



GLENMORE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A picture says a thousand words...



Principal's Message

Cross Country

Our Cross Country Carnival is being held this Friday. Please refer to the note that was sent out last week to all students in Years 3-6.

School Photos

This year's school photo day is Monday 4 April. Please refer to the note on page 4 for information regarding the ordering of photographs. All payments must be made online through The School Photographer.

Curriculum Contributions

Thank you to those who have already actioned this. Please refer to the note sent home for specific details. We have identified a slight issue with some of the payments families made last year and we are working hard to rectify it. If we are holding funds in trust, we will send letters to the relevant families. If you believe that you have money being held in trust, and you have not received a letter by early next week, please send an email to the school and my wonderful office ladies will investigate it and get back to you. Thank you for your understanding.

Voluntary Contributions

On the curriculum contribution note, I explained how schools request families to pay school fees if they are able and willing. This year we are going to use any money we raise from the voluntary contributions towards a new playground equipment space. The money we raised from last year's fun run will cover approximately half the cost and so any further money we can raise would be very helpful. A picture of the proposed equipment is below.

Missing Notes?

A reminder that all notes we send home are also placed on the school's website and Parent Portal for your ease and reference.

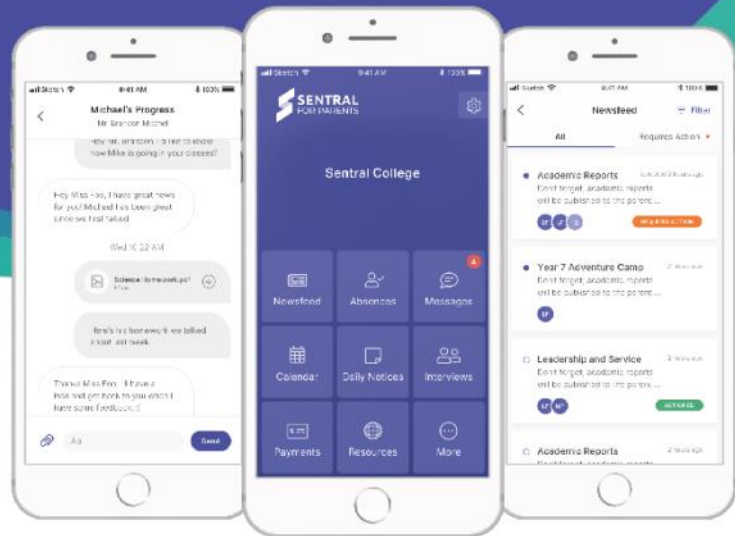
Keeping information current

If there have been any changes to your child's health or the family's contact details (phone numbers, address), please contact the office as soon as possible to ensure that we have the most current information on file. Additionally, it is important that we are aware of any AVO's or court orders that affect children. In these instances, please contact one of the Deputy Principals.

Natalie Mansour
Principal



SENTRAL Parent Portal



The Sentral for Parents app allows you to monitor your child's school journey simply and efficiently. You will find numerous smart features that help streamline your day. Receive notices and alerts, report absences, view reports, and more. The Sentral for Parents app helps you stay connected and informed about your child's education.

1

Download the app

Search for the free Sentral for Parents app in the Apple or Google Play Store

2

Add your school

Search for Glenmore Park Public School

3

Create an account

Once you have received a registration email from the school, create an account and wait for it to be approved

4

Enter the access key

Once you have received an approval email from the school, link your children by entering the access key from the registration email



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The products below may only be ordered with the purchase of one or more of the above options

*All image sizes are approximate.

Glenmore Park Public School

Please note: Due to potential Covid Restrictions at the time of photography the traditional group in your photo package may be substituted for a composite group or equivalent.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life



Signing Students out Early

To collect students early, please press the intercom or call from the gate if locked. When the office staff answer, please let them know your child's name, class and reason for the early departure. Your child will then be brought up to the office and signed out by staff. Please remember that during recess (11.30am-12pm) and lunch (1.30pm – 2pm) children are not in their classrooms and are not able to be contacted. Please also allow enough time for your child to pack up their activity, their bags and get to the front office.

Don't forget to ensure your child has their drink bottle each day.



