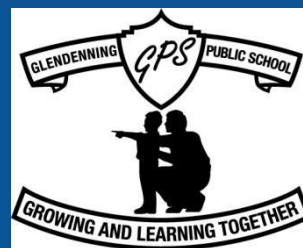


Glendenning Public School

Safe, Respectful Learners



Term 4 Week 9

Thursday 10 December 2020

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Dates to Remember

Thursday 10 December	Cleaning Day, Please wear an old shirt
Monday 14 December	Presentation Day
Wednesday 16 December	Movie Day and Last day of Term 4
Friday 29 January 2021	First day of Term 1 for Years 1-6

Principal's Message

Dear parents,

As this week continues to unwind, so 2020 begins to come to an end.

A New School Strategic Plan is currently being compiled for our school. This plan will be much like others in that there will be plans for improvements in Literacy, Numeracy, Attendance and Student Wellbeing. It will, however, be different in that:

- there are set targets that teachers and students will need to strive to achieve
- the funding the school receives will be linked to the various strategies we utilise
- the plan will have 'public' sections that you will be able to view online.

Some of the other changes happening in late 2020 and 2021 include:

Instructional Leaders - Just as we had instructional leaders in 2020, so we will have them in 2021. During 2021, our school leaders will have responsibility for a team of teachers and some specific K-6 activities. Our leaders, Miss Milledge, Mrs Both, Mr Keyes, Ms Nguyen and Mrs Gleeson have been assigned to work in classes along with the designated classroom teachers. Whilst their roles will be different we are looking to improve the effectiveness of teaching learning activities happening throughout the school.

The cost of this initiative will be in excess of \$500000.

Bump It Up Walls will be expanded as we go into 2021. They will be a major source of data to prove our progress. As part of the implementation of these, all teachers will be setting goals for students every five weeks and then these will be monitored over the following five weeks.

Parents in School Parent involvement is integral to GPS. However, we did learn that we can do some things 'better' when we are working with just students. We also learnt that something like presentation day, when 'streamed' to parents can enable many more people to participate as spectators. During 2021, hopefully we will still have open days and other events for parents to attend as well. On the other hand, the current process of having students only in the school each morning has been an unintended and unexpected resounding success, so this may be something we continue in 2021.

Formation of 2021 Classes - Meet the Teacher and Christmas Activity - Following on the disruption of 2020, we will attempt to give parents and students a happier end to 2020 and an introduction to 2021 before the end of this year. This Friday, students will be assembled in the team groups and placed into their 2021 classes. Their 2021 teachers will get to spend some time with them and perhaps complete an art/craft activity. All students will get a letter to deliver to parents. It will tell parents their class for 2021, who the teacher is and where the class will be operating in 2021. This will give students and parents a sense of belonging and a clear expectation of what will be happening next year.

COVID Assist Funding - GPS has received an amount of **\$202074.60**. This can be used in a variety of ways to address learning deficits that students experienced as a result of the COVID phenomenon. There are guidelines which we need to follow and as soon as we are sure of the directions we are taking we will identify students who will receive assistance and notify parents. This will happen in 2021.

School Learning Support Officers. During 2021, SLSOs will, in the main, be working in Yrs 1-4. Some students in K, Yr 5 and Yr 6 who attract integration funds will have a SLSO. At this time, SLSOs will work 4dpw to 1.40pm to assist students during peak learning times.

The cost of this initiative will be between around \$246400. Once again, we will be monitoring the growth in our students.

Welfare Committee - in 2021 we will be having a Student Welfare/Wellbeing Committee operating. It will consist of

- Chair- Ms Nguyen
- LAST - Miss Summerrell, EALD - Miss Simmonds, PBL - Mrs Jones, Attendance - Miss Rox, Wellbeing - Mrs Both

The committee will serve to coordinate the above areas in an attempt to provide a more responsive, coordinated approach to all student issues.

Thank you for Your Service - This year we'll say goodbye to two of our teachers. One teacher, Mrs Jess Smith has gained a permanent position closer to her home in the Blue Mountains. Mrs Smith has been serving in another school for some time now. When she was with us she showed herself to be a very honest, supportive teacher who really enjoyed assisting other staff in the areas of visual arts and reading. We thank her for all that she has done at GPS and wish her and her family all the very best. The other teacher we will lose is Miss D'Silva. Miss D'Silva will be taking up a new position in a school further west. In her short time here she has shown herself to be a committed and eager-to-learn teacher who has formed really positive relationships not just with her colleagues, but also with her students and their parents. Both of these teachers brought their genuine desire to assist students, to work hard and to learn and develop their skills as teachers to our school and all who have mixed with them have benefited from their time here. All the very best!

