



GLENMORE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A picture says a thousand words...



Principal's Message

Wow – our final newsletter for the year! Thank you for your continued support for our school. I also want to thank those who completed our community survey regarding events and activities you would like to see reinstated following a COVID hiatus and/or continue. We will communicate these at the beginning of next year.

With Nangamay PS opening Day 1 next year, we will be losing several students as that is their local school. Most students leaving are in our K-2 section, with only minimal students in 3-6 moving over. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all well as you commence this new adventure.

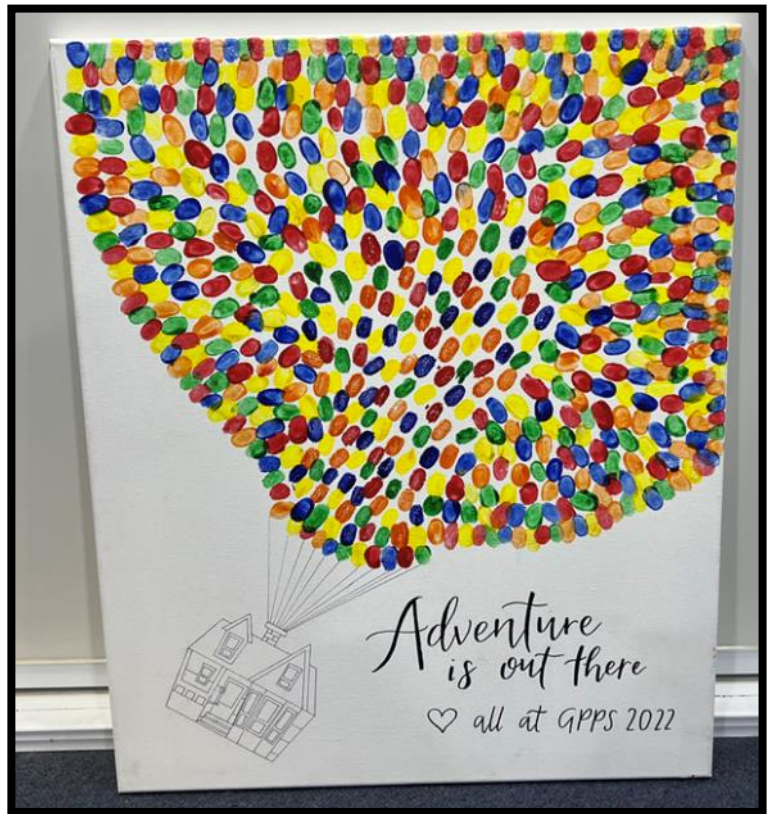
The last day for students is Friday 16 December and the first day next year is Tuesday 31 January 2023.

I wish you all a happy and safe summer break and look forward to seeing those returning in 2023.

Staff News

Mrs Helen Hillsmith has been here since the school opened in 1997. She and the previous principal, Michelle Collins, worked tirelessly to lay the foundations that have helped make Glenmore Park PS what it is today. Mrs Hillsmith is retiring at

the end of this year after her many years of service to public education. She has served our community with dedication, commitment, and hard work. I know how hard this decision has been for Helen, but I also know that by retiring, she is making room for new adventures. At Presentation Day we gifted Mrs Hillsmith an artwork. The artwork has been made by all of the students and staff at Glenmore Park. It is the house from the movie Up and the balloon is made up of the approx. 800 fingerprints of the staff and students. We hope she hangs this somewhere in her house to remember us by, but also to remind her to be brave enough to embrace the new adventures. Thank you, Mrs Hillsmith, for your service.



At the end of this year, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs McGinnes who was successful in gaining a promotion to Warragamba PS, Mrs Curry, Mr Hovenden, Miss Janie, Miss Libby and Miss Sheree, who have all successfully gained employment in other schools and Mrs Norton, who will be having a baby. We will also say a temporary farewell to Ms Monteith, who is trying a school much closer to her home. Congratulations to you all! Thank you for everything you have done for our students and community as a whole - you will be missed.

Student Enrolments – repeat item

With Nangamay PS opening its doors day one next year, we had always anticipated a group of students to move over to the school. The challenge for us is that our staffing is linked to student numbers. Thank you so much to those who have notified us that their children are leaving our school at the end of this year to move over to Nangamay, or other schools. We are contacting families of children who have mentioned that they may be moving schools, to confirm this. If you know your children are changing schools and you are yet to notify us, I ask that you do so as a matter of urgency. I thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

MiniFete

A reminder that our MiniFete is being held this coming Friday 9 December. Parents/carers are welcome to join us for this exciting event. A few things to note:

- Gates will open for families at 11am
- No other school-aged children/siblings are permitted to attend – as this is a school day, they must attend their own school
- You may walk around with your child/ren
- MiniFete ends at 1.30pm – the raffle will be drawn at approx. 1.20pm under the COLA
- If you are taking your child home early on the day, you **MUST** sign them out with their class teacher

- No year 6 students are allowed to leave early as they are responsible for the event which includes cleaning up.
- All students Kindy to year 5 are to wear their school uniform. Year 6 only can wear appropriate mufti.
- Remember to bring cash as there are no EFT facilities. Smaller notes will be appreciated as the students will have limited change on their stalls.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday!

