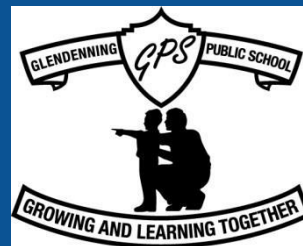


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Term 4 Week 3

Thursday 29 October 2020

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Principal's Message

Dear parents,

The Yr 6 Farewell planning is normally well underway by now. Here at school we receive regular updates about the COVID situation and the precautions the NSW HEALTH Dept and the Dept of Education expect us to put in place. Whilst we would like to have a Yr 6 farewell like the previous ones we have had, we must plan for something that will conform to the current guidelines. At this point in time, we are still unable to have adults other than essential workers on site. This means we cannot have a normal meal setup or room decorations as often the parents involved assist with these tasks.

For 2020 we are currently planning:

- a Yr 6 lunch (this will be achieved with food and drinks being ordered in)
- the normal speeches
- students being able to 'dress up' (still looking at details here)
- a celebratory cake of some kind
- viewing of the commemorative DVD (this may be classes in different rooms)
- photography

The Yr 6 Farewell has been set for December Tuesday 15 December.

An Important Note from the P&C - We need you!

The P&C here at Glendenning public school are like-minded people just like you who want the best for their child and the school.

We work closely with the school to build a stronger community where all children benefit.

Can you spare 2hrs a month for a very relaxed meeting? Are you able to volunteer an hour or so a week to help particularly in our uniform shop or school banking? If so we would love you on our team.

A lot can be said about joining us on the P&C. We need people from all walks of life with a range of skills and talents who are willing to commit to delivering a great outcome for the children and our school.

If you are interested please contact us at glendenning.p.and.c@gmail.com

Or even pop in and see us in the uniform shop (school hall) Monday or Friday mornings.

Hope to see some new faces soon

Glendenning PS Now has a Facebook page - the page can be found by going onto Facebook and searching Glendenning PS. Please remember to 'like' and follow our page to receive updates from the school (there will be reminders and updates there). On the Facebook page you will also find a video entitled 'Welcome to Glendenning PS'.

Thank You for the Thank Yous!- At GPS we pride ourselves on trying to do the best we can for the students and to work harmoniously with our school's families. We do get good feedback and I thought I would share one letter we received this week (along with a huge box of treats for all of the staff)!

To Dear Mr Meaney and all at Glendenning Public School,

We write this letter with both happiness and a sense of sadness in our hearts. Your wonderful school has afforded our family and most importantly [redacted] and her older sister [redacted] the best start in their school journey that we could have ever asked for.

A little early for Christmas and end of year celebrations we know, but we wanted to share a few goodies with all the wonderful staff, (teachers, office workers, assistants, etc) as it is all of you who have made Glendenning Public school such a wonderful place.

Our girls have learnt so much with the teachers they were assigned each year as well the extra-curricular activities such as dance clubs. There have been a few years that we as protective parents have wondered why our girls have been assigned certain teachers and put with certain friends/or alternatively not with certain friends. In saying this, we have always stood by the schools decisions that it was in the best interest of our children. Your wonderful teachers have always in these times been proven that these were indeed in the best interests of the girls as both [redacted] and [redacted] have flourished away from certain good friends learning to develop different friendships or work in with a teacher that may have a different style than they are used to.

These opportunities have helped to set them up for a lifetime of ever changing circumstances within high school, further education or the workplace itself, where things may not be 100% how they would like it, teaching them they need to embrace what is put in their paths.

Thank you also for going above and beyond in supporting [redacted] over the past few years in her efforts to raise awareness and money for the great cycle challenge and cancer research.

This year has been like no other yet the school and its staff have once again done an amazing job at doing the best for each of the students.

We wish you all the best for the rest of term 4 and for the well-deserved Christmas break.

May 2021 be much more relaxed.

Thank you all once again for the care and education that you have provide our children over the past 9 years.

All the Best

Also, here are some of the comments from our 'Welcome to Glendenning Public School' video:

- Would totally recommend Glendenning primary. Our 4 children have all gone here and loved it. Thank you
- Such a great school! The communication and feedback is absolutely amazing. My girls love it here
- Can't believe year past by so fast. Thankyou staff for helping our kids reach their first milestone.
- Such a wonderful primary school! Our 3 children have thrived here.
- Great video.

