GLENORIE SCHOOL BULLETIN

Term 4, Week 4 28 October 2021



Welcome Back to School

We are so excited to have all our students back at school. The playgrounds are busy, and all our students look so happy to be learning and playing with their friends again. All our students have returned and we are all eager to get back to learning.







Congratulations 2021 Multicultural Public Speaking Finalist

What an amazing job Talia Summers did representing Glenorie Public School at the regional finals of the 2021 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Her speech was outstanding, and we are all very proud of you. Well done.



COVID UPDATES

Schools have returned to full face-to-face learning this week. All school activities and operations will be in line with AHPPC guidelines and NSW Health advice, as applicable.

The best outcome for students is that they are back at school. Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with AHPPC guidelines.

All students are expected back at school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence. If parents believe that their child has a condition which means it is not safe for them to return to school, they will need to obtain a medical certificate.

If students are away from school because they are unwell, there is no expectation that they complete schoolwork. It is important that unwell students rest. Physical distancing of children in schools is not required by the latest AHPPC guidelines.

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Parents and carers are reminded that they are not permitted to enter school grounds at this time unless they have called the school for early pick up or drop off. Please ring to book appointments with staff or contact the office before entering the school. School pick-up and drop off has been extremely successful, so we thank you for your patience and cooperation. Please let your child know what gate you will be collecting them from in the afternoon, so they are clear on where to wait.

There will at this point be no assemblies on Friday, but I will deliver students awards to them in their classrooms every Friday. The canteen has reopened this week but there will only be orders on Flexischools for recess and lunch, including ice blocks and slushies on Wednesday.

All staff are required to wear a mask indoors and students are recommended to wear a mask when in the classroom.

All students need to return all their textbooks, books, workbooks, and laptops now that we have returned to school. Please make sure your child/children have their hats at school because some of the new designated play areas may have little shade.

Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Days

The staff at Glenorie Public School are excited to welcome your child to our school. Unfortunately, our Kindergarten orientation is currently on hold as per guidelines from the Department of Education. We will host a parent information session on zoom on 25 November at 10:00 am. We will send out the link shortly to all our new Kindy parents for 2022.

Year 6 End of Year Events

Our Year 6 teachers are currently working on the Year 6 Farewell still going ahead on Monday 6 December. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend but the staff are working hard to make sure that this a memorable event for all the Year 6 students.

Vaccination Requirements for Staff and Students

I want to let you know that from 18 October all staff that are required onsite to support the return of all students are fully vaccinated. NSW Health are urging all students 12 years and over to get vaccinated with the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. There is currently sufficient supply of Moderna vaccine to pharmacies and the Pfizer vaccine to General Practitioners.

Reporting for Semester 2

Reporting for Semester 2, 2021 will occur but with some amendments this year due to learning at home. We will be providing a simplified written report to parents/carers about students' learning in Semester 2 on 15 December (end of Week 11, Term 4). Reports will focus on the learning that has taken place so far this term. This will include student's progress in terms of working towards, achieved, and working beyond. We are concentrating on assessing and delivering curriculum outcomes over the next 5 weeks.

Presentation Day

Presentation night has become presentation day with each year group having their awards presented to them in an assembly on 2 December. Videos will be uploaded to the Glenorie Public School website as no parents may attend at this stage. We will also announce the captains for 2022 at the Year 6 Farewell. As no parents will be allowed to attend the Year 6 farewell, we will video the night and upload it to the webside for parents. Year 6 arch and separate talent quests will be held on Thursday 16 December. If COVID rules are relaxed, we will change the organisation of these events.

OC Placement for 2022

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions this year's Opportunity Class Placement Test has been rescheduled to **Wednesday**, **17 November 2021**. It has been agreed by the Minister that the test will be administered as a computer-based test in a process like the Check In assessments.

The change of date will require students attending NSW public schools to be tested at their own schools with teaching staff administering the test. This approach will ensure placement of students in opportunity classes on Day 1, Term 1, 2022.

Selective High School ~ 2023

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2023 opened on 19 October 2021 and close on 17 November 2021 at https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7

All candidates are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2022.

School Banking

The CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to schools beyond 2021. Because of the ASIC review and government decisions, we are unable to continue providing school banking. We thank the P&C Association for organising and maintaining the program over the past years and for all the hard work that Olivia Solomon has contributed to the school banking program.

