



GLENMORE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A picture says a thousand words...



Principal's Message

Thank you to all of the family members who joined us for yesterday's K-2 Fun Day – it is really nice to be able to get back to most of our pre-COVID activities!

The last day of Term 3 is Friday 23 September and Term 4 commences Monday 10 October. I hope that all of our families have a great holiday break.

Farewell Mrs Curran and Mr Kirby

It is with very mixed emotions that I share the news that Mr Kirby and Mrs Curran will be leaving our school at the end of this term to take up their new substantive positions as Assistant Principals at Nangamay Public School. We are very, very sad to see them leave, but equally excited for them both as they commence the exciting journey of opening a brand-new school. I know you will all join me in congratulating both amazing teachers on their promotion.

Dr Kristy Goodwin

A reminder that our very special parents/carers session with Dr Kristy Goodwin is tomorrow evening from 6pm until 7.30pm. The topic she will be speaking about is Raising your Child Online. I recently shared a short 2 min video on our Facebook

page for those wanting more information. Please refer to the flyer on page 4 for further details and for the link to register.

Safety Reminders

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.

2023 Kindergarten Enrolments

A reminder that if you have a child due to start kindergarten next year, or know someone who does, I encourage you to complete the enrolment process asap. We are currently organising our orientation and would not want any kids to miss out. Some notes for your diary:

- Parent/Carer Kindergarten Expo – Wednesday 19 October – 6.30-7.30pm
- Student transition visits commence Monday 24 October - 9.30am

Natalie Mansour
Principal



The poster features a black background with white and yellow text. At the top, there is a string of colorful triangular bunting flags. The main title 'Kindergarten Orientation 2023' is written in white. Below it, 'Save the dates:' is written in yellow cursive. The event details are listed in yellow: 'Kindergarten Expo: Information for parents and carers Wednesday 19 October 2022 from 6:30-7:30pm' and 'Classroom visits for students: Monday 24 October and Monday 31 October from 9:30-10:30am'. The bottom line reads 'More information will be mailed out in the coming weeks.' The poster is decorated with various icons: a pink graduation cap, a yellow starburst, a yellow heart, a pink sun, a pink daisy, a red apple, and a white pencil.

Kindergarten Orientation 2023

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More information will be mailed out in the coming weeks.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE DUE
TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

FUNDRAISING SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY

TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

Meal Deal

1 x beef or vegetarian sausage or hot dog on a roll with choice of
tomato, BBQ sauce or no sauce 1 x Drink (Glee various flavours ,
flavoured milk , popper or water)
1 x Zooper Dooper

When: Tuesday 20 September 2022

Cost: \$6 (fundraising event 15% all sales go to the school)

How: Orders can be placed online at flexi- schools or over the counter at the
canteen.

**ALL PREVIOUS ORDERS SUBMITTED FOR THURSDAY WILL BE MOVED
TO TUESDAY. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ANOTHER ORDER**

All orders must be in by MONDAY 19th September



Raising Your Child Online

DR KRISTY
GOODWIN

Help your child to thrive online. Put an end to the guilt, grief and guesswork often associated with screentime.



Glenmore Park Public School is delighted to offer a presentation with Dr Kristy Goodwin. It will help parents with children between 4 and 12 years of age to navigate the digital world with their children, **without** suggesting that they ban the gaming console, or iPad, or unplug the TV. Dr Kristy will arm parents with research-based yet realistic advice to help them feel confident about how they can best support their child's physical health, mental wellbeing and learning online.

Kristy will explore:

- // Why children find the online world captivating and how to manage their screen time so it doesn't end in 'scream time' (there's science to explain their techno-tantrums);
- // A simple (& realistic) formula to determine healthy SCREEN TIME limits for children;
- // The 3Bs that allow parents to be the PILOT of the DIGITAL PLANE;
- // the 5 essential BOUNDARIES they must establish to ensure their child's time online supports their PHYSICAL HEALTH and MENTAL WELLBEING;
- // Why DIGITAL DISCONNECTION is critical for your child.

DATE - 14th September 2022

TIME - 6:00pm AEST

LOCATION - Glenmore Park Public School Library

REGISTRATION - <https://forms.gle/zxoM4DhJ5DKghbVE7>

About Kristy



Dr Kristy Goodwin is one of Australia's leading digital wellbeing researchers, speakers, authors & media commentators (and mum who endures her kids' techno-tantrums). She provides brain-based solutions to help children, teens and adults thrive in a digital age. Kristy arms parents with science-backed, yet simple solutions to help their 'screenagers' develop healthy and sustainable digital behaviours. Kristy's former clients include the NSW Department of Education, the Reserve Bank of Australia, Westpac, Optus, Apple, Macquarie Bank, Randstad, DLA Piper and public and private schools across Australia.

