GLENORIE SCHOOL BULLETIN

Term 1, Week 8

21 March 2024

Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
26 March	P&C meeting, 7:00 pm
26 March	School Photo Day
28 March	Easter Hat Parade
29 March	Good Friday
1 April	Easter Monday
8 April	Band Demonstration 9:25 am
12 April	Last day of Term 1
25 April	Glenorie RSL ANZAC Day Service
29 April	Staff Development Day
30 April	First Day of Term 2

School Photo Day

You will have received your photo envelopes ready for our school photo day next Tuesday 26 March. Captains, House Captains, SRC, Green Team, Library monitors and family photos will be taken as group photos this year. If you require a family photo, special envelopes can be obtained from the office. If you would like any further information, please contact the school office on 9652 1237.

Captains are required to be at school by 9:00 am on photo day. House Captains will need to wear their sport uniform in the morning and change back into their school uniform for their class photos. Captain photos will be followed by Green Team, SRC & Library Monitors. Students in these positions are requested to be at school by 9:10 am.

Save the Date – Working Bee

In collaboration with the P&C we will be holding a Working Bee on our school grounds on Saturday 26 May. Please save the date. More information will be available in our next Bulletin!

Easter Celebrations

Next Thursday will be hosting a fun-filled day to celebrate Easter. The day will include, an Easter Hat parade, 'Eggshibition', Egg Drop Competition and the infamous Easter raffle! We look forward to seeing all our students joining in and having a wonderful day. Parents and special guests are invited to join us from 12:05 pm under the COLA. Thank you for the Easter egg donations for our delightful prize baskets. The prizes for our raffle are slowly growing and we ask you to please send in your donations ASAP!

P&C Meeting – Annual General Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be the AGM held in the library on Tuesday 26th March at 7:00pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

School Attendance Is Important

It may seem that a day off here and there doesn't seem like much, but those absences can add up quickly, and days lost equal years lost. The more your child attends school the greater opportunity they will have to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier, and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Lateness and early departures are recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents. Arriving on time ensures students do not miss out on learning activities scheduled early in the day, helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine, gives students time to greet their friends before class and reduces classroom disruption. Please avoid your child being partially absent wherever possible.



Staffing Update

Mrs Justine Cook has been successful in applying for a Teacher Librarian position at Beaumont Road PS, commencing Term 2. Mrs Cook is a dedicated Teacher Librarian with a passion for fostering a love of literature and learning among students and I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Cook for her contribution to Glenorie PS.

Please see the letter on the next page written by Mrs Cook.



Dear Glenorie families,

It is with great sadness that I inform you of my departure from our lovely school. Having been at Glenorie for 11 years, 7 of them as the Teacher Librarian, I have had the privilege of teaching your children, many of them starting in kindergarten through to graduating in Year 6.

It has been my philosophy to instil a love of quality literature into my teaching, and I have always encouraged every student to read every day for the enjoyment of being whisked away on an adventure and also to learn about the world in which we live. I trust that all of the fabulous students at Glenorie will maintain their enthusiasm for learning and become life-long readers.

I will be pursuing an opportunity at Beaumont Road Public School where I will continue my role as Teacher Librarian. The decision to leave Glenorie was very difficult, however I am excited to begin anew and embrace new challenges, and look forward to hearing of the wonderful adventures for Glenorie students in the years to come.

I would like to thank all of the students for their unwavering passion for learning and reading, the families for their support of all library- related ventures, and the school executive, teaching staff, support staff and administration staff for their friendship, laughter and their commitment to making Glenorie an amazing place to work.

I will leave with a heart full of contentment knowing that together we built a library to be cherished.

I shall miss you all dearly.

Finally, keep reading!

Mrs Cook (who loves her books)

3-Way Interviews

Thank you for attending our 3-Way Interviews this week. It was wonderful to witness the strong turnout of both parents and students eager to engage in meaningful discussions about academic progress and future goals. These interviews provide invaluable insights into each child's journey and offer a platform for open communication between home and school. For those who may have missed out on scheduling a time slot, we encourage you to reach out to the office to arrange an appointment at your earliest convenience. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and we are committed to accommodating your needs to ensure every family has the opportunity to participate in these essential conversations.

While our 3-Way Interviews are a scheduled time for collaboration, you are welcome to book a time with your child's teacher at any time during the year to discuss your child's learning and development. We look forward to continuing our partnership, and we thank you once again for your active participation and dedication to your child's education.

Dogs On School Grounds



There have been an increasing number of dogs coming onto school grounds in the mornings, afternoons and at times, during the school day. While students love to showcase their pets, and we know our four-legged friends love a walk, please do not bring your dogs onto school grounds, even when on a lead. Unfortunately, Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998) prohibits dogs in several public places, including school grounds. If your child would like to share information

about their dog or other pet for news, please feel free to send through some photos or short video via the Sentral Parent Portal. Thank you for your support and understanding.

