

# GLEBE MATTERS



## Principal's Address

Dear Glebe Community,

It has been a wonderful week at Glebe Public School and to welcome back our Kindergarten and Year 1 students was a definite highlight! To see the smiling faces of our students walk through the school gates and reconnect with their peers and our staff was both exciting and emotional. We are equally excited to welcome back our students from Years 2 - 5 on Monday 25 October.

As we come to the end of home learning, I want to acknowledge and thank you all for your support during what has been both a challenging and rewarding time for us all. Regardless of whatever we had to manage, we did it together in partnership and maintained open communication, respect, collegiality, and a combined commitment that we all wanted the best for our children/students. I am incredibly proud of what we achieved as a school and community.

I know you are all keen to know about what events will take place for the remainder of the term, such as the Year 6 graduation ceremony, the whole school presentation assembly etc. We are in the final stages organising these events and the format they will take in line with COVID safe practices and guidelines. Over the coming weeks you will be advised of the details of these events.

## Parent/Carer Survey 2022

If you have not already done so, please complete the 2021 Parent and Carer survey. The data and information collected from these surveys provides valuable information and is used to identify areas of strength and those that may require additional focus. As in previous years, the data obtained from the parent/carers survey is closely reviewed by the school leadership team and helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents and school.

To complete the 2021 parent/carers survey, please click [here](#). No user name or password are required. The survey will close on Friday 19 November. Should you have any questions, please speak to Mr Walker or Miss Potter (Deputy Principal, Instructional Leader).

World Teachers' Day will be celebrated across Australia on Friday 29 October 2021, a bit later than the international day due to our school holidays. It's a chance to celebrate teaching and for communities to thank teachers. We have an incredible teaching staff at Glebe Public School who go above and beyond every day!

The P&C in collaboration with the school will be hosting a breakfast for our staff on Friday morning. Unfortunately we are unable to invite our parents to join due to COVID guidelines; however, should you or your child like to make a card or write a message of thanks, these can be dropped off at the office and can be displayed on the day.

Take care, stay safe, and have a lovely weekend. As always, if there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to let us know; we are always here to help and support.

Bryce Walker  
Principal  
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## Next P&C Meeting

Due to recent events, we've decided to move this out and make it an exec P&C meeting for this term. The next general P&C meeting will be held in Term 4 on Tuesday 26th October 2021.

Please email any questions you may have to the following email [committee@glebeschool.org.au](mailto:committee@glebeschool.org.au)

We appreciate your patience during this time.





## Sydney University Pathology

This term our school is working with Speech Pathology students from Sydney University. Speech Pathologists work with children to help develop their communication skills, including speaking, understanding what people say, reading, writing, voice and stuttering. Over the next few weeks, Glebe Matters will include some information from the Speech Pathology students about common speech and communication concerns, and tips for supporting language and communication at home. If you have any questions about this information and what it might mean for your child, please contact Learning and Support Coordinator Phoebe Dixon: [phoebe.j.dixon@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:phoebe.j.dixon@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Year 5 Parents and Carers

Should you wish for your child to apply for a Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2023, please [click here](#) to access all details, including the intention to apply form that is to be returned to the school by Monday 1 November. If you have any questions regarding this application, please speak to Mr Watts, Stage 3 Assistant Principal.

## Air Conditioning

The school is in the final stages of having air conditioning installed at our school as part of the Cooler Classrooms initiative. The installation is due to be completed over the coming weeks. Having classrooms that are cool is going to make a significant impact on the comfort of our students and staff, especially as we approach summer.

## Attendance

Regular and consistent attendance at Glebe Public School is paramount in ensuring your child has every opportunity to learn important curriculum content. We are striving for a 95% attendance rate across the school EVERY DAY. When preparing lessons teachers ensure that building knowledge is done in a systematic way that means learning can grow daily. If your child is not at school, or arrives after the bell, it becomes harder for them to undertake the more complex learning as they have not been able to establish the foundations of that content. Attendance really matters...

Congratulations to Kindergarten and Year 1 – in their first week back GPS reaching a 93.3% attendance rate this week. Give your child the best ... bring them to school every day and on time, so we can do our job of helping them to learn as much as possible to enable them to have a bright future.