Regrettably, there is one huge thank you that I have to send to a very long serving member of staff (although she's only 21!). This year, Mrs Stevens will leave GPS and begin a period of long service leave. Mrs Stevens first came to GPS at the same time as myself in 1999. She has been an invaluable member of the school's support staff. Like all office staff she has assisted students, parents and visitors to the school. Mrs Stevens has always sought to ensure her work has supported the school and the teachers. She has been a big assistance to Miss Warrington, helping with the financial aspects of our functioning. Mrs Stevens has always been a quiet, highly effective member of the school's admin team. Her movement into long service leave will enable her to spend more time with family and to do all of those important things we all realise we should be doing. Mrs Stevens would have seen around 2000 new kinders come to our school over the years - and around the same number of Yr 6 transition to high school. It is impossible to sum it up in words because they cannot express our feelings, but 'Thank you Mrs Stevens. We will miss you'.

A Big Thank You to ALL Staff at GPS -At the end of each year it is always hectic - this year is even worse! GPS has a great reputation amongst schools and the reason is because of our staff. I would like to thank our GA, Mr Stevens - he ensures our grounds and general maintenance around the school are the best they can be. The office staff - the first contact point for parents and visitors are some of the best I've worked with. They always do their best to serve each person that comes to school. More importantly, I see them behind the scenes assisting teachers and students and they are always excelling in these areas. This year we have also had our School Learning Support Officers - they are each teacher's 'additional hands, minds and hearts' because they work to assist students to access the curriculum in coordination with the class teacher. Finally - and very

importantly, there are the teachers. This year, as in past years teachers have given their everything for the students. The efforts that went into the home learning time - the creativity and the innovation - and the worry about ensuring students continued learning, showed once again the commitment and effort of the teachers at GPS.

Exciting news about 2 former GPS students - Each year, Mountainview College bestows a Micah 6:8 Citizenship Award for students who have consistently displayed outstanding citizenship.

There are 2 children this is awarded to in Year 7 and this year the 2 children who received the awards were Denzel Davids and Trisha Singh- our very own GPS graduates J

Both children attended GPS from Kindy to Year 6. We are very proud of their achievements.

This may be our last newsletter for 2020. Thank you to all parents for a great year - through your cooperation We have been able to achieve many things.

I wish all parents, a happy, relaxing Christmas holiday - may Santa be kind to all!

Doug Meaney
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK & VALUE OF THE WEEK

Term: 4 Week: 7

	Student of the Week	Value of the Week
KW	Maddison C An excellent effort during spelling tasks.	Riya D Learner
KJ	Realm MS An excellent demonstration of patterns.	Makeya V Respectful
KF	Rosalee H Offering thoughtful ideas to class discussions.	Hunter E.P safe
KB	Logan F For always displaying kindness towards his peers.	Ezra V Safe
1M	Kortez P For consistently showing eagerness towards tasks..	Ivy N Respectful
1D	Jada Always being honest	Liana Learner
1E	No student names were entered.	
1J	Shivali S Great participation during class discussions.	Angadbir B Learner
1/2C	Harleen S Great effort during dance activities	Sanvi S Learner
2L	Czarina S Consistently taking pride in the presentation of her work	Brax Respectful
2N	Aarna Patel her effort and improvement in reading.	Millie V Respectful

2H	Krith S Improved effort, during independent writing activities.	Easton V Learner
3R	Marcus W Consistently displaying expected behaviour in the classroom	Ramjot S Learner
3L	Dhanvi P - being a great classroom helper Anureet M - learner	
3E	Beau A - For showing persistence with new mathematical concepts. Adrienne - Learner	
3/4C	Natashia S Her thoughtful and inquisitive contributions to class discussions.	Amrit B Learner
3/4F	Daloba C Persisting with challenging maths concepts.	Sabella A Learner
4B	Elijah H Trying his best to make a prism during Maths.	Payton Learner
4J	Avleen K Her outstanding work ethic displayed at all times	Tyler B
4/5/6L	Baneet P For displaying improvements in her ability to comprehend challenging texts.	Joshua H Learner
5S	Maddison M For being safe in the classroom and out on the playground.	Mikaela B Respectful
5J	Siakini P Creating an interesting cinquain poem during writing.	Shayann I Safe
5/6H	Yunus G Improvement in his legibility, then cursive writing.	Taufui A Learner
6M	Harbhagat S An improvement in concentration when completing tasks.	Myesha L Learner
6K	Zoey S A great effort this week.	Jomar M Respectful

