

# GLENORIE SCHOOL BULLETIN

Term 1, Week 2

2 February 2023



## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
3 Feb	No Assembly this term
3 Feb	House captain's election
6 Feb	Canteen opens for full service
7 Feb	3:30-4:30 pm Kindy Information Afternoon
15 Feb	Scripture starts
21 Feb	Swimming Carnival
28 Feb	7:00 pm P&C meeting
2 Mar	Zone Swimming Carnival
15-16 Mar	NAPLAN Testing
21 Mar	Harmony Day
28 Mar	7:00pm P&C meeting
28 Mar	School Photos
28- 29 Mar	Parent/ Teacher & Student Interviews
6 April	Easter Hat parade
6 April	Last day of term 1
7 April	Good Friday
10 April	Easter Monday

## Welcome to 2023

We hope all of our students and their families had a relaxing holiday and are ready for an exciting year focused on learning.

The parents I spoke to were so glad to see their kids going back to school and were confident the school had everything in place for the challenges ahead. The students were over the moon to be back, joining all their friends in their new classes for 2023.

We look forward to working with you again this year. If you have any questions throughout the year about policies, procedures, your child's progress, etc., please feel free to arrange an appointment to see your child's teacher, a member of the school executive or myself at any time.

## Student Information

If you have changed any personal/family/email details, please send a note to the front office via your child's classroom teacher. We especially need to know of changed contact details (phone/address) and if you have changed your family's emergency contacts. Alternatively, use the Glenorie Public School app 'Change of Details Form'.

## Welcome to our Kindergarten Students

Today we welcomed our 35 new kindergarten children for 2023. All of our new friends arrived with crisp new uniforms, shiny new shoes and big smiling faces. Although we had some tears, the children reassured their parents that big school is a great place, and that mums and dads didn't need to cry!! Our buddies did a great job making our new students feel at home. Thanks also to our wonderful P&C for hosting our 'Tea & Tissues' morning for our new kindergarten parents. What a fabulous morning!



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## Staff and Classes

We have 11 mainstream classes this year. Students were placed into their new classes this week.

The classes for 2023 are as follows:

Principal	Mrs Lyn Pearce
KS	Mrs Jane Sawyer
KP	Mrs Rosemary Perry (Assistant Principal K-2)
1K	Miss Andy Koeford
1/2O	Miss Rachel-Anne O'Brien
2W	Mrs Jacqueline Burrows (W Th F) / Miss Sophie Pavett (M T)
3T	Mrs Karen Thomas
3/4N	Miss Emma Noakes (Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 2)
4G	Miss Brianna Giblett
5O	Miss Jemmison Odd
5/6V	Mrs Emily Varrica
6U	Mr Blake Ure (Assistant Principal Stage 3)
Teacher-Librarian	Mrs Justine Cook (Mon, Tues, Wed)
Relieving Community Language Teacher	Miss Belinda Lee
LAST (Assistant Principal Curriculum & Learning)	Mrs Katie Harmon
Support Teachers	Mrs Yasmin Old, Mrs Carin Naude, Mrs Jenny Maher, Mrs Lisa Johnson, Mrs Alex Shirt
School Counsellor	Mrs Anne Thomas
Student Learning Support Officers	Mrs Mary Kavanagh-Hopper, Mrs Bronwyne Newbold, Miss Georgia Hopkins, Miss Montana Thompson
School Administrative Manager	Mrs Lindsay Tyrrell
School Administrative Officers	Miss Rebecca Mills, Ms Stef Thoms, Mrs Laura Waltisbuhl
General Assistant	Mr Neil Daniels
Canteen Manager	Mrs Shelley Forwood
Uniform Shop Coordinator	Mrs Amanda Marsters

All classes are completely parallel and of mixed abilities. Invariably, some decisions around class and teacher placement will get different reactions and yet, we do our children absolutely no favours if we intervene and seek to change decisions. For a range of reasons, I am asked by some parents to swap children out of their new classes. Whilst each request seems imperative to the parent making it, the reality is that such a practice would open the floodgates of requests from other parents. Regrettably, the school is not able to grant any such requests, and therefore we would prefer not to be put in the awkward situation of being asked. Class splits each year are a complex process. Much thought and consideration take place by staff and overall, we seek to provide balanced classes where needs and strengths are stable across the grades. Your child will not necessarily get on with everyone in the group, yet we teach them nothing if we seek to filter this completely. Regarding teacher placement, I would be delighted if any of my grandchildren had a teacher at Glenorie Public School. It is an important life lesson that we don't always receive who or what we want. It is vitally important that parents look at the positives and pass these onto their children when classes and teachers are announced. Parents who do this well, provide their children with the best possibility of success.