Birthday Orders at the Canteen

Birthday orders are now being taken at the canteen. Options currently available are:

-Platter of mixed cupcakes \$1 each
-Bucket of Zooper Dooper Ice Blocks \$0.80 each

Bucket of Mixed TNT Ice Blocks \$1 each

All orders require 48 hours notice. Orders can be placed over the phone (please call school office to be transferred or via email: thehealthycanteen1@gmail.com



GPPS REWARD SYSTEM



5 Orange Awards

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Blue Award



4 Blue Awards

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Silver Award



3 Silver Awards

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Gold Award



2 Gold Awards

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Honour Award

Congratulations to our Award Winners

Silver Award

Winners

Ella 5E	Danica 1F
Malia 6H	Jayce 1R
Ciara 6S	Matilda 1R
Adam 6S	Bella 2M
Callan 2K	Milli 2M
Savannah 3B	Lily 4S
Keerat 3L	Zain 5E
Jack 4MC	John 6S
Rowan 4S	Harrison 3L
Emily 4S	Connor 4M
Hayley 5D	Imogen 4M
Laksh 5D	Mya 1R
Ashton 5H	Zaelia 2M
Sophia 6H	Jackson 5D
Zac 6H	Jayden 1G
Noah 2K	Eli 1G
Amelia 2K	Harley 1G
Joseph 2K	Taleeah-Skye 6H
Indie-Rose 2M	Chloe 6H
Scarlett 2M	Lacey 5H
Mani 2P	Rasleen 5H
Hargun 2P	Jaxon 5H
Kassidy 3B	Darren 5H
Rijul 4MC	Ari K-1C
Jaxon 2-3F	
Jessica 1F	
Sophie 1R	
Jersey 6H	
Hallie 1D	
Harlan 1D	
Jason 1D	
Diya 1D	

Gold Award Winners

Ella 5E
 Malia 6H
 Riley 3L
 Jack 4MC
 Bailey 6S
 Rijul 4MC
 Jaxon 2-3F

Honour Award Winners

Ella 5E
 Malia 6H
 Bailey 6S

Ella 5E

I feel proud to get an honour award at the end of the year. I like animals, reptiles but NOT insects like cockroaches, stinkbugs and others. I enjoy reading wings of fire and warriors because they contain my favourite animals. Dragons from Wings of Fire and cats from Warriors. I like drawing dragons and cats but I often draw wolves. All I like about wolves are their fur because in drawings they look fluffy. My Class Emperor penguin made artworks of emperor penguins. I can't remember who it was made by but all 5E's penguins looked AMAZING!

Bailey 6S

Hi, my name is Bailey. I'm in 6S. I'm 10 and this is my second gold. I have a few friends however I mostly hang out with Chloe and Amelia. I spend most of my time on my computer. I also love the beach.

Highlights from the last few weeks

4 Manta Ray have made a flying start to 2022! Students have been settling well into their new 4M learning community, demonstrating enthusiasm and engagement each day across a range of subject areas including English, Mathematics and History...Not to mention also showing their prowess in painting (Visual Art) and yoga (P.E Fitness on a rainy day)!



5/6 G and 6H have been using lots of hands on activities during Mathematics and were challenged to create a tower with lower and upper levels to demonstrate their understanding of negative numbers.



3 Lemon Sharks have had a colourful start to 2022! In Maths, we have measured the length of many different objects inside and outside the classroom - we even drew our own life-size dinosaurs in chalk. Art has been all about mixing colours to find our favourite colour and a colour that makes us think of our families. Sport has also been fun with lots of throwing and dodging games as part of our athletics unit.



6S are developing their communication and collaboration skills while also improving their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) knowledge with a challenge to build a bridge out of paddle pop sticks and tape, that holds as much weight as possible.



Highlights Continued ...

3 Banana Prawns have been measuring in cm and metres in mathematics. They measured themselves and compared their height order. They also needed to choose a measuring device larger than a ruler to draw some realistic (and to scale) ferocious dinosaurs! In visual arts students have been experimenting with mixing colours to find their favourite shade.



5E have had a busy start to the term, doing lots of hands on maths work, and getting outside when we have been able to for fitness and kitchen garden.



5D have had a great time learning about multiplication through games. We played multiplication bingo and had some fun with word problem board games.



In KT students have been very busy. In Maths groups they have been looking at different ways to create patterns and investigating ways to create two-dimensional shapes. They read the text 'Mr Bitter's Butter' and used loose parts to recreate their favourite part of the text.



5H have joined the Kitchen Garden program this term and have done an excellent job preparing and planting garden beds to grow their own veggies. 🥕 🥦 🥬
Hopefully all this rain doesn't wash away their hard work!



KJ students have been working hard in reading groups. Each group read the book 'My Pet' with Miss Johnston. Students learnt how to point to each word as they read, how to use the pictures as clues to work out words, and how important it is to listen to others when they read to follow the story.

Students rotated through a a range of literary activities and worked on sight words and letters of the week.



4 Seahorse have had a fantastic start to Year 4 and have already formed some great friendships! Students have been using the writing process to carefully plan, compose, revise, edit and publish imaginative texts. They have written poetry about the Australian Bushland and enjoyed exploring our school's natural environment to get ideas for their writing. In Art, students are learning to explore colour and tone by mixing different shades together and thinking about what colours represent their family and why. In Maths, 4S has been using arrays to build mental strategies for multiplication and division. In History, we created a timeline using paper to represent the number of years Aboriginal and Torres Strait islanders have lived in Australia compared to European settlers. During the week, Stage 2 students celebrated swimming carnival success with some 4S students finishing in second and third place and receiving a ribbon.