Thank you for the positive comments - have a great week,

Doug Meaney

Principal

Working with Outside Agencies

If your child has a report from a speech therapist, pediatrician, psychologist or any other service, it is important that it is shared with the school. Class teachers use the recommendations on these reports to provide additional adjustments to help children access the curriculum.

Ms Summerrell

Learning and Support Teacher

Kindergarten Interviews for 2021 - Don't Forget to Book!

If you have a kindergarten student starting with us **next year**, don't forget to book a time for a phone interview. The phone interviews are available as a 15 minute time slot. Bookings are already open and available times will be shown from Monday 26th October to Friday 6th November. Please visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> and enter the event code **jag6v**.

Mrs Gleeson - Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal

CanTeen's National Bandanna Day

Thank you to the many families who have purchased a bandanna to support CanTeen's Bandanna Day. National Bandanna Day is on **Friday 30 October** and students are encouraged to wear their bandanna to school.

Mrs Osborne

Charities Coordinator

Library News - Book Club

Book Club orders for Issue #7 are due on **Friday 30 October**.

Parents can view the Book Club magazine online:

https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5692/bc_720.pdf

Book Club makes it easier for you to give the gift of reading with this Bumper Christmas edition that contains bonus Christmas book titles, end-of-year gifts, holiday reading and much more!

You can place a separate order as a surprise "gift" for your child by ticking

the Gift Function in LOOP. Your gift order will be delivered to the school and will be set aside at the front office and you will be notified by a phone call when it is available for collection.

Place your order online: <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Miss Reyes

Teacher Librarian/Book Club Organiser

Opportunity Class Test

Parents of students who have applied for enrollment in a Year 5 Opportunity Class in 2021 are advised that the test will take place on **Wednesday 18th November, 2020**.

Parents would have received 'Test Authority' advice by Wednesday, 4 November 2020 to confirm their child's test centre location.

Only students whose parents have received a confirmation email from the High Performing Students Team are eligible to sit the test on the new date of 18 November 2020.

Updates and information can be found via this website:

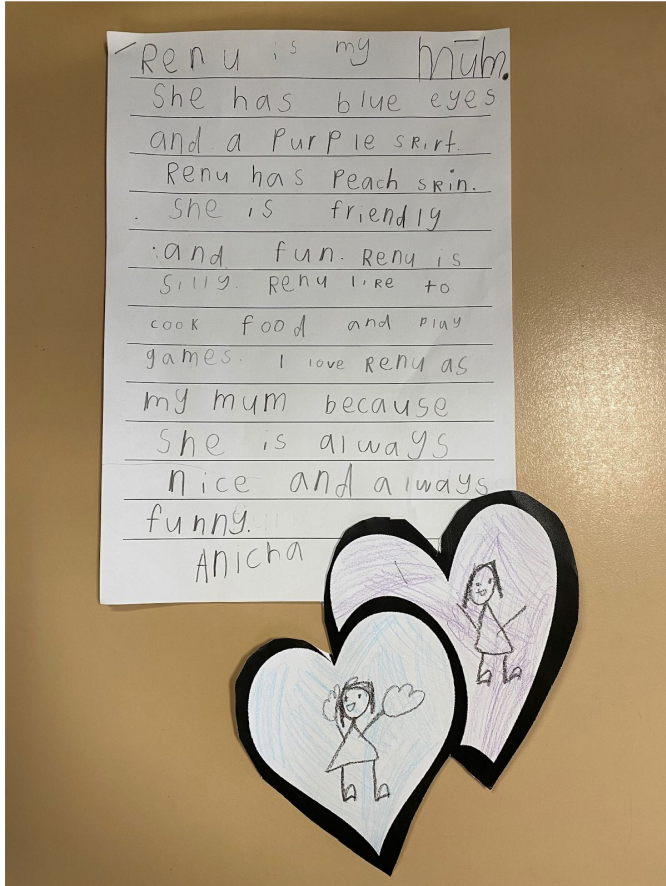
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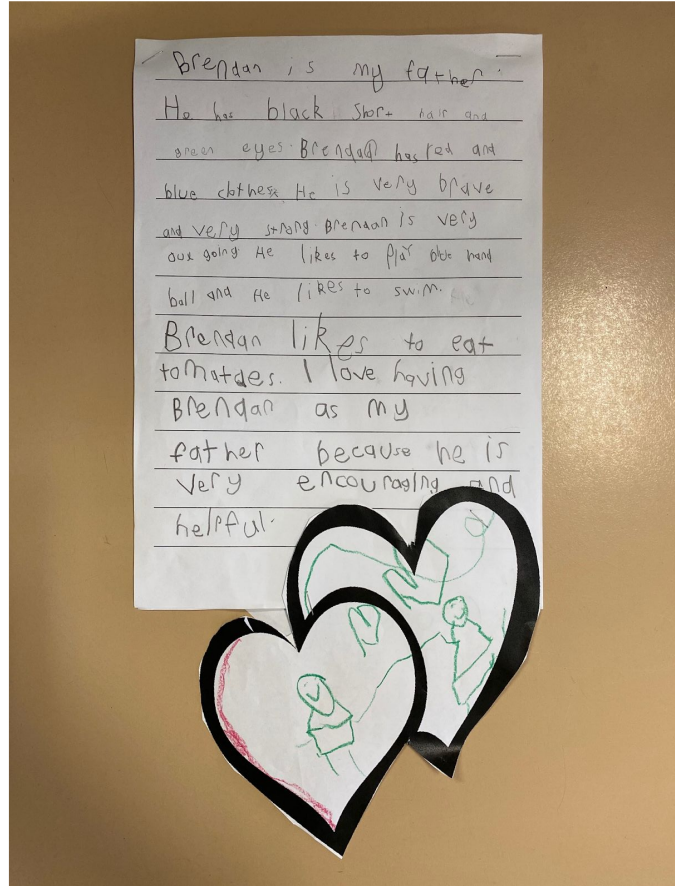
Writing from Kindergarten - KW and KJ