Multi-age classes are made up of students drawn from different year levels. They may be established because of the uneven pattern of enrolment in the school, because of the small size of the school or where it's considered that mixing students of different ages is academically and socially advantageous. These multi-age classes are often designed to match the organisation of the syllabus, which is based on 'stages' running over two years.

It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to Mr Gornalle in the holidays who took a position on the Central Coast. We wish him all the best in the future at his new school. Mr Gornalle has been replaced by Mrs Karen Thomas who will join us on Monday on 3T. Mrs Thomas is a very experienced teacher, and we welcome her

We would like to welcome back Mrs Burrows who will be job sharing with Ms Pavett on 2B. Mrs Burrows will be on 2B on Wed, Thurs, Fri and Ms Pavett will be on 2B on Mon & Tues.

## **Premier's Back to School NSW Vouchers**

The Premier's Back to School NSW program is offering parents and carers \$150 worth of vouchers (3 x \$50 vouchers) to help pay for school supplies such as school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks and stationery. Every student in an NSW public school is eligible for the vouchers.

Get ready for 2023. Apply now for \$150 worth of Back-to-School NSW vouchers to help pay for school supplies including school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, and stationery. For more information visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/concessions-rebates-and-assistance/vouchers>

## **We All Play a Part**

Parents and carers play an important role in our school community. The School Community Charter informs parents and carers on how to engage with NSW Public Schools.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning
- communication from teaching staff will be timely, polite, informative and solutions focused
- professional relationships with school staff will be based on transparency, honesty, and mutual respect
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our school and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair, and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up to date with events in the school community.

In all workplaces, people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the safety and well-being of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating school community members differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time-wasting communication.
- Defaming staff members on social media.

## **Swimming Carnival**

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, week 5, at Barker College Swimming Pool, Hornsby. The carnival is a school event for all Yr 3 – 6 students, as well as competent Yr 2 (8 yr olds who can swim the length of the pool competently) swimmers. A swimming note was sent home today (you will be able print the note off the website), please complete this swimming note and return it to school. Unfortunately, Barker College has limited seating areas that cater only for our students, this does not allow for parent spectators to attend this year. Remember: participation is what counts...NOT winning! Any questions can be directed to Mrs Varrica who is the carnival organiser.

## **Textbooks and Voluntary Contributions**

We have sent a note home about textbooks and school contributions at the end of last year and with this Bulletin. We encourage you to read the note carefully and to return the slip and money as soon as possible. You may use your Back-to-School Vouchers to make these payments. Thanks for your anticipated support and to those parents that have already paid.

## **Peanut & Eggs at School????**

This year we have students with severe (potentially life-threatening) peanut products/ dairy and egg allergies. As a general rule we ask, that no child brings peanut products to school (especially nut-based spreads such as peanut butter and Nutella). Please talk to your child/ren about not sharing food at school. In the interests of the two students' well-being, thank you for supporting our peanut-free school policy.

## **New Enrolments**

If you know of new families moving into the Glenorie area, please encourage them to contact the school office for enrolment forms. Parents enrolling students will need to present birth certificates, immunization records and 100 points of proof of residence (e.g. rates notice, license, medicare). Students not in the drawing area will have to seek enrolment at their local school.

## **The P&C Working For Your Children**

Last year our school P&C worked exceptionally hard to provide additional opportunities for your children. Many of the additional resources (computers, playground equipment, Athletics subscription, Reading Eggs subscription, etc.) were purchased as a direct result of the work of our P&C. They supply all the extras for our students, provide our students' lunches on Monday and Friday, and supply all our students with their uniforms, all on a volunteer basis. That is an amazing effort. A big thank you to Uniform Shop team for opening up the uniform shop to assist our new families to purchase uniforms. The uniform shop will be open on Monday and Thursday morning between 9:00 am & 10:00 am as well as Wednesday afternoon between 3 and 3:30pm. Our next P&C Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm.** We will be discussing many issues. Please join us, it's fun and you can become involved in the planning for your child's education.