2023 Equipment Lists

Please refer to the table overleaf for the equipment lists for each of the grades for next year to enable you to take advantage of the back to school sales in January.

Safety Reminders – repeat item

Please note that supervision of students does not begin until 8.30am, which is the time that the front gate is unlocked. It is appearing that some students are arriving earlier and earlier, some before 8am. It is essential that children arrive as close to 8.30am as possible. If you do not have care for your children prior to 8.30am, you need to consider contacting a before school care provider. We need to work together for the safety of our students.

Additionally, I remind all family members to be hyper vigilant when driving around the school. I have received some reports of some near misses not involving students, but adults. I ask that you pay attention whenever moving around the school.

Natalie Mansour
Principal

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property can be found in the front office. Please ensure all uniforms are labelled with students FULL name so that they can be returned.

Clothing pool is also available. All items are \$2 each. If you are interested in purchasing please call or send an email to the school with the details of the items you require including size and quantity. We will check availability and call you back.



2023 Equipment List

Please ensure children have these supplies throughout the year.

Restocking of these items will be needed as they run out.

Item	Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)	Stage 1 (Yrs 1-2)	Stage 2 (Yrs 3-4)	Stage 3 (Yrs 5-6)
Glue Sticks	4	4	4	4
Paint shirt/smock	1	1	Optional	
Whiteboard markers	4	4	4	4
Oxford or Macquarie Dictionary (Junior) Stage 2			1	
Oxford or Macquarie Dictionary and Thesaurus				1
Pencil case		1	1	1
Blue Pen			5 (Yr 4 only)	5
Red Pen			2 (Yr 4 only)	2
Scissors			1	1
HB Lead pencil			6	4
Set of coloured pencils			1	1
Medium point coloured textas (no permanent markers)			1	1
Calculator			1	1
Pencil sharpener with barrel			1	1
30cm ruler (not metal or bendy)			1 Senior	1 Senior
Eraser			2	2
Highlighters			2	2
Homework book – covered A4 size 128 pages (Not spiral bound)		1	1	1
USB/ Memory Stick		1	1	1
Box of tissues	1	1	1	1
Library Bag	1	1	1	1
Geometry set				1

Term 4 2022

WEEK 9	5/12	6/12	7/12	8/12	9/12 Mini Fete
WEEK 10	12/12	13/12 Reports Go Home	14/12	15/12 Year 6 Graduation Year 6 Farewell	16/12 Last day for Students

Term 1 2023

WEEK 1	23/1	24/1	25/1	26/1	27/1 Staff Development Day No students
WEEK 2	30/1 Staff Development day No Students	31/1 First day for all students	1/2	2/2	3/2
WEEK 3	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2 Swimming Carnival	10/2
WEEK 4	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2	17/2
WEEK 5	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2
WEEK 6	27/2	28/2	1/3	2/3	3/3
WEEK 7	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3 School Cross Country
WEEK 8	13/3	14/3	15/3	16/3	17/3
WEEK 9	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3

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

Congratulations to our Award Recipients

Silver Award Recipients

Noah K-1 C
 Ethan 1G
 Vanessa 1G
 Eleanna 1W
 Zachariah 2-3F
 Laksh 5D
 Minka 5D
 Oliver 5/6G
 Tyler 3C
 Zac 4M
 Aiden 5D
 Jake 5D
 Ron 5/6G
 Raffi-Ella 5/6G
 Zac 6H
 Rihanna 6H
 Damon 6H
 Dylan 4-6S
 Daisy K-1C
 Diana K-1C
 Elijah K-1C
 Caleb 2M
 Paige 2K
 Anvi 2K
 Anaya 2K
 Braxton 1R
 Taneeka 1G
 Aaliyah 1G
 Taizbal 1F
 Leo KS
 Eva KJ
 Emily 3B
 Tamay 5E

Gold Award Recipients

Noah K-1 C	Oliver 5/6G	Senuki 6K
Lucy 1W	Japnam 3L	Caleb 2M
Zachariah 2-3F	Ron 5/6G	Anaya 2K
Summer 5E	Rihanna 6H	Tamay 5E
Laksh 5D	Damon 6H	Devin 6K
	Grace 6K	

Honour Award Recipients

Summer 5E	Declan 5H	Senuki 6K
Laksh 5D	Rihanna 6H	Isabelle 6K
Oliver 5/6G	Damon 6H	
Ron 5/6G	Grace 6K	

GPPS REWARD SYSTEM



Teen Ranch

HOLIDAY ADVENTURE PROGRAMME <<<

adventure awaits these summer holidays

Are you looking for a fun way to spend your holidays?

Teen Ranch is inviting you to a series of day adventures this January.

