



# GLENMORE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*A picture says a thousand words...*



## *Principal's Message*

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; Ms Lauren Watkins and Ms Elise O'Kelly who both come to us as our Assistant Principals Curriculum and Instruction. They will be working closely with the teachers to support them with the implementation of the new curriculum. We also welcome; Miss Jacqui, Miss Danielle, Miss Alice who will be joining our SLSO (School Learning Support Officer) team. I know you will warmly welcome those new to our school.

Each year the classes at Glenmore Park Public School are named to reflect a theme. This year our class names are based on flowers. Please refer to the list on the following page for a summary of our staffing and classes for the year.

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 2023 staff list:

### Deputy Principal

Mr Mark Arnold

### Supervisors/Assistant Principals

Support: Mrs Reasbeck

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten): Mrs Taylor & Mrs Watson

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): Mrs McKenna

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4): Mrs Klinkenberg

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6): Mr Martin/Mrs Hardacre

Relief from Face to Face: Mr Arnold

Learning Support Teachers: Mrs Reasbeck

Library: Mr Arnold

CLASS	NAME	TEACHER
KA	K African Daisy	Mrs Apps
KJ	K Jacaranda	Miss Johnston
KO	K Orchid	Mrs Odhiambo (Mrs O)
KT	K Tiger Lily	Mrs Townley-Jones (Mrs TJ)
1F	1 Forget-Me-Not	Ms Findlay
1H	1 Hibiscus	Mrs Howells
1R	1 Rose	Miss Richard
1W	1 Wattle	Mrs White
2G	2 Grevilleas	Mrs Grant
2K	2 Kangaroo Paw	Miss Kasic
2M	2 Moonflowers	Mrs Miklosz
2S	2 Sunflower	Miss Kirk
3A	3 Aster	Mrs Baxter/Miss Giles
3T	3 Tulip	Mr Borg
3/4B	3/4B Banksia	Mrs Bailey
4A	4 Aloes	Mr Apicella
4S	4 Sweet Pea	Mrs Streater
5/6C	5/6 Carnation	Mr Denny
5/6D	5/6 Dutch Iris	Miss de Jong
5/6E	5/6 Edelweiss	Ms Etheridge
5/6H	5/6 Hippeastrum	Mrs Hardacre
5/6L	5/6 Lotus	Mrs Hughes/Mrs Beard
K-6F	K-6 Frangaipani	Mr Fisher
K-6H	K-6 Hydrangea	Miss Hackett
K-6S	K-6 Snapdragons	Mr Shah

## **Office & Support**

Mrs Jenny Burns - School Admin Manager  
 Mrs Haley Cormack – School Admin Manager  
 Mrs Jeanette Cullen - School Admin Officer  
 Mrs Jenny Georges – School Learning Support Officer/School Admin Officer  
 Mr Steve Carley – General Assistant  
 Miss Paiten Preissl - School Learning Support Officer  
 Mrs Spicer – School Learning Support Officer  
 Mrs Cefai – School Learning Support Officer  
 Ms Bose – School Learning Support Officer  
 Ms Robyn Macdonald – School Learning Support Officer  
 Ms Kamilia Moussi - School Learning Support Officer  
 Mrs Sarah Chieza - School Learning Support Officer  
 Mrs Rehka Roy - School Learning Support Officer  
 Miss Michelle Williams – School Learning Support Officer  
 Mrs Renee Cambel - School Learning Support Officer  
 Ms Jacqui Legender - School Learning Support Officer  
 Ms Stacey Harrigan - School Learning Support Officer  
 Ms Alice Swan - School Learning Support Officer

## **Support Teachers**

Miss Whitby – Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher  
 Mrs Montgomerie - Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher  
 Mrs Chloe Fairclough - Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher  
 Mrs Carl – English as an Additional Language/Dialect (Mon - Wed)  
 Mrs Magner Teacher Librarian and Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher (Th, F)  
 Mrs Pembroke – Teacher Librarian and Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher (Mon - Thu)  
 Mrs Reasbeck – Learning and Support Teacher  
 Mrs Watson – Learning and Support Teacher (Mon/Tue/Thurs)