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CHOCTOBER FEARLESS



THE FUNNEST SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FOR KIDS!

30th September, 9am - 3pm

Choose two different workshops!

Activities include big & messy games, amazing creative workshops, chocolate grab & chocolate zone, plus fun, faith & friends!

EPIC chocolate prizes to be won!

\$30 for the whole day

At Imagine Nations Church
1 Simeon Rd, Orchard Hills



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Crunch&Sip is a time during the school day for children to re-fuel with vegetables or fruit and rehydrate by drinking water in the classroom.

Each classroom has a Crunch&Sip break every morning. Certain foods are permitted for this break. See the list of permitted foods below.

Students can eat the foods that are not permitted for Crunch&Sip at recess or lunch.

Vegetables

All fresh vegetables are permitted (e.g. celery, carrot sticks, broccoli bits)



Fruit

- All fresh fruit (e.g. whole fruits, chopped melon)
- Dried fruit like sultanas or apricots are allowed for Crunch&Sip but should be limited.



Drinks

A clean, clear water bottle filled with plain water.

All other food and drinks are not permitted including:

- Any drinks other than plain water including fruit or vegetable juice, fruit juice drink, fruit cordial, mineral waters, carbonated water, water with added vitamins and minerals
- 'Fruit' products (e.g. fruit leather, fruit roll-ups, fruit bars or similar)
- Fruit jams, jellies, pies or cakes
- Canned Fruit or fruit in cups
- Dips, including those that are vegetable-based
- Marinated or processed vegetables (e.g. olives)
- Vegetable or potato crisps, hot potato chips
- Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties, sausage rolls)
- Vegetable cakes, fritters, quiches, breads or similar
- Popcorn
- Yoghurt



Congratulations to our Award Recipients

Silver Award Recipients

Gurman 1F	Aishita 4MC
Peyton 1D	Jasmine 6H
Scarlett 2P	Taleeah-Skye 6H
Cooper 2P	Amelia 6S
Veronica 2P	Hallie 1D
Aiden 2-3F	Arik 1G
Lalan 3B	Olivia 4S
Chanelle 3B	Shivani 5/6G
Madison 3L	Monique 6S
Isabella 3L	Evelyn 1R
Jorja 4M	Isla 6K
Tyler 4M	Ishan 6K
Courtney 4MC	Matilda 6K
Charlotte 4MC	Devin 6K
Minka 5D	Ayaan 6K
Holly 5E	Braxton 2P
Aarav 5H	Kanav 2P
Declan 5H	Indina 2P
Brayden 5H	Mani 2P
Oliver 5/6G	Mackenna 1R
Radinsa 5/6G	Nathan 3C
Alyssa 5/6G	Tayla 3C
Taliyah 5/6G	Guneet 3C
Declan 5/6G	Alexis 3L
James 1R	Avery 4M
Cianna 3B	Emma 4MC
Ashton 3B	Sasha 4S
Hamish 3C	Isabella 5H
Kavish 3C	Kiara 6S
Jessica 4M	Nazlie 6S

Gold Award Recipients

Scarlett 2P	Kourtney 3L
Lalan 3B	Jackson 4S
Isabella 3L	Nathan 3C
Ranulpreet 4M	Isaac 5H
Alyssa 5/6G	Kiara 6S
Learah 5/6G	Nazlie 6S

Honour Award Recipients

Isla 6K	Olivia 4S
Lily 6K	Kiara 6S
Ishan 6K	Nazlie 6S

GPPS REWARD SYSTEM



Highlights from the last few weeks

This week we recognised our fabulous School Admin and Support Staff (SASS). This integral group of people help us, the teachers, do what needs to be done. They are hard working, dedicated and caring. I was unable to get a pic of them all, so here is a pic of the cakes we shared together! 😊

Thank you to: Mrs Hillsmith, Mrs Burns, Mrs Cormack, Mrs Cullen, Mr Carley, Mr Varnier, Miss Preissl, Mrs Georges, Mrs Spicer, Ms Bose, Mrs Cefai, Miss Robyn, Miss Jane, Miss Libby, Miss Kamilia, Miss Sheree, Miss Renee F, Miss Renee C, Mrs Roy, Miss Michelle, Miss Taylah, Mrs Grima, Miss Sarah, Miss Chloe, Miss Stacey. We also acknowledge our cleaners Deb and Sharyn.

Natalie 😊



4S have been 'Happy Builders' this term as they put their incredible communication and collaboration skills to work making an emu using small wooden blocks as part of a STEM incursion. The STEM project covered a range of learning areas including Mathematics, English, Science and Geography! Students have been creating informative texts in writing, focusing on Australia's landforms and features as part of our Geography unit. So far, Pyjama Day has been our favourite mufti day this year!