STUDENT OF THE WEEK & VALUE OF THE WEEK

Term: 4 Week: 8

	Student of the Week	Value of the Week
KW	Scarlett B Fantastic information report about a caterpillar	Ryedale P Learner
KJ	Vyom S Consistently trying to apply teacher feedback.	Angad S Learner
KF	Shahaan D Displaying improved effort towards his writing.	Chelsea H Learner
KB	Anabiya R Displaying greater pride in her writing.	Isla M Learner
1M	Gabriel M Improvement in his number sense.	Kirsten C Learner
1D	Omer C Improved neatness with his writing	Emma Learner
1E	Tamkinat A Offering thoughtful contributions to class discussions about data, during Mathematics	Mehreen Learner
1J	Angadbir B Improved effort across all KLA's	Amira E Safe
1/2C	Sianna P Diligently completing set tasks	Abhiraj J Learner
2L	Sahajpreet S An excellent written recount of Bike and Scooter Day	Derrick F Learner
2N	Jaiden C Improvement in reading	Samreet K Learner
2H	Samar B Being an enthusiastic participant during Road Safety activities	Samar C Learner
3R	Hayden W Fantastic work ethic	Pray P Learner
3L	Harlow D Asking questions when she is unsure of a task	Aaliyah K learner
3E	Aarush S Being a consistently enthusiastic learner	Alpha J Learner
3/4C	Kyden K Eagerly sharing his answers during 'Number Talks' lessons	Partap S Learner
3/4F	Safeer S An excellent understanding of how authors can engage their audience.	George T Learner
4B	Meqdad Noori Consistent work during Literacy	Chia D Safe
4J	Asees H Consistently producing high standards of work in all learning areas	Kenjee G Respectful

4/5/6L	Chelsea M For being safe whilst participating during Bike and Scooter Week	Rubina M Respectful
5S	Olivia N Improved efforts across all KLA's	Cruise P Safe
5J	Pita T Excellent assistance during Bike and Scooter week	Fateh S Respectful
5/6H	Connor H Excellent participation and assistance during Bike and Scooter Day	Blair R Safe
6M	No awards entered	
6K	Ryan D Excellent participation at Bike and Scooter	Pranay M Respectful



GPS Library 2020

A statistical summary of the Year

Our Collection:

Total Resources: 6,821

Fiction: 2,868

Non Fiction: 2,273

Picture Books: 1,680



Champion Class:



3L

349 Loans!

336 students completed the Premier's Reading Challenge that's over 50% of GPS students!

5,653 total loans

Kindy: 895 loans

Year 1 & 2: 1,515 loans

Year 3 & 4: 1,779 loans

Year 5 & 6: 1,446 loans

Our Top 10 Borrowers:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Sehajpal Kang (4/5/6L) | 6. Rayan Mumtaz (5S) |
| 2. Harbhagat Singh (6M) | 7. Aadrika Saini (3L) |
| 3. Aarav Sharma (5J) | 8. Sabrina Sidiqi (6K) |
| 4. Hannah Dunks (4B) | 9. Gurjit Kaur (3L) |
| 5. Nidhi Dinde (3L) | 10. Kavreet Kaur (5S) |

Most Popular Titles

Picture Books:

1. Pig the elf
2. Pig the winner
3. The day the crayons came home
4. Parade puzzle
5. Rainbow fish to the rescue!
6. A stack of alpacas
7. The super spy
8. Celeste the giraffe loves to laugh
9. Emma's Ballet Alphabet
10. Mister Seahorse

Fiction:

1. Diary of a wimpy kid : dog days
2. Sisters
3. Billie B Brown: The little lie
4. Billie B Brown: The bad butterfly
5. Billie B Brown: The beautiful haircut
6. Camp breakout
7. Diary of a wimpy kid : the ugly truth
8. Fun friendship tales
9. Splashy weird!
10. Thai-riffic!

Non Fiction:

1. 502 more great Aussie jokes
2. 1001 cool riddles & tongue twisters
3. Just joking cats
4. Blitzed Brits
5. Dinosaur encyclopedia
6. Guinness world records 2017 : gamer's edition
7. Guinness world records 2019
8. 100% full-size animals
9. The frightful First World War
10. Titanic: the tragedy that shook the world

Our Most popular Authors:

1. Jeff Kinney
2. Raina Telgemeier
3. Sally Rippin
4. Aaron Blabey
5. Mick Elliott



6. Oliver Jeffers
7. Yvette Poshoglian
8. Michelle Nagler
9. Anh Do
10. Oliver Phommavanh

"Keep Reading! It's one of the most marvellous adventures anyone can have". Lloyd Alexander

Thank you for your support this year! We are looking forward to a fantastic 2021. Remember, students can start tracking their PRC books now! Happy reading!

Mrs Bourke & Miss Reyes – 2020 Library Team

Keeping families and children well – COVID-19 bulletin

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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
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