The Resilience Project

Students K-6 are actively engaged in their lessons from The Resilience Project. The research around resilience clearly shows that the more positive emotion you experience, the more resilient you will be. The Resilience Project focuses on three key pillars proven to cultivate positive emotion; Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM). Our presenter is Martin, a lively, funny and engaging character and he is being well-received by the students. Please see the flyer below for more details.

Welcome to The Resilience Project PARENTS & CARERS

This year, we are excited to bring The Resilience Project (TRP) into our school community!

WHY?

Current research tells us...



Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

EVIDENCE-BASED

The Resilience Project's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by both The <u>University of Adelaide</u> and <u>The</u> <u>University of Melbourne</u>. Click the links or

scan the QR code to find out more about the impact the program has on emotional wellbeing and behavioral changes.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Resilience Project is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill-health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity.

We will be implementing their evidence-based **Teaching** and Learning Program throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** (**GEM**) and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience.

WHAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME?



To learn more about The Resilience Project and get involved from home, you can start exploring the ideas, activities and resources which bring **Gratitude, Empathy** and **Mindfulness** (GEM) to life on **TRP@HOME.**

The Imperfects podcast, led by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are. Hugh, Josh and Ryan chat to a variety of interesting people who



bravely share their struggles and imperfections, and we all learn some valuable take-aways we can apply to our own imperfect lives.



Harmony Day

I am still smiling as I recall our Harmony Day Assembly, a brilliant showcase of our students' learning experiences during Italian lessons with Mrs Moore! From Stage 2 students' warm Italian welcome to our Kindergarten students singing the welcome song, dynamically presented Multicultural speeches, a colourful and creative display of masks and Stage 1's brightly-coloured bilingual presentation of 'Sing a Rainbow' we were thoroughly entertained and encouraged to reflect on the message 'Everyone Belongs' – which encourages all of us to be inclusive and embrace the stories, traditions and cultures of all people who call Australia home.



Showcasing Our School

Glenorie PS is a proud NSW public school, and we work to create a positive environment for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for. When parents, carers and school staff work together, we can ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive, as per the School Community Charter. **Thank you** to all the parents and carers who have engaged in our 3-way Interviews this week and to those who attended our

Harmony Day celebrations. We also look forward to welcoming many of you to our upcoming Easter celebrations. In addition, I encourage you to join our P&C where you can hear about school events and processes, as well as contribute ideas on how to spend P&C funds to benefit our students.

Over the next few editions of our school bulletin, we will be showcasing our classes. Our edition this week shines a spotlight on our three Kindergarten classes: KD, KP and KS.

KD is our Multi-Categorical support class made up of 4 Kindergarten students. In 2023, Glenorie PS established this class to support students in our network who require specialist and intensive support for their additional learning needs. Every support class has a teacher and a school learning support officer (SLSO), and every student has planning undertaken for their personalised learning and support that captures their needs and goals. Through a merit selection process Mrs Brianna Deacon and Mr Victor Galea were permanently appointed to this class.

I was thrilled to be invited to hear all about KD's Celery Experiment! KD have been conducting their celery experiment as part of their Living Things science unit. KD are learning about how living things, such as plants need water to survive. Out on the playground, KD enjoy climbing on the Spider Web, using the sandpit and going down the slippery dips!



Over in KP, Mrs Perry was reading 'Pig the Pug' by Aaron Blabey, a well-loved story which captured the children's attention and led to a conversation about characters. Following the story, the students viewed a variety of dog pictures and used these as a stimulus to brainstorm adjectives. This interactive activity sparked their creativity and encouraged active participation, fostering a deeper understanding of descriptive language. During the last activity, KP students engaged in writing activities designed to build their confidence and skills in their writing abilities. With a focus on fundamental writing skills, such as identifying words, leaving spaces between words and utilising phonetic knowledge to read and record words, the students all demonstrated a commitment to independently communicating ideas.



KS and Mrs Sawyer love their afternoon animal groups! During Week 7, the students all had a turn to engage in a phonics-based fine motor cutting and pasting activity, happily assisted by two parent helpers, and resulting in the creation of uniquely adorable 'Andy Ants'. Students also independently accessed the computers to engage in a range of online literacy and numeracy activities. Mrs Swayer led the third rotation where students participated in a modelled, guided / independent writing activity using the word 'and' to create a compound sentence, with spaces and starting with a capital letter. Compound sentences in Kindergarten! Go Glenorie!