Our Adventure Programme activities include horse riding, canoeing, rock climbing, high ropes, giant swing, archery, pool games and more.



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JANUARY 2023

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

*You are cordially invited to join Fr. Suresh & the St. Padre Pio Parish
Catholic Community for Christmas celebrations*

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHILDREN'S MASS

Saturday 24 December
5:30pm Carols 6:00pm Mass

FAMILY MASS

Saturday 24 December
8:00pm Carols 8:30pm Mass

SOLEMN MASS

Sunday 25 December
11:30pm Carols 12:00am Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Sunday 25 December
8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass



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Highlights from the last few weeks

Congratulations to our new student leaders for 2023!

Captains: Laksh and Ella

Vice Captains: Jada and Jackson

Prefects: Jett, Radinsa, Jett, Raffi, Braxton, Georgia, Jett and Hayley.... See more



It's been a busy term for 4MC! We've been learning about Australia's neighbours, Japan and Indonesia, practicing our soccer skills and we even found some interesting ways to reinvent our garbage!



KB have been working really hard learning about different celebrations. We learnt about Chinese New Year, making some dragon masks. We also enjoyed learning about Diwali and made some colourful diya lamps to celebrate the festival of light. In fitness, we had lots of fun playing survivor tag with Mr Grant.



Highlights Continued ...

4M had a ball letting their creative and playful selves loose during the Reverse Garbage incursion. Students explored, and found innovative ways to repurpose and have fun with loose items, considered "garbage" by many. The inventors of the future!!



Term 4 has been busy in 3Lemon Sharks. We have been learning about lots about Asia, in particular, Indonesia and our chosen country of South Korea. Along with this, we are also creating a beautiful piece of art that is linked to the printmaking skills of Indonesia. We have been practicing our netball skills and learning lots in mathematics. We were also very lucky to participate in the Reverse Garbage workshop and use our imagination to turn rubbish into into different things.



KT have been very busy! We have been practicing our fundamental movement skills with our buddy class 3C. We have explored how other countries celebrate birthdays and produced some amazing writing detailing what we do on our birthday. We even got to decorate our own birthday cake.



Thank you to all who supported our multi day! When the money is counted I will share how much we have raised for the WestCare Christmas Appeal. 😊

#picoftheday #LoveWhereYouLearn



4S have been learning about how they can do their bit for the environment through the Reverse Garbage Workshop they attended last week at school. They investigated ways to reuse different products that would have otherwise ended up in landfill. They used their creativity and imaginations to create innovative designs with these products. Students designed and built everything from play centres to fortresses to outdoor gymnasiums.



We are all so proud of the w... See more



Welcome to the BH Sculpture Exhibition!

Each student spent time designing and creating a sculpture linked to the theme of survival over the last 2 years. Students put their artwork on display for other classes to visit. They were all very proud of their efforts.



This term KS have been learning about different celebrations in writing. They have been trying hard to use adjectives in sentences to make it more interesting. In computers every Friday, KS are learning to type sentences in Word. They also used to chalk to make Rangoli with our buddies, and party hats when learning about birthdays.



★ 2022 Presentation Day ★

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3C were busy practicing new skills through using their creativity in the Reverse Garbage Workshop. Their designs showed us that sometimes used items can become a range of different things if we just put our minds to it.



Hands-on maths activities and creative artworks have been keeping 5E busy!



1F have been studying 2D shapes in Maths. We had fun playing T-Ball for Sport. The children enjoyed acting out the story The Big Bed during Literacy activities.



Thank you to all who supported our mufti day! When the money is counted I will share how much we have raised for the WestCare Christmas Appeal. 😊

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1G have been working diligently over the past few weeks, developing our knowledge through hands-on learning. We enjoyed learning about Australian currency and practising different addition and subtraction strategies during mathematics. We used plasticine to make 2D shape pictures. In health, we were impressed to discover; the human body has 206 bones. During history, we drew our own family trees.



1R created BEautiful artworks after reading the book 'Give Bees a Chance'.

We have been learning how to use the computers and are getting more and more confident in basic computer skills.

We continue to love literacy group time, where we practise skills like reading, spelling and writing! We all have a big focus on fluency - trying to make our reading sound like talking & not like robots.



KA have been very busy this term! In Literacy we have been learning about a number of different celebrations from around the world. We particularly loved learning about Diwali and created our own Rangoli using oil pastels, watercolour paint and glitter.

During maths we have been learning about time and money through a number of hands-on activities.

We have also been very busy in our school kitchen garden!





This week KS has been getting into the Christmas Spirit by helping set up the tree, designing their own trees using forks and paint, as well as using their teamwork to make paper chain decorations for our classroom.



1W enjoy participating in our Morning Circle on a Monday. Each student holds Wally the Wobbling while they share news about their weekend. During Sport the students have been practising skills needed to play games like soccer and cricket. 1W made different size snakes then measured and compared their lengths using uniform informal units.



Our Year 6 Aboriginal students going to Glenmore Park High School are looking ready for real life with their KARI transition backpacks.