A huge thank you to the GPPS community for your support of the Book Swap. It was a huge success. We still have many lovely books left. Students are welcome to bring in a gold coin to swap for book until this Friday.



Highlights Continued ...

K-1C have had a busy term. In Literacy, we read *The Ninjabread Man* and cooked our own gingerbread men. We had to eat them quickly before they got away!

In Maths, Kindergarten have been learning about length and Year 1 have been experimenting with mass.



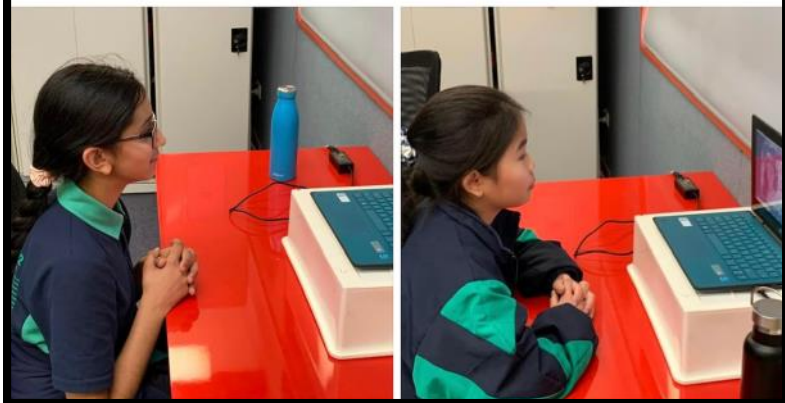
3 Lemon Sharks have been exploring lots of different things this term! We have enjoyed the weather warming up and getting outside to have lot of hands-on experiences in mathematics! We had a great time building campsites with Kapla blocks in our Happy Builders Incursion. We also loved having a snuggly PJ day (and having a sneaky nap at our tables)!



Last Friday, 2M were very happy builders! Students worked collaboratively to build the Eiffel Tower during the Happy Builders incursion. They turned out fantastic.



Congratulations to Azizah and Stephanie who did GPPS proud this week representing us in the Regional competition of the Premier's Spelling Bee. Both students made it through multiple rounds and had to spell some really difficult words. Well done!!



Lunchtime Art Club provides a chance for students with a passion for visual arts to come and explore different techniques and styles of art with support and guidance from teachers. Here are some examples of what our Art Club members have been working on.



4M had an absolute ball during their Happy Builders session. Using Kapla blocks, their creative minds and with only a super quick how-to demonstration, students created an incredible "Forbidden City" replica - complete with moat and landscaping! Truly an amazing experience and result.



Drills are a part of making sure everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency. We just did an evacuation drill and I'm pleased to share that we evacuated the whole school in less than 5minutes! Well done Team GPPS!

Natalie 😊



4MC have been busy! Busy gardening and cooking, busy using spheros in Mathematics, busy building our gymnastics skills and busy building models of the Petronas Towers using KAPLA blocks. We have been measuring and comparing lengths and working on explaining our mathematical thinking during number talks.



3 Carpet Sharks are always ready for a lively discussion and a hands-on challenge. We loved participating in the "Happy Builders" Incursion last week, using teamwork to create some amazing infinity towers that were each impressive and unique. We loved dressing up in our costumes for Book Week and dressing in our PJs too! Most of all, we love working together to be the best learners we can be - each and every day!



Today during kitchen garden, 1G learned how to make compost. We planted butter beans in the recycled pots and when they sprout, we will be able to plant them directly into the soil. The pots will eventually break down into compost. We love learning how to grow our own food!



We had loads of people forget to get dressed today! 😊 Thanks to all who supported this SRC fundraiser. We raised \$500 to go towards playground benches.

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3B have had a very busy term. We have been learning to estimate and measure lengths using mixed units of metres and centimetres. We experimented with newspaper to make a perfect square metre before taking them outside to find the area of some of our playground spaces. We even discovered that one square metre doesn't need to be the shape of a square! Lots of fun was had at our happy builders incursion where we strengthened our team building skills to work together to make a Roman aqueduct from KAPLA blocks. All this new learning exhausted us so much that last Friday we came to school in our pyjamas. 😊



Congratulations to Alanna, Malia, Milly, Mariah, Georgia and Brody for qualifying for the Sydney West team!



IF have had a very busy and exciting term. We built a bridge city during the Happy Builders Incursion, enjoyed welcoming the parents into our classroom for open day, made gingerbread for our story 'The Ninjabread Man', made a city and talked about position for maths and have been working hard in the kitchen garden.

Book Week and Open classrooms = a huge success! Thanks to all who participated.