## **An Exciting Year Ahead**

Our school has always been regarded as a school that provides excellent opportunities for students.

Thanks to those of you who supported us to make a difference in 2022 (too many to name). We look forward to your ongoing support in 2023.

We are very excited about this year. Teachers are busy planning to provide outstanding learning opportunities for your children. We have high expectations at Glenorie Public School...thanks for helping us to realise them.

*Have a great year!*

*Become involved in your child's education.*

Enjoy learning!

Lyn Pearce

Principal

# **P & C News**

Welcome to 2023

The P&C would like to extend a warm welcome to all families for 2023. We hope you have all had a restful and happy Christmas and New Year. We hope that 2023 will bring some much-loved activities and events. Regardless of what 2023 will throw at us, the P&C will be working hard with Mrs Pearce and the school staff to ensure there are some things on our calendar for the children to look forward to this year again.

The P&C is a very important link between the staff and Glenorie PS and the wider community. There is no need to be taking on committee roles, anyone just wishing to come along to the meetings to share ideas and be involved in their child's learning environment is most welcome. You may also find yourself making some new friends along the way. If you do wish to be more involved and would consider a committee position, we would welcome your interest.

Committee meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month, with the next meeting being **Tuesday, 28 February 2023 at 7pm** in the Staff Room. Thank you for your continued support this year. Our P&C is only able to achieve such wonderful results for our school with the support of the entire community.



## Canteen News

Welcome back to a brand-new year.

Welcome to all our new families that have joined us here at Glenorie Public School.

The canteen will be open for full service on Monday 6.2.23. Orders can be placed through the Flexischools App.

With the new term starting we are looking for volunteers to help out in the canteen. We currently use a system called SignUp. This allows you to select a date and time that suits you best. Just click on the link below. Shifts are for 2 1/2hrs each 9.30-12 12-2.30 Monday and Fridays only. The canteen opens on Wednesdays for over-the-counter service at lunch time only.

<https://signup.com/go/DUXpmUc>

Please if you have any questions at all regarding the canteen, please do not hesitate to call me directly on 0421 159 149.

Let's have a great year and hope to see you in the canteen soon!

Thank you  
Shelley Forwood  
Canteen Manager

## Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is open 3 days per week:

Monday: 9:00 am - 10:00 am.

Wednesday: 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

Thursday: 9:00 am - 9:30 am.

Online orders via Flexischools. Orders are packed and sent out to your child's classroom twice a week (Mondays and Thursdays).

Have a Uniform enquiry? Email: [GlenorieUniformShop@gmail.com](mailto:GlenorieUniformShop@gmail.com) Amanda will be happy to assist you.

Did you know, our Uniform Shop also runs a Clothing Pool? A variety of second-hand items are available in-store. All second-hand items are only \$3 each. Donations to our Clothing Pool are always appreciated. Unwanted uniform items can be dropped off during all opening hours. Please ensure donations are washed and in reasonable condition.

Amanda Marsters

# PLAY AFL IN 2023!



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Club of the Year!**



- Auskick/u8s - Girls & Boys 4 - 8 years
- Boys teams - u8 - u15
- Girls only teams - u9 - u18
- Based at Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights
- Games played Sundays

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Girls football u9 - u18 \$200  
Boys football u9 - u15 \$250



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## WANT TO BE A MATILDA?

## COME & TRY FEMALE FOOTBALL

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### ON THE DAY:

- ✓ All females aged 5+ welcome
- ✓ No experience necessary
- ✓ Local Club representatives onsite
- ✓ Experienced coaches running activities and small-sided games
- ✓ Bring water, joggers and a smile!

**SUN, 19TH FEB**

**10AM - 11:30AM**

**4 LOCATIONS**



PENNANT HILLS  
FIELD 3,  
PENNANT HILLS



TUCKWELL PARK,  
MACQUARIE  
PARK



HAROLD WEST  
RESERVE,  
CARLINGFORD



MORRISON BAY  
FIELD 4,  
PUTNEY



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