

# GLEBE MATTERS

## Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy and productive week at Glebe Public School as we approach the end of Term 1 for 2022.

It was wonderful to celebrate Harmony Day yesterday and the theme of Everyone Belongs. One of the things that I appreciate greatly about our school and community is the strong sense of inclusion and acceptance. I see this in action every time I walk into a classroom or through the conversations I have with our staff, parents, and the Glebe community in general. We are incredibly fortunate to have a community that is diverse and through which we can all have opportunities to continually learn and grow from each other.

Last week we had our first School Representative Council (SRC) meeting for the year and next week, we will have our official induction assembly of our representatives from each class. Student voice is students actively participating in decision-making at school on things which shape their educational experiences. It is more than students just 'having a say' and 'being heard'. To be successful, schools must value the perspectives and opinions of students and act on them in a way that genuinely shapes learning and decision-making at the school. I look forward to the wonderful things that our SRC will achieve in 2022. Thank you to Ms Rush, Miss Pedron, and Miss Potter for leading this program at our school.

Have a restful weekend and if there is anything we can do to support you and your family over the coming weeks, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Bryce Walker  
Principal  
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# TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

This week, our staff engaged in a number of professional learning activities. These programs are two that we are implementing at our school this year in line with our Strategic Improvement Plan. We look forward to keeping you updated about the progress of these initiatives throughout the year.

## Stage 1

Our Stage 1 team undertook training in the InitialLit program. It is an evidence-based whole-class literacy program which will provide all children with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers.

InitialLit is designed for:

- Schools seeking a reading program that incorporates a systematic approach to the teaching of phonics alongside rich literature and vocabulary
- Schools that would like to see thorough and consistent instruction across classrooms in a year level, and a reduction in the number of children needing support in higher grades
- Teachers looking to provide an evidence-based approach to reading and spelling that is aligned with the New South Wales English syllabus (and in preparation for the incoming 2023 K-2 English Syllabus).

## Stages 2 and 3

Our Stage 2 and 3 teams undertook training in Spelling Mastery. Spelling Mastery builds dependable spelling skills for students in Years 1-6 through a highly structured method that blends the following approaches:

Phonemic approach - helps beginning spellers learn the relationships between spoken sounds and written letters and then apply them to spelling

Morphemic approach - exposes advanced spellers to prefixes, bases, and suffixes

Whole-word approach - gives spellers at all levels the meaning and root of a word and shows how the word's spelling is influenced

Spelling Mastery interweaves these three approaches according to students' skill development and provides straightforward lessons to help efficiently and effectively teach the spelling skills students need to become proficient readers and writers. Explicit instruction, careful selection of spelling words, and repeated and cumulative practice help students master each concept and reinforce and retain key information.

Together, InitialLit and Spelling Mastery provide a comprehensive and seamless whole school approach to phonics and spelling while personalising the learning for each student.





# PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

## how to prepare



The next week at Glebe Public School parent teacher interviews will be held. This is an opportunity to talk to your child's teachers. The NSW Department of Education has some handy tips. Some include:

### Do your homework

Take a few minutes before the meeting to jot down any questions or comments you have. Because interviews usually only run 10 to 15 minutes it's good to have a reminder of the points you wanted to raise. Common questions may include:

- How is my child fitting in with other children?
- What are the students working on now?
- Is there anything about my child's needs that I should know?
- Does my child ask questions, participate in class discussions and other activities?

### Go with the right attitude

Try to approach the interview with a positive and relaxed attitude, remembering you and the teacher are partners in your child's learning. Don't be afraid to raise your concerns. At the same time, if you're upset about something, let the teacher give you their explanation of the situation. Heading to the school with the attitude that you're going to 'sort them out' won't help anyone.

### After the interview

It's important to discuss the meeting with your child and really congratulate them on their strengths. If the teacher made suggestions of things you could do at home, discuss these with your child and commit to following through with them.

For more information click [here](#).

## NAMES ON BELONGINGS

Please ensure that your child has their name clearly marked on their belongings such as hats, jumpers, drink bottles, and lunch boxes/containers. This makes it much easier for them to be returned should they be lost or misplaced.



## EMERGENCY RECESS AND LUNCHES

The school has a supply of food for emergency situations should students require them. These are for situations such as a student drops their food. They are not provided for students who do not like what has been packed for them. Please ensure that your child has enough recess and lunch for the day. Should you be in a situation where you need support in providing recess and lunch for your child, we are more than happy to assist; however, we ask that you contact the school and have this conversation.



**Glebe TreeHouse**

A fun, free family space where little things can grow

Schools as Community Centre, 0409 835 754  
glebetreehouse@gmail.com

**Term 1 2022**

### MONDAY



#### MyTime Group

10 am - 12 pm

A group for parents and carers with children who have a disability.

Free child care, activities and more.

0409 835 754

### Parent Programs

Is there a program you would like to see at TreeHouse? Get in touch!

0409 835 754

### TUESDAY

#### Glebe Playgroup

10 am - 12 pm



A friendly supported playgroup for Glebe families with children 0 - 5 years.

0409 835 754

### Family Workers

Because parenting is a tough gig. Family workers are available through TreeHouse for any issue big or small.

### WEDNESDAY



#### Bilingual Playgroup

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

For families who speak more than one language.

Kids 0 - 5 years  
0409 835 754

### Speech Pathology

Speech Therapy students from the University of Sydney providing free language support and advice to Glebe kids.

0409 835 754

BLAH BLAH BLAH

### THURSDAY

#### Ngara Nanga Mai

#### Aboriginal Playgroup

10 am - 12 pm



Yarn - Play - Eat  
0419 846 485

### Gardening Club

COMING SOON



### FRIDAY

#### BABY GROUP

COMING SOON

A group for parents and carers and, their babies (0 - 12 mths).