Soooo proud of Alanna! 🌟 🏅 🏆

C/- Western Weekender

SPORT

Athletics on the rise

Massive success at Regional Champs as Little Athletics booms in popularity

NATHAN TAYLOR

Penrith Valley Athletics Club has enjoyed its best Regional Championships result in a decade, with more than a dozen of its athletes qualifying for the upcoming Little Athletics NSW State Championships.

14 local athletes from Penrith Valley Athletics qualified for the State Championships in a whopping 24 events, with U9 athlete Alanna Thornton set to represent the club in 60m hurdles, 200m sprint and long jump, while U14 athlete Luke Alderson will compete in four events.

Penrith Valley Athletics sent 56 athletes to the Region 6 Little Athletics NSW Regional Championships in Basikham Hills last month, with numerous medals won and personal bests achieved during the busy three-day period.

Young athletes from all over Penrith, Blacktown, Mt Druitt and The Hills took part in the Regional Championships, which was held at Alfred Henry Whaling Reserve.

Penrith Valley Athletics Publicity Officer, Caroline Dwyer, said the club was immensely proud of every single athlete



Lennie Nix.



Alanna Thornton.



Luke Alderson.

that took part, in particular Lennie Nix, who made history across the weekend.

"Lennie was the only U8 girl in NSW to take home all four gold medals in the

sprint events," a very proud Ms Dwyer said.

"It was her first time competing at Regionals and she won gold in the 60m hurdles, 200m sprint, 300m sprint and 70m sprint.

"Unfortunately, U8s don't progress through to the State Championships because they are too young, but hopefully Lennie can be part of it next year."

Little Athletics in the local area has exploded in the past few months, with the Penrith Valley Athletics Club seeing an influx of youngsters signing up for a summer of fun.

Dwyer, who has been involved with the club for 15 years, believes there are two main reasons for the surge in registrations.

"I think increased participation can be put down to the Tokyo Olympics and the recent lockdown, as everyone probably wanted their kids to do something fun after many months trapped inside," she said.

"As much as Little Athletics is a solo sport, it's very social as well. We've got a lot of parents at the club that used to be members of clubs when they were six or seven-years-old, and now they are bringing their own kids back."

6K have had a productive start to the year. We have been engaging in many different types of learning and enjoying building new relationships with our classmates.



This week students in KB have been learning to make patterns by repeating colours, shapes, dance moves and sounds they hear.

They've also been listening carefully for sounds they can hear in words, like t in turtle and a in apple.



6H is exploring the intricate details of the world around them in visual arts by sketching and then painting trees trunks, leaves and surroundings.



KA have been doing lots of art and craft to help improve their fine motor skills. They have also started writing about the books they read in class and are learning to share their ideas with friends.



Over the last few weeks, KS has been working very hard in Maths lessons. They have been exploring two-dimensional shapes, making repeating patterns, and working on number skills.



4 Mud Crabs have been using their comprehension strategies in reading and using a range of strategies to solve multiplication. In History, we made a timeline to show how long the Aboriginal people have been connected to Australia. We have set our goals for the term and we're working hard with our quality thinking partners. 4MC have been doing yoga and have sweaty brains too! What a fantastic year of learning we're going to have!



Term 1 2022

WEEK 9	21/3 Harmony Day	22/3	23/3	24/3	25/3 School Cross Country
WEEK 10	28/3	29/3 Parent Teacher Interviews	30/3	31/3	1/4 Back up School Cross Country
WEEK 11	4/4 Photo Day	5/4 Stage 2 Excursion	6/4 Stage 2 Excursion	7/4 Stage 2 Excursion Easter Hat Parade	8/4 Last day Term 1 ANZAC service

Term 2 2022

WEEK 1	25/4 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26/4 School Development Day	27/4 Students return	28/4	29/4 Zone Cross Country
WEEK 2	2/5	3/5 Year 1 Excursion	4/5 Mothers Day Stall	5/5 Year 1 Excursion	6/5 Back Up Zone Cross Country
WEEK 3	9/5	10/5 Year 4 CARES NAPLAN	11/5 NAPLAN	12/5 Year 4 CARES Kindergarten Zoo Excursion NAPLAN	13/5 NAPLAN
WEEK 4	16/5 NAPLAN	17/5 Year 4 CARES NAPLAN	18/5 NAPLAN	19/5 NAPLAN	20/5 NAPLAN
WEEK 5	23/5	24/5	25/5	26/5	27/5
WEEK 6	30/5	31/5 School Athletics Carnival	1/6	2/6	3/6
WEEK 7	6/6	7/6	8/6	9/6	10/6

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