Students often get lost in choosing books from out huge library collection. To help all children find books, our Library homepage features a personal library assistant called Huey. Huey is designed to personalise book choices for students based on their age, reading ability and interests.

Huey the bookbot.

Designed especially for 5-12 year olds, Huey asks a child fun questions about things they like and then they receive a list of books they will enjoy.

A wealth of research tells us when children enjoy what they read, they have better educational outcomes, increased fluency, increased confidence in maths and improved wellbeing.

The link to our school Huey is found on our Library Management Homepage that students can access via their school portal, or students can simply click on the link below:

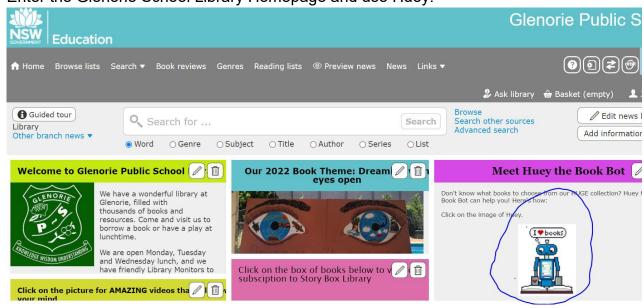
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To access the student portal, students can:

- 1) Search DET student portal in your chosen search engine
- 2) Enter their username and password to enter the portal. This is their first name.surname and sometimes has a number. Most students can recall their usernames and passwords, but their class teacher has access to them.
- 3) Click on the Library Management System icon.



4) Enter the Glenorie School Library Homepage and use Huey!



Enjoy using Huey to borrow books from our library!

StoryBox library App



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Enter our username and password to enter the site: Username: GlenoriePS Password: library

Keep reading and meet Huey!

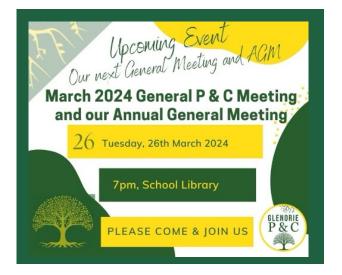
Mrs Cook

P & C News



An open invitation to all of our school families

You are invited to attend our 2024 AGM and March General Meeting. We hope to see you there!





CANTEEN NEWS

There are still a few spots to fill this term. Can you help?

Please see if you can lend a hand. If so, please reach out to Shelley. Send a text to 0421 159 149 or click on the signup link/QR code <u>https://signup.com/go/TNBbLhB</u>





Helpers in the form of carers like Grandparents, not just parents, are most welcome! Come by yourself or, better still, bring a friend!

Whether it be just once a term, once a month or once a week, it is a great help.

Our times are 9.30-12.00 and 12.00-2.30 on Mondays and Fridays.

If you can help please click on the link or use the QR code and help out in the canteen.

We have a mailing list also, if you would like to be included please let Shelley know.

HOW DO I EARN "GLENORIE CANTEEN BUCKS" FOR THE KIDS ? Volunteer in the Canteen

Volunteer in the canteen and your child/ren will each receive "GLENORIE CANTEEN BUCKS" (to the value of \$2.00 each) to spend in the canteen. The "GLENORIE CANTEEN BUCKS" are presented at assembly and given to all child/ren in the family.

Want to be included in the "Canteen Helpers" Group chat ?

Click <u>here</u> or on the link below to be included in the call out for helpers via Whatsapp chat. <u>https://chat.whatsapp.com/FGziUwCIE2V3MWy4iHa8z0</u>



P & C News



SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024 - MOTHER'S DAY STALL



Our annual Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday 9th May 2024!

All gift packages will be \$10.00 each and vouchers are on sale via Flexischools NOW! Thank you to all the people who selected Mother's Day Stall in our Just One Thing campaign! Our fundraising coordinator will be in touch soon!

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

OPERATING HOURS

Monday mornings: 9am - 10am. Thursday mornings: 9am - 10am. Uniform fittings are available by appointment. Enquire using the email below. Online orders are via Flexischools. Orders are packed and sent out to your child's classroom twice a week (Mondays and Thursdays).

GET IN TOUCH

Questions, comments, feedback, or suggestions? Email - glenorieuniformshop@gmail.com Amanda will be happy to assist you.

Do you have any pre-loved School Uniforms you would like to donate to our clothing pool?

The uniform shop would love your pre-loved school uniforms to add to our clothing pool, especially Girl's summer dresses. If you have any items, please drop them into the uniform shop or reach out to Amanda. Email - <u>glenorieuniformshop@gmail.com</u>

> Please ensure that all items are washed and ready to go. Thank you!

NEXT P&C MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

Tuesday, 26th March 2024 in the school library.

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