# EVERY day counts

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

[education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au)



# Reading at Home

Reading is the tool that children use to learn. As parents, you are the most important person in your child's reading journey! Helping your child to read at home can have a positive impact on their success at school. It is a big responsibility that we hope you grow to love.

## Top Tips

Set up a nightly reading routine

Make reading fun and enjoyable

Read for 10-15 minutes each night

Pick books that are the right level for your child. Ask your teacher for help

Visit the local library and select books in which your child shows an interest

Turn off devices and give your child your undivided attention while reading

**Before reading, ask your child...**

What do you think the title and pictures tell us about what the book will be about?

Have you ever read a book like this before?

**While your child is reading to you, ask them...**

Can you try sounding out the word?

What do you think the word means if we look at the sentences around it?

What do you think will happen next?

**After reading, ask your child...**

What happened in the story?

What do you think would happen if the story continued?

# Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is a diagnosis for children who have **difficulty talking and understanding**. DLD is diagnosed when there are **no other clear reasons or diagnoses for these difficulties**. There is **no known cause** of DLD, although it often runs in families. DLD affects approximately **2 children** in every classroom.

## What are the red flags?

DLD can be hidden and go unrecognised for a long time. It can often be missed and diagnosed as other things. If you notice that your child has any of the following, it could be sign that they have DLD:

**Short or incorrect sentences that do not make sense**

**Difficulty understanding what other people are saying to them**

**Struggle to express their thoughts, feelings, and ideas**

**Don't use a lot of words or repeat the same words a lot**

**Difficulty completing their work in class**

## What can you do?

There is no cure for DLD and it can be a long-term condition. However, the good news is that there are some things you can do to help:

- Talk to your child's school teacher
- Consult a Speech Pathologist and get a language assessment
- Read books to your child to create a language-rich environment

Visit the '*Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder*' website for further information.

[RADLD | Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder](#)

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and Emotion Coaching

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

This program helps parents of children aged 2-12 years to:

- engage children's cooperation
- set clear expectations
- help children develop tolerance to frustration
- respond to children's behaviour with less emotion.

**When**  
Tuesdays  
16th - 30th November 2021  
(5 weeks)  
10:30am - 12:30pm

**Online Workshop**  
This is a free course.

Anglicare group programs are funded through sources including the Australian Government Department of Social Services and NSW Family and Community Services.

For bookings and information:  
(Monday - Wednesday)  
0466 208 037  
[louise.mcmaster@anglicare.org.au](mailto:louise.mcmaster@anglicare.org.au)

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**HELPFUL TIPS FOR COMING BACK TO PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Your teacher is looking forward to seeing you and we know that you are looking forward to seeing your friends.

Sometimes learning from home felt easy, sometimes it felt a bit hard. Everyone has a different learning from home story to tell. Here's some helpful tips for you as you get ready to return to school.

- GET READY**  
Check your uniform and shoes still fit, and repack your school bag. Your school will have hand sanitiser and masks, but you can take your own too!
- BE SAFE**  
Safety first - wear your mask. Sneeze or cough into your elbow, put used tissues in the bin, and wash your hands during the day and before you eat.
- BE KIND AND PATIENT**  
Everyone will settle back to school in a different way. Showing kindness and being patient with the people around you will help everyone feel better.
- SCHOOL WORK**  
Try your best. Let a teacher, parent or a carer know what you found easy or hard when working from home. They are there to help you.
- FEELINGS**  
It can help to talk. It's ok to feel a little unsure, worried, nervous, happy, angry or any feeling in between. Talking to your parent or a carer, your teacher or other staff is important when you feel unsettled or are worried about a friend.
- HAVE SOME FUN**  
Your teacher wants you to enjoy being back at school. Join in the classroom and break-time fun, and play outside with your friends and classmates.
- EAT**  
Food is fuel for your body and brain. Don't forget to eat breakfast and grab a healthy lunch and keep your water bottle topped up!
- SLEEP**  
Nothing beats a good sleep. Go to bed early and keep phones and other devices in another room, so you're not disturbed. It might take a little time to get back into your routine.

There are more ideas on looking after yourself on the Department of Education's [student mental health and wellbeing](#) pages.

NSW Department of Education



## Helpful tips for primary students coming back to school

This page provides helpful tips for primary students to think about and do as they prepare to come back to school.

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