## **School Counsellors**

Ms Danielle Farrell (Mon/Fri), Miss Olivia Smith (Tue)

## **Private Psychologists**

Ms Melissa Colusso & Mr Alex Chemuel (Tue)

I have engaged the above private psychologists to work with us one day a week. They will be helping us implement proactive programs as well as help with case management. They will be in touch with any parent/carer before seeing/working with any child one-to-one. Included on page 6 is our contacting the school guide for your reference.

## **When does my child need to wear their sports uniform?**

In 2023 Sports Days are as follows:

Kindergarten – Wednesdays

Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) – Thursdays

Years 3-6 – Fridays.

## 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.

## School Bell Times

Our school bell times are as follows:

- 9am – first session
- 11.20am – eating time
- 11.30am – recess
- 12pm – second session
- 1.20pm – eating time
- 1.30pm—lunch
- 2pm—third session
- 3pm—home time

Please remember that during recess and lunch 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.

With our morning session being 2.5 hours, it is essential that all students have items for crunch and sip.

## Don't forget to pack Crunch&Sip® every day...

Crunch&Sip® is a set time for your child to eat vegetables or fruit and drink water in the classroom.

WATER

+

VEGIES

or

FRUIT









[www.crunchandsip.com.au](http://www.crunchandsip.com.au)

## Compass Parent Portal

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already got their Compass parent Portal up and running. If you are yet to do so, please refer to the email sent out last week. We will be using Compass as our main form of communication soon. What's great about Compass is that you are able to give digital permission for events/excursions in just a few clicks! You will still be able to enter absences as you have in the past and we will be issuing students reports by this app.

If you are experiencing any issues connecting to the app, please contact the school.

## Birthdays

If your child is celebrating their birthday at school, please ensure that if you are going to send in cake/lollies for their class, everything is pre-portioned. Cupcakes, donuts and lollies are preferred. A reminder that the canteen has birthday options that you can pre-order. Please contact the school and ask to speak with the canteen if you would like to organise this.

## Newsletters 2023

Please note that our newsletters this year will be published three times a term, in weeks 3, 5 and 9. It is essential that you connect to the Compass Parent Portal as we use this platform as our main source of communication. Please refer to the email sent out last week for further details.

## 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.

- Swimming Carnival – Thursday 9 February from 6.50pm. Note was sent home last week
- Leaders Induction Ceremony – Wednesday 15 February at 9.15am. All the senior students in leadership positions as well as our SRC 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) – Thursday 16 February – after school. 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 – 4.00pm – 4.50pm
  - Years 3 – 6 – 5.00pm – 5.50pm
- School Cross Country – Friday 10 March

## 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	1 <sup>st</sup> Please write a note to your child's class teacher <b>OR</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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. 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)	1 <sup>st</sup> Please write a note to the teacher concerned or contact the office to organise an interview 2 <sup>nd</sup> Organise an interview with the Assistant Principal responsible for the stage 3 <sup>rd</sup> Contact the office to organise an interview with the Deputy Principal/Principal
Playground Accidents	Please contact an Assistant Principal or Deputy Principal
Lost Property	1 <sup>st</sup> Ask your child to check the lost property box 2 <sup>nd</sup> Check the lost property box yourself 3 <sup>rd</sup> Please write a note to your child's teacher
High Schools	Please contact the Stage 3 Assistant Principal
Financial Assistance	Please contact the Deputy Principals