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1W have had a very busy and fun Term 3 so far. Each Monday we learn all about planting and growing food during Kitchen Garden time. We enjoyed participating in NAIDOC Celebrations and Book Week activities. 1W experimented with shaving cream and food colouring to create Marbleized Peacock paintings. We programmed the Blue-Bots to follow simple commands and sequences on different types of floor mats. 1W also worked as a team to build an amazing Sea dragon during the Happy Builders Incursion.



1R have had another busy term filled with lots of exciting things that have brought smiles to our faces. We have really enjoyed the kitchen garden program and have just planted our own bean seeds, we can't wait to watch them grow! We loved the Happy Builders program where we demonstrated exceptional team work and collaboration to build a ginormous castle! We've continued to participate in a range of engaging and hands-on maths activities and especially enjoyed creating our own 3D representations of a map.



Over the last few months, our school debating team have competed in several debates against other Penrith Valley schools and have achieved a few wins so far. Their skills in forming arguments and rebutting are developing very well (you're welcome parents 😊).



On Thursday 28th July students from 4S and 4-6S visited CARES to learn about Road Safety. From all accounts they had a great day and all students retained their bike licences.



2P have had a very busy term so far. We have been learning athletics in sport as well as using bee bots to navigate maps. 2P have learnt team skills whilst making an octopus during the happy builders incursion.

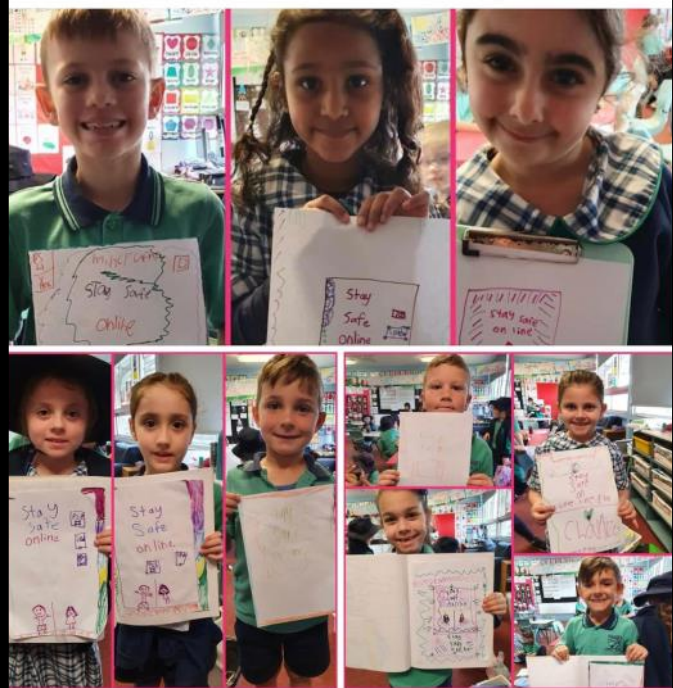


Kindergarten got to experience their very first school excursion today at Sydney Zoo. For some it was their very first time going on a bus, so that was most exciting too 😊 Students walked around the zoo to visit all of the animals and also had a learning experience with one of the zoo keepers, meeting some animals up close.

Teachers would like to express how proud they are of all Kindergarten students today, showing respect when moving around the zoo and great enthusiasm to learn about the animals. We are pleased to have been able to share your first school excursion with you all.



In 1D this term we have been learning lots of new things. We have had a big focus about how to stay safe online. We hope you like our posters.



This term, 2M have been writing descriptions. After reading the book, Imagine, groups created a diorama on one of the settings from the story and wrote a description about it.



2K have been busy building 3D shapes and large sculptures, making their own clocks, learning various athletics skills and creating a school map for the bee bots. We have so much fun learning each day.



Term 3 2022

WEEK 9	12/9 K -2 Fun day	13/9	14/9 Dr Kristy Goodwin Presentation 6pm Library	15/9 Group Photo Day	16/9
WEEK 10	19/9 PBL Reward Day	20/9 Sausage Sizzle	21/9	22/9	23/9 Last day of term 3

Term 4 2022

WEEK 1	10/10 Students return to school	11/10	12/10	13/10	14/10
WEEK 2	17/10	18/10	19/10 2023 Kindy Expo 6.30-7.30pm	20/10	21/10
WEEK 3	24/10 2023 Kindy Orientation	25/10	26/10	27/10	28/10
WEEK 4	31/10 2023 Kindy Orientation	1/11	2/11	3/11	4/11
WEEK 5	7/11	8/11	9/11	10/11	11/11
WEEK 6	14/11	15/11	16/11	17/11	18/11
WEEK 7	21/11	22/11 Public High School's Orientation	23/11	24/11	25/11
WEEK 8	28/11	29/11	30/11	1/12 Presentation Day	2/12
WEEK 9	5/12	6/12	7/12	8/12	9/12 Mini Fete

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