# GLENORIE SCHOOL BULLETIN

### Term 4, Week 6

11 November 2021

Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
12 Nov	Band Demo Day
15 Nov	ICAS test English
16 Nov	School Readiness test NAPLAN
17 Nov	ICAS test Maths
19 Nov	2022 Captain's Speeches
23 Nov	Year 6 Galston HS orientation
1 Dec	Kindy Parent orientation in library
2 Dec	Presentation Day
6 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
15 Dec	Party Day
15 Dec	Reports go home
16 Dec	3:15pm Year 6 arch
16 Dec	Last day Term 4 for students

### **COVID UPDATES**

As announced by the Minister, from 8 November all NSW schools moved to updated Level 3 settings that bring school operations more in line with what is allowed in the community. I would like to update you on the key changes that will be in place at our school from Monday 8 November and for the rest of Term 4.

A combination of layered COVID-safe plans and measures will allow us to prioritise student and staff safety and keep our school open. To do this, the following guidelines will be in place:

- Students, staff and visitors must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms.
- All staff and adult visitors on the school site must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.
- Masks are required indoors for all staff, adult visitors and strongly recommended indoors for primary students. Masks can be removed when eating or exercising.
- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.
- Adults should maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.
- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practical.



- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees following square metre guidelines.
- Students and staff will maintain good hand hygiene and schools will continue with enhanced cleaning, including high touch points.

Our school will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4 2021, with the following activities allowed in a COVID-safe manner:

- Assemblies and presentations are allowed outdoors, with cohorts separated and physical distancing in place. Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting) and at the invitation of the school. The captain's 2022 speeches will be held at the COLA, 12:00 pm on 19 November. Parents of candidates may attend if they are fully vaccinated.
- Party day will be allowed outdoors where cohorts are kept separate.
- Year 6 Farewell will be allowed for Stage 3 with COVID-safe plans in place and physical distancing adhered to.
- Kindergarten orientations will take place in week
  7 & 8 in a COVID-safe way that minimises mingling between students.

# Parents and carers on site to support school operations

Fully vaccinated parents and carers will be allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, student wellbeing activities and school operations (for example canteens and uniform shops). Parents and carers must check in using the **School Check-In** page on the Service NSW app and show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.

### Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Days

The staff at Glenorie Public School are excited to welcome your child to our school. Emails and letters have been sent home last week, inviting our 2022 Kindergarten students to participate on Monday and Thursday orientation days. This year we will be having 2 sessions of orientation, starting Monday 15 November. The kindergarten parent orientation will be held on Wednesday 1 December in the library at 9:30am. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions only one parent or carer can attend the kindergarten orientation this year. An invitation to each 2022 kindergarten enrolment was sent home this week.

### Year 7 Galston High Orientation Day

Year 7 Galston High School Orientation Day will now go ahead. It will now be conducted at Galston High School on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The High School will email parents the details.

### Plan For Bushfire Season

Involving children in planning for what to do in this scenario can give them a greater sense of control, which is good for their mental health. You could also discuss children's holiday plans and promote better understanding of what to do if their holiday spot is affected by a bushfire. Make sure you have your Bushfire Plan this season ready to go.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to our pennant award recipients. Well done on receiving such a high award.



### Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 teachers are currently working on the Year 6 Farewell still going ahead on Monday 6 December. Year 5 students may now celebrate with the Year 6 students for their farewell. The Year 6 Farewell Committee will be allowed on site to organise this much anticipated event. All parents assisting must be fully vaccinated.

### End of Year Events

Presentation day will now be held on Thursday 2 December. Unfortunately, this year parents will not be allowed at the presentation assembly. We will be streaming this event on SeeSaw and our website on the day. Year 6 arch will be held on Thursday 16 December. Parents are permitted to watch from outside the school fence.

If COVID rules are relaxed, we will change the organisation of these events.

### **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 12:00 pm under our outdoor COLA. Parents of candidates may attend if they are fully vaccinated. 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.

### 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. <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7</u>

### School Banking update from Commonwealth Bank

On 24 October 2021, the Treasurer and Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning, the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC, <u>announced</u> that school banking programs will no longer be run in New South Wales schools from 2022.

School banking programs at Glenorie Public School are arranged at a local level via the P&C Association. With the upcoming cessation of the program, students will no longer be able to deposit savings through the school banking program at Glenorie Public School. You can still keep your child's bank account open and can continue to make deposits into your child's accounts through online transfer or at any bank branch. More information is available on the department's <u>school banking website</u> and Commonwealth Bank of Australia's <u>school banking website</u>.

### Tell Them from Me Surveys

Please complete our survey. Unfortunately, only 11% of our parents completed the survey. 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

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

### 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 <u>https://toysntucker.org.au/shop/</u> 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.

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 <u>glenorieoosh@bigpond.com</u> 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 <a href="mailto:gleandc@gmail.com">gleandc@gmail.com</a>

### 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/

# **GLENORIE PS** SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band? The school band is now taking enrolments for 2022 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

#### No prior experience needed!

During Term 4 students will see a band demonstration highlighting the different instruments available to learn at school. After this demonstration they will receive a flyer with information about school band and how to enrol.

What do you need to do?

- Carefully read the flyer for information about the school band (or visit <u>www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI</u>)
- Select which instrument\*\* your child would like to play in the band there are some important factors to consider when
- selecting an instrument and these are all covered on our website 3. Enrol online once you have confirmed which instrument your child wishes to play, please finalise your enrolment online

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered COVID-safe provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.

\*\*Selecting an instrument during remote learning and COVID restrictions will be different to previous years – TSA will provide parents with clear and simple advice to help you find the instrument best suited to your child.









### Ingredients

#### Olive oil spray 1kg frozen chunky mixed vegetables,

thawed

- 1 tbsp margarine
- 2 aarlic cloves, crushed ¼ tsp dried thyme
- ¾ cup plain flour
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 cups reduced-fat milk 1 cup reduced-fat cheddar cheese,
- grated
- Salt and pepper, to taste 1 cup fresh wholemeal bread crumbs
- 2 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped

For more recipes visit: healthylunchbox.com.au

#### Method

Preheat oven to 190°C. Spray an 18 x 28 cm shallow baking dish with oil. Drain thawed vegetables well and set aside.

Melt the margarine in a saucepan over medium heat. Add the garlic and thyme and cook for 30 seconds. Whisk the flour and mustard into the milk and gradually whisk into the saucepan. Cook, whisking constantly, for 5 to 10 mins or until thickened. Remove from the heat and stir in ¾ cup of the cheese until melted. Fold in the vegetables and pour into the baking dish

In a bowl, combine the remaining cheese with the bread crumbs and parsley. Sprinkle over the vegetables and bake for 20 min or until golden brown.





## 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