**Natalie Mansour**  
**Principal**

# 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 1 2023

WEEK 3	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2 Swimming Carnival	10/2
WEEK 4	13/2	14/2	15/2 Leader Induction Ceremony	16/2 Parent Information Afternoon	17/2
WEEK 5	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2
WEEK 6	27/2	28/2 SRE/SSE begins K-2	1/3 Cake Stall	2/3 SRE/SSE begins 3-6	3/3 PSSA Gala day
WEEK 7	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3 School Cross Country
WEEK 8	13/3	14/3	15/3 Naplan	16/3	17/3
WEEK 9	20/3 Naplan	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3
WEEK 10	27/3 Harmony Day Celebrations	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3
WEEK 11	3/4 Parent Teacher Interviews	4/4	5/4	6/4	7/4

## Term 2 2023

WEEK 1	24/4	25/4 ANZAC DAY	26/4	27/4	28/4
WEEK 2	1/5	2/5	3/5	4/5	5/5

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



## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Welcome to what promises to be an exciting year of sharing fun and interesting books together in classrooms and in the library. Students require a library bag labelled with their name. It can be a shopping bag, pillowcase or tote bag as long as it is made from fabric and not plastic. The idea is to protect our books and for students to have somewhere to keep their books while not reading them.

### Borrowing

Welcome to a fresh year at your school library! We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year sharing and enjoying quality literature and working on projects in the library. Students have the opportunity to borrow two books weekly.

Students require a library bag made of fabric in order to borrow from the library. This is to minimise damage to the books and keep them in good condition for the next borrower. It also gives students a place to keep their books while they're not being read. A pillow case is also suitable. **Please LABEL with your child's name on the OUTSIDE of the bag.**



### Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has been put in place by the NSW Government to promote reading. It opens on Monday 28th February and it closes on Friday 19th August.

This year Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students are reading books in the classroom and the library, which will enable them to complete their PRC at school. Students from Years 3-6 are required to complete the PRC independently.

If your child is in Year 3-6, then they may need your support in completing the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. It is up to them to complete it themselves. Students can borrow PRC books from the library and record them online by:

- Going to the PRC 2023 website <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

- Logging on using their DEC students login and password that they use at school (see the menu on the left hand side of the screen)

- Record the books that they have read by author, title or number

If you have trouble doing this, then feel free to list the books on a sheet of paper and give them to Mrs Magner.

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students can read their own books and log them online too. However, at school we support their first years of the challenge by reading texts to them.

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

Students are able to log books that they have read since last year's PRC closed, which was 30th August 2022. So everyone should be able to add books already!!

Students who complete the challenge receive a certificate at the end of the year. Students who have completed the challenge over four years have the opportunity to receive a gold certificate. Happy reading!!

Mrs Magner

### Book Club Issue 1

Scholastic Book Club catalogue **Issue 1** was sent home with students on Friday week 2.

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. The last day for orders is **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**.

The **Kids' Lit Quiz** is an annual literature competition, in which teams of four students aged 10 to 13 work together to answer wide-ranging literary questions about children's books. The winning team from each region competes in the National Final in Sydney at the State Library. GPPS is entering KLQ for the fourth time this year. We need a team for 4 students from years 5 or 6.



The regional competition will be held at William Clarke College Kellyville on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023. At the competition the team of 4 students work together to answer 100 questions in 10 rounds, 10 questions in each round. Each round has a different theme or topic. Points are calculated at the end of each round.

The winner of the regional final then goes on to compete at Nationals in Sydney at the State Library on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The winning team at Nationals will compete in the world Final in New Zealand from 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.

The questions are from a range of children's literature from award winning literature, popular culture, poetry, fairy tales, nursery rhymes, graphic fiction (including comics), myths and legends, authors, illustrators, books to movies, publishers, characters from literature, classic children's literature etc. Mrs Magner will be holding try outs later this term to select the 4 students. At try outs Mrs Magner will ask children's literature-based questions to be answered on paper. The 4 successful students will meet with Mrs Magner weekly at lunch to practice and to understand how the competition works. Please discuss this with your child if you think they may be interested or suitable to represent our school.