School Captain Speeches

Students who are nominating for the positions of school captain and vice-captain in 2022 have now received their policy on the process of selection. The speeches will be held on Friday 19 November at 12pm under our outdoor COLA. All nominees will prepare and present a **formal speech** to the staff and students. There will be no dancing, raps, comedy acts, slogans or chants. The process is to select School Captains, capable leaders, not a Talent Quest.

Tell Them from Me Surveys

Thank you so much for completing the surveys. Unfortunately, only 8% of our parents completed the surveys. We need parent feedback to adjust our school improvement plan. If you have not yet completed our survey, please log into this site:

http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/7fw69

More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

Parents who complete the survey may email the school and request an ironbark for their child.

Year 7 Galston High Orientation Day

Year 7 Galston High School Orientation Day is not able to go ahead as normal this year due to Covid restrictions. However, GHS would still like to contact all students of Year 7 2022. In lieu of the normal Orientation Day activities, GHS will be setting up a MSTeams meeting with the students attending Galston High School in 2022. Participating students will be in a separate room and join the MSTeams where the GHS prefect team, SRC leaders, their Year Adviser, Head Teacher Welfare, and Principal will meet with the GHS Year 7 2022 students. This will take place at 10am on 23 November 2021 for 1 hour at school.

School Attendance

All students in Kindergarten to Year 11 are required to attend school until Thursday 16 December 2021, the last day of teaching for 2021. Before this date, students in all year groups should be engaged in meaningful work based on the curriculum and syllabus requirements.

If parents are seeking permission for their child to be absent from school for a period of time the Exemption from School - Procedures should be followed.

Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence.

Crossing at the Lights

With Covid restrictions, students have done a great job of entering and leaving the school grounds independently. We are so proud of them. While many parents are on time if you are running late can you please ring the office ladies so we may hold your child at the front office until you arrive? K-2 students get upset if they cannot find their parents at the gate and are not always sure of what to do if you are not there to pick them up. All students should walk down to the lights and cross Old Northern Rd at the lights if you park across from the school. Parents who call students to run across Old Northern Road are putting their child's life in danger and are encouraging them not to do the sensible thing, which is to cross at the lights. Please, for the safety of all our children, teach your child to cross at the lights on Old Northern Road.

Does Your Child Need Medication at School?

The parents of any student requiring the administration of prescribed medication during school hours must sign a Prescribed Medication Form and notify the school of any possible side effects. Prescribed medication must be stored in the office area, but children will be required to come to the office at the specified time and receive assistance to take their medication. A record of this administration is kept by the office personnel supervising the procedure. Please ensure you always send this form with any medication. It can be found in the Notes section on our website and app.

School Development Day

Parents are reminded that the last day of the 2021 school year for students will be **Thursday 16 December**. School development day will be held on the last day of term 4, 2021 (Friday 17 December). School development days at the start and end of semesters allow teachers to undergo further professional training.

Toys 'n' Tucker

This year Toys 'n' Tucker has moved online. It is very easy to take part. Just go to the Toys 'n' Tucker website https://toysntucker.org.au/shop/ and shop for the items you would like to donate. Anglicare will do the rest. This is your opportunity to help vulnerable families experience the joy of Christmas.

Band News

Jordan Tatchell from year 5 did a great job recording his part (bass guitar) for our recording of *Power Rock*Here is a link to the group's recording of *Power Rocks* – https://vimeo.com/629653737/0364f30ae7
Amidst the closures and cancellations of COVID it was nice to be able to keep music alive and we are so proud of all the students who participated. Our Band Demo Day will be run by a zoom webinar on Friday 12 November in all classes from year 2-5 at 10:00am.

If you are interested in your child joining the band in 2022, visit www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI

Stay Safe!

Become involved in your child's education. Enjoy learning!

Lyn Pearce, Principal



P & C News

OOSH News

The OOSH will be closed from 24 December to 9 January for the holiday break. Enquiries and applications for Vacation Care and OOSH services for next year are now open.

Please contact our lovely team at the OOSH on 9652 0074 or glenorieoosh@bigpond.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Canteen News

Canteen is operating for Mondays and Fridays full service and Wednesday lunch limited service. Please remember we are required to be cashless, so all orders must be made over Flexischools.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop is open for Flexischool orders only. Orders will be filled and delivered to your child's classroom. With parents not allowed on the school -grounds, the shop remains closed for walk-in traffic.

School Banking

The School Banking program is no longer able to continue from next year. We would like to thank the wonderful volunteers over the years who have helped make this happen. In particular, for this last year we would like to thank Olivia Solomon, Nerissa Anderson, Sandhya Law and Sylvia Saliba, who have volunteered their time to run the program whenever we were able to open up for the students.

