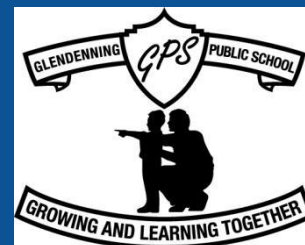


Glendenning Public School

Safe, Respectful Learners



Term 4 Week 10

Thursday 9 December, 2021

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Important Dates

Friday 10 December	Year 6 Fundraiser - Showbags
Thursday 16 December	Movies @ GPS Last day of the Term for Students

Principal's Message

Dear parents,

Next Week is the Last Week of school for this year. **The Christmas Holidays** will soon be upon us.

I think that many, many people will be glad to say farewell to 2021. It has been a momentous year. Families, teachers and students will have the events of 2021 imprinted in their minds for many years to come.

There have been positives that have been realised this year. I would like to congratulate all of the students who receive awards on our Presentation Day. The efforts that students have made – both at home and at school - are one of the positives we need to recognise and celebrate.

Teachers at GPS have worked tirelessly to ensure that during the learning from home period all students were given the best possible teaching-learning experiences. This time was a trial for all teachers – and especially less experienced teachers. Many teachers also had children at home and so faced the 'double whammy' of teaching others and their own children. I would strongly encourage all parents to avoid the calls of those who see teachers as 'lazy whingers' wanting more wages and view them as 'serious professionals who want the best possible conditions to provide the best that they can for students'. The Department of Education's 'face' is the face of your child's teacher – they have chosen education as a vocation and I can honestly say that every teacher I have personally known wants what is best for their students – your children.

We are saying goodbye to some teachers this year. On behalf of everyone, I would like to wish all the very best to Miss Murray, Miss Graham and Miss Leckie. In the short time we've had these teachers with us they have put students first and have been important, integral parts of our school. We also say an official farewell to Miss Mohr who has been an Asst Principal for some time now, has been confirmed in the position. Teachers like these four have brought new skills and ideas to our school whilst assisting in achieving the school's goals. We will miss them.

I would also like to thank the P&C for their work throughout the year. They have been 'frustrated' by not being able to undertake fundraising and, as best as possible, worked to keep the uniform shop operative and school banking going. Thank you ladies.

School staff – the teachers, support staff school admin staff and the GA will be working right up until the last minute on Friday Dec 17. That is what they do. They will spend next week in various activities whilst

attempting to 'tie-up' all the loose ends from 2021 and reading over notes about this year's learning programs and student histories in an attempt to be as best prepared as possible for 2022.

Schools are not the government, they are not the bureaucrats, they are not the resources and the funding – they are the teachers and the relationships that enable us to help us to help children grow. All staff have my respect, my admiration and very importantly my thanks for their support of students, families and one another in the outstanding vocation that is known as public education.

Presentation Day is Tuesday of next week. The ceremonies/assemblies for each of the student groups will occur throughout the day. We regret that due to changed guidelines and the need for permission for each child who would appear in the video, as well as our inability to guarantee the security of the live feed, a live streaming of the event will NOT be possible. **To try to give all parents an insight to the ceremony, as well as a cherished memory, all students will be photographed receiving their awards and parents given access to their child's photo.** Thank you to Miss Summerrell who will be the photographer. Congratulations go to all of the students who receive awards and especially to Yr 6 who will receive their Graduation Certificates and the Kindergarten students who will receive their Kindergarten Certificate.

Yr 6 Farewell is Wednesday of next week. We look forward to being able to spend this special time with the outgoing Yr6. Once again, photos will be taken and details about how to access them will be supplied. There will be photo opportunities for parents at the front of the school – the banner will be there for a backdrop, as will the electronic sign

Movie Day – Thursday of next week. All students are invited to bring along some snacks for the day.

Maybe a Chance for a True Christmas – If the people of the world were truly looking for a good reason to show a true Christmas spirit, this is it. Whilst all Christians will celebrate the birth of Christ, people worldwide will have the opportunity to show kindness to one another and to give gifts. This is also an opportunity not to think about ourselves but to look at others and be charitable towards them. We received a letter from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community this week – I have reproduced the main parts of it below. I thank them for their kind thoughts and gift.

Dear Principal, Staff, Students, and the School Community

We pray that God keeps you all safe, happy, healthy and in good spirits. Amin The Women's Auxiliary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community would like to wish the Christian community season's greetings. Christmas is a joyful time where the Christian community celebrate Jesus Christ and his life. Though we as Muslims do not celebrate Christmas, we respect Jesus immensely.

We hold a similar value to Jesus' commandment to "love thy neighbour"; our motto is "Love for All, Hatred for None". So, we would like to spread the love and hope that this Christmas is full of blessings for all. We pray that this is a time for everyone to reconnect with and create strong bonds with those they love and to rejuvenate their faith.

As has happened in past years Glendenning PS has a special agreement with Santa and a number of families will be receiving hampers to help them over the holidays and to let them know that others care for them.

All staff wish all students and their families a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!

Have a good week,

Doug Meaney
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK/VALUE OF THE WEEK

Term: 4

Week: 8

	Student of the Week	Value of the Week
KJ	Meiah B A great effort towards learning about volume.	Jake R Learner
KF	Tyrin M Writing a fantastic imaginative story.	Riaan M Learner
KB	Japteesh K Displaying greater confidence at school.	Anayah I Learner
1E	Rawia K Fantastic effort with her persuasive writing	Ciara J Learner
1J	Cryisioniah S Always being a kind and caring person.	Ashmeet S Learner
1W	Nawaal S A consistent effort throughout all literacy tasks.	Natalia S Respectful
2C	Sukhpreet S Great answers during class discussion about the effect of advertising.	Kamalveer S Respectful
1/2M	Harnoor B A well written persuasive piece of writing.	Logan F Safe & Respectful
2S	Nima T A great effort towards her persuasive piece of writing.	Jayden A Respectful
2G	Anjleen K Improved effort in mathematical tasks	Kyara L Respectful
3/4/5D	Tanurag S Being a kind and considerate class member	Czarina S Learner
3R	Braith P Effectively conveying tension in his drama work	Kaiden B Learner
3H	Vihaana S Excellent reproduction of a Picasso inspired art work	Azreena T Learner
4N	Raina D Being a helpful and enthusiastic member of our class.	Nish P Learner
4G	Lakshya P Being a kind and considerate classmate	Kylan Z Learner
4I	Divjot S outstanding improvement to his application during literacy	Anureet M Learner
5/6L	Jerome G Implementing teacher feedback to improve the quality of his writing	Riley M Learner
5K	Partap Singh An excellent effort and commitment to learning.	Riya Learner
5E	Tyler B	Elijah H

	His fantastic effort learning about fractions	Respectful
6S	Alyssa E C Diligently completing all class tasks.	Ezekiel W Learner
6I	Ethan W Improvement in making sensible decisions.	Gurmehak R Learner