If you're interested, contact TreeHouse

0409 835 754



# ATTENDANCE!

## WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

It has been great to see an improvement in students arriving by 9:00am each day.

On time school attendance is vital; however, we understand that at times things happen which cannot be controlled and students may be late. Students who arrive after 9:00 am are to go to the school office on arrival and receive a late note. The reason for the late arrival is recorded and we ask that parents/carers please let the school know the reason i.e. 'student attended a medical appointment' etc. When there is no reason provided, the late arrival is recorded as unexplained. Late arrivals are closely monitored by the school executive as part of our attendance procedures.

Please refer to the 'Compulsory School Attendance - information for parents' guidelines from the Department of Education by clicking [here](#)



## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

**5** mins  
per day



=

**3** days



**30** mins  
per day



=

**18** days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.





## Autumn Vacation Care 2022

Hours of Operation: 8:00am-5:00pm


# \$500 Centipede Voucher

Glebe families can now claim a 500 dollar voucher per child to go towards fees for before school care, after school care or vacation care at Centipede.

You will need to claim this voucher through the Service NSW app or website. Once you have received it you can email it to [centipede.glebe@yahoo.com.au](mailto:centipede.glebe@yahoo.com.au) or show the code to Keryn at Centipede.

If you need any help applying please drop by Centipede, we are very happy to help!

We would love to see existing families along with new families take advantage of this great offer.

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Incursion	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Excursion	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Incursion	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Excursion	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Centre Closed
<b>Go Karts</b>  Ready, set, go! We will be zooming around Centipede on Go Karts and having a fun first day of the holidays.	<b>Eco Walk Excursion</b>  We are exploring in the bushland today looking for bugs, beetles spiders and nature. Depart: 9:30am Return: 3:30pm	<b>Laser Tag</b>  Come ready to be challenged! Start planning strategies for your Laser Tag team now. Quieter activities will be available throughout the day.	<b>Pizza in the Park</b>  Today we are heading to Foley Park to play and to have some pizza. Depart: 11am Return: 3pm	<b>Good Friday Centipede Closed</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Centre Closed	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Excursion	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Incursion	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Excursion	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> In Centre
<b>Easter Monday Centipede Closed</b>	<b>Glebe Youth Service Monkey Mania</b>  Years 4-6 are off to Glebe Youth Service for the day. Years K-3 are off to Monkey Mania for a fun day of play. Depart: 10am Return: 3pm	<b>Wheelchair Basketball</b>  Back by popular demand our friends at Wheelchair Sports NSW are visiting to teach us about inclusive sports and to play basketball.	<b>Clifton Gardens</b>  We are going to Clifton gardens today for a play and explore in nature. Depart: 10am Return: 3pm	<b>Earth Day</b>  Centipede will be celebrating Earth day with sustainable crafts and activities.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Centre Closed	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Centre Closed	<b>Vacation Care Opening Hours: 8:00am – 5:00pm</b> Please bring along a hat and water. Lunch and snacks are all provided.  If you have any questions or concerns regarding payment, please speak to Keryn <b>Daily Fee: \$65</b>  Fees can be paid to Centipede by <b>direct debit or internet banking</b>  <b>Bank:</b> Commonwealth Bank <b>BSB:</b> 062172 <b>Account number:</b> 10239391 Please leave each child's initials in the account description.  <b>We kindly request children do not bring money to Centipede.</b>		
<b>Anzac Day Centipede Closed</b>	<b>Staff Development Day Centipede Closed</b>			

# AUTUMN DRAMA CAMPS

KIDS NEED TO PLAY

Play The Drama Scene Way These Holidays!



Take Off With Drama Scene!

DRAMA GAMES  
PROP & COSTUME MAKING  
IMPROVISATION & PLAYS



**13 APRIL SURRY HILLS** - Crown St School Hall

**21 APRIL PETERSHAM** - Taverners Hill Infants



**KINDERGARTEN up to YEAR 7**

Before Care from 7.30am Workshop 9.00am - 4.00pm After Care until 6.00pm

**[www.dramascene.com.au](http://www.dramascene.com.au)**

ASK QUESTIONS 0407 235 914



# Enrolling Now

## FOR YEAR 7, 2024

[enquiries for Years 8-11 are welcomed]

For all enrolment details visit the OLSH website at  
[www.olshkensington.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olshkensington.catholic.edu.au)  
or contact the College on (02) 9662 4088

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Supporting Glebe Public School

# ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Sat 2 - Sun 3 April

9am – 4pm

BENLEDI

186 Glebe Point Rd,  
Glebe

Donations - Benledi on  
Friday 1 April 9am - 12 noon

- ☒ good quality books
- ☐ damaged, outdated, mouldy
- ☐ annuals, encyclopedias, magazines

Info: 0418 271 874 | [books@glebeschool.org.au](mailto:books@glebeschool.org.au)



# Glebe Toy Swap

## **Benledi House**

Saturday 26 March

11.30am to 12.45pm

Book free tickets now at

[whatson.sydney/glebe-toy-swap](http://whatson.sydney/glebe-toy-swap)



Are your children's toys gathering dust?

Rehome and swap up to 6 pre-loved toys.

Toys must be in good working condition and suitable for children aged 2 to 8 years.



JOIN US FOR

# Easter

2-3 APRIL + 9-14 APRIL

10AM - 2PM

FAMILY  
EASTER BUNNY  
PHOTOS

KIDS MAD  
HATTERS TEA  
PARTY

FREE KIDS  
CRAFT  
WORKSHOPS

Bookings  
essential

Scan for details



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