News from the P&C - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The next P&C meeting is via Zoom on 23 November at 7pm.

Please email for zoom link at glenoriepandc@gmail.com



STAY UP TO DATE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Please click on the link below if you don't already follow our P and C Committee Facebook Page – Like the page to stay up to date with information on our upcoming events, fundraisers and P and C news!

https://www.facebook.com/glenoriecountryfair/

SCHOOL ZONE



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Welcome to the final edition of the School Zone newsletter for 2021! In this edition we will share some bus safety tips for both drivers, parents and carers.



NSW has one of the largest bus fleets in Australia. Buses can't stop quickly because they are large and heavy vehicles, so it's worth remembering the following tips

Useful driver tips

- Lights flash on buses to warn motorists that buses are picking up and dropping off passengers (often school children)
- Slow down to 40km/h when overtaking or passing a bus displaying flashing lights
- A driver can help keep children safe by:
 - Sticking to the speed limit and following the road rules in school zones
 - 2. Slowing down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing
 - Looking out for children crossing the road near bus stops in school zones or along bus routes
 - 4. Giving way to buses when they merge back into the traffic

SCHOOL BUS



Useful parent and carer tips

Children are most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. Below are some ways you can help reduce this risk:

- Always drop off/pick up your child on the same side of the road as the bus stop (but not in the Bus Zone)
- Meet your child at the bus stop (remembering to stand back from the kerb)
- Wait until the bus has gone before choosing a safe place to cross the road

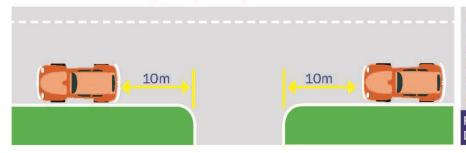




Parking Rules

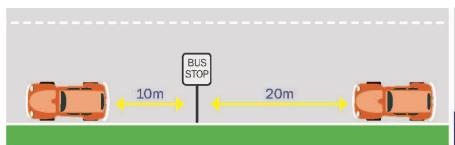
Please park safely and legally on the streets around your school. Park legally so you do not incur parking fines and demerit points. Council's Traffic Compliance Officers enforce parking around schools. If you park contrary to the road rules you will be fined!

You cannot stop or park your vehicle:



Within 10m of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights (20m with traffic lights), unless a sign states you can park there (see image at left).

PENALTIES FROM: \$464
Demerit Points apply in School Zone



Within 20m before and 10m after a bus stop (see image)

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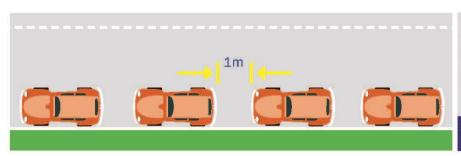
Parallel parking

This is the usual way to park unless signs tell you otherwise. You must park in the same direction as the adjacent traffic and parallel and as close as possible to the kerb.



You can NOT park across driveways or pedestrian kerb ramps. A vehicle can be parked up to the wings on the driveways or ramp (see image)

PENALTIES FROM: \$349 Demerit Points apply in School Zone



You should park at least one metre from any other parked vehicle and entirely within any marked parking lines where provided (see image)

PENALTIES FROM: \$116



This is a road safety initiative developed by Hornsby Shire Council





It's time to share the joy this Christmas!

2021 has been a challenging year for many, especially those already doing it tough. This is our opportunity to make sure vulnerable families still experience the joy of Christmas.

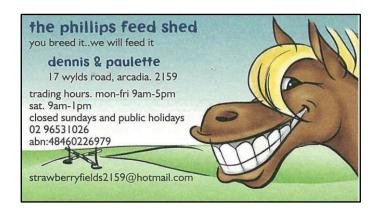
As you know, Toys n Tucker will look a little different this year. To keep our families and community safe, we have moved online.

How will the online process work?

- 1. Purchase items on the Toys 'n' Tucker Shop page
- 2. Anglicare will buy those items at wholesale prices
- 3. Hampers will be packed at our Villawood Warehouse
- 4. Our vans will deliver hampers straight to peoples' doors

Together, we can still provide food and toys for thousands of vulnerable families who would otherwise go without.

Shop now



Nutrition Snippet

HEALTHY HALLOWEEN SNACKS.

Healthy snacks don't have to be boring!







Swap out the usual snacks for these healthier ideas:

- Witchy guacamole face
- Vegie and tzatziki skeleton
- Banana ghost and mandarin lanterns

For ideas and recipes visit: healthylunchbox.com.au