I am lucky enough to work with our kindergarten students and teachers in the writing process. The writing process is taught K-6, and follows the steps of planning, drafting, reviewing, editing and publishing. Below are some published pieces from KW and KJ. Next week, we will share some writing pieces from KB and KF. We are very proud of the perseverance and enthusiasm of our students.

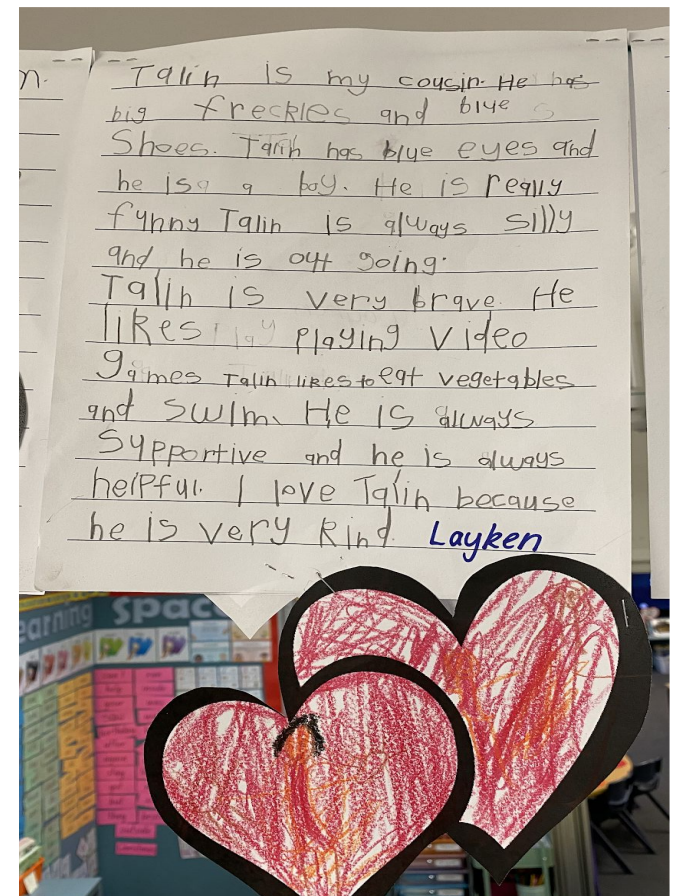
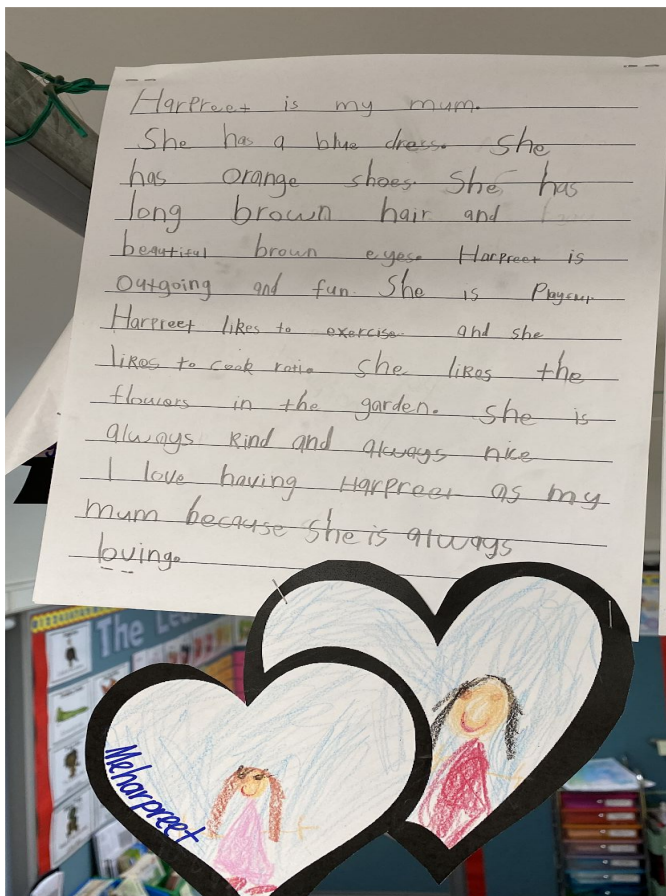
Mrs Gleeson - Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal



By Anicha



By Maddison





Australian Childhood Anxiety TREATMENT STUDY

Free home-based assessment and treatment for 7 to 12 year old children with fear and anxiety disorders.

Does your child become very afraid of certain situations or objects, worry about a lot of things, get very distressed, or try to avoid things they fear?

About the study

Our team at Griffith University may be able to assist you. We are conducting a nationwide study that includes the following services at no cost to families:

- A thorough assessment of your child's anxiety with a trained psychologist via the telephone;
- Your child receiving one of two kinds of home-based treatments delivered on a PC, laptop or tablet; and
- Two follow-up telephone assessments with a trained psychologist 6- and 12-months after treatment to track your child's progress.

The study aims to find out if these two treatments are as effective as each other, and which children have the best response to each kind of treatment. This will mean that there are more evidence-based treatments available for helping anxious children.

About the treatments

Each treatment involves your child completing treatment sessions at home on a PC, laptop or tablet.

Each treatment involves your child learning practical strategies to better manage anxiety.

- One treatment helps children learn to control the focus of their attention on helpful things around them.
- The other treatment helps children learn to think differently and approach things they fear.


Each treatment includes information, telephone or email support for parents in assisting their child to better manage anxiety.

Prior studies have shown that children who complete each treatment experience significant reductions in anxiety.

Contact us

This study is being funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council and is led by Professor Allison Waters and a team of experts in childhood anxiety disorders.

For more information about our study and our team, or if you would like your child to participate, please contact us:

 (07) 3735 3351

 cadrp@griffith.edu.au

 griffith.edu.au/childhood-anxiety-treatment-study



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Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry

in 2022

Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for
a government selective
high school for Year 7
in 2022?

You must apply online at:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/
public-schools/selective-high-
schools-and-opportunity-
classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



Key Dates

Application website opens:
13 October 2020

Application website closes:
16 November 2020
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice
released:
25 February 2021

Selective High School placement test:
11 March 2021

Placement outcome information released:
2 July 2021

**Please read this booklet carefully before
applying.**

**From this year, you will be able to log
into your application to send and
receive messages and notices.**

There may be changes to the procedures
in this document. Check the website at
education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly for
updates throughout the application and
placement process.

Please check the website for information
before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367
Postal Address: GPO BOX 33, SYDNEY NSW 2001

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Keeping families and children well – COVID-19 bulletin

Issue 20: Monday 26 October 2020

Good morning,

Please click [here](#) to find the latest COVID-19 bulletin from the Western Sydney *Munch & Move* and *Live Life Well @ School* team.

The bulletin has been created to support your staff, children and families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. It contains helpful information about the coronavirus (COVID-19) as well as tips for maintaining health and wellbeing during this time.

Please share this information with the families at your service or school. We recommend saving the PDF file and emailing this to them so that they can easily follow all of the links.

We would appreciate any feedback or suggestions you have on our 'Keeping families and children well – COVID-19' bulletin. Please click [here](#) to complete our short bulletin survey.

Kind regards,
The Healthy Children team
Western Sydney Local Health District

<https://www.wslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/Healthy-Children> |
Email: WSLHD-LLWatS@health.nsw.gov.au



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