markers and metal rulers are NOT allowed and should not be part of classroom equipment.

YEARS 5 & 6 (Stage 3)

- * 2 pencil erasers
- * 4 HB pencils
- * Barrel type pencil sharpener
- * Coloured pencils
- * Medium point coloured textas-*no permanent markers*
- * 5 blue pens, 2 red pens—*no felt tip or pastels*
- * 2 Whiteboard markers
- * Small pencil case
- * 1 standard wooden/plastic senior 30cm ruler—*no metal or bendy plastic*
- * Calculator
- * 2 Large glue sticks
- * Homework Book-covered-A4 size
- * Oxford or Macquarie Dictionary and Thesaurus
- * Geometry Set
- * Safety Scissors
- * A4 document folder
- * 2 boxes of tissues
- * Roll of paper towel
- * USB/Memory Stick

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club catalogue Issue 1 2018 was sent home with students on Thursday 1 February. The school does not process cash or cheque payments for book orders. Please use the LOOP online ordering system. Families can register at <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>

To order, follow the instructions on the order form on the back of the catalogue or refer to the information sheet.

Orders will close on Tuesday 13 February.

Mrs Magner & Mrs Dalitz

LOOP, our **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform, allows parents to order and pay for their child's Book Club requirements in one simple online process.

LOOP orders are linked to your school and your **Book Club Ordering Group**. Orders sit pending until you submit the final school order to us.

If parents want to pay by credit card for online **Book Club** orders, **LOOP** makes it easy! Orders will be submitted safe and sound to schools, eliminating the need for paper order forms.

Download an information flyer introducing **Book Club LOOP** for Parents:



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PBL focus for Weeks 1 and 2:

STARS Rule: Show Respect

Student Focus: Be ready to learn. How can we show that we are ready to learn?

COMMONWEALTH BANK STUDENT BANKING

Student banking for students will commence in Week 3 on Thursday 15 February. Bank books should be taken to the class teacher before being sent to the office for processing.

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How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Google play iTunes

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Google play

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.



Windows Phone

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Please find the information you will need to download our Skoolbag app on to your mobile phone or tablet. All school newsletters as well as other important alerts are communicated via this app

TERM 1, 2018

WEEK 2	5/2	6/2	7/2 Sport in Schools Yrs 3-6	8/2	9/2
WEEK 3	12/2	13/2 Parent Information Afternoon 5 to 7 pm	14/2 Sport in Schools K-2	15/2 Leadership Induction Assembly 2pm Primary Swimming Carnival 7–9 pm	16/2
WEEK 4	19/2	20/2	21/2 Sport in Schools Yrs 3-6	22/2 3-6 Assembly 2pm Item 3E	23/2
WEEK 5	26/2	27/2	28/2 Sport in Schools K-2	1/3 K-2 Assembly 2pm	2/3
WEEK 6	5/3 Year 4 to CARES 4P and 4K	6/3 Year 4 CARES 4M and 4K	7/3 Sport in Schools Yrs 3-6	8/3 3-6 Assembly 2 pm Item 6M Year 4 CARES 4C, 4K, K/6C and K/6O	9/3
WEEK 7	12/3	13/3	14/3 Sport in Schools K-2	15/3 K-2 Assembly 2 pm Item 1H	16/3
WEEK 8	19/3	20/3 Harmony Day	21/3 Sport in Schools Yrs 3-6	22/3 3-6 Assembly 2 pm Item 5H	23/3
WEEK 9	26/3	27/3	28/3 Sport in Schools K-2	29/3 K-2 Easter Hat Parade	30/3 GOOD FRIDAY
WEEK 10	2/4 EASTER MONDAY	3/4	4/4 Sport in Schools Yrs 3-6	5/4 3-6 Assembly 2 pm Item 5C	6/4
WEEK 11	9/4 School Photos	10/4 School Leaders to ANZAC Ceremony at Penrith Paceway	11/4 Sport in Schools K-2	12/4 School ANZAC Ceremony	13/4 Last Day of Term 1

Please Note: Details are correct at time of publishing and are subject to change