Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Families

I hope you have all had a productive week!

I want to thank you for working in partnership with us to improve student attendance rates across the school. Our Term 1 data is currently sitting at 84% of students attending school over 90% of the time - this is a wonderful achievement! For us to further improve on these results, please remember that it is vital that if your child is absent from school, even for 1 day, that you provide the school with an explanation for the absence.

This week our students in Years 3 and 5 commenced the 2023 NAPLAN tests, which will run for several weeks. I want to commend our staff for their organisation and ensuring that our students are supported throughout this process.

A big congratulations to Ruby Lendvai in Year 5, who will be representing the school at the State Swimming Carnival. Ruby swam a personal best time of 32.32 seconds for 50m freestyle. We wish you all the best Ruby!

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 bryce.walker@det.nsw.edu.au









UPDATES AND NOTICE

Packed Recess and Lunch

It is expected that students attend school with a packed recess and lunch rather than having food delivered to the school during the day. Please also ensure that your child has enough food for the day.





National Close the Gap Day

Since 2007 the National #ClosetheGap Day is observed on the third Thursday of March, falling on March 16 this year.

Grounded in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' right to be self-determining, the Close the Gap Campaign's 2023 Report is available today, "Strong Culture, Strong Youth: Our Legacy, Our Future", highlighting the vital role of culture in achieving positive long-term health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

At Glebe Public School, we need to celebrate and reflect on our achievements, by providing a healthy breakfast to all our students and encouraging healthy eating we are working towards long term health outcomes for our students.

Ms Ryan - Deputy Principal Aboriginal Education

Emergency Recess and Lunch

There has been an increase in the number of students who are requesting emergency recess and/or lunch. Emergency recess and lunches are for genuine emergencies such as a student who has dropped their food, not because they don't like what has been packed for them.

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's primary school skipping challenge that helps kids to move more, have fun and raise funds for lifesaving research and programs.

Over the past few weeks our students have been skipping their hearts out during recess, lunch and classroom PE times, and today our student leaders ran the Glebe Public School Skip Off. This event celebrated the end of our Jump Rope for Heart program by showcasing some of our talented and hard-working skippers from Kindergarten to Year 6. During the Skip Off, two students from each class were chosen to demonstrate their amazing skipping skills to all students, teachers and visitors in our school. It was wonderful to see how much progress our students have made with their skipping over the past few weeks (as well as the amazing tricks they have learned!) A big thank you to our student leaders and house captains for running our Skip Off with such enthusiasm and care, and well done to all students for being respectful audience members throughout the afternoon.

Congratulations to those students who have been able to raise money for the Heart Foundation by signing up through the Jump Rope for Heart website. Next week, we will hear about some of our fundraising heroes at Glebe Public School, including one student who has currently raised over \$500 for the Heart Foundation! What an incredible effort! If you'd still like to help your child fundraise, it's not too late! You can follow this link to set up a fundraising page.

Mr Todd Mackie

















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Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent- Teacher Meetings will be held between Monday 26 March and Thursday 6 April 2022. The aim of these meetings is to give a 'snapshot' of your child's learning and progress at school. Teachers will set their availability over the two weeks for meetings before and after school hours. Parents will be able to book a meeting time with the class teacher through the School Interviews online system. The booking system is open. Information on booking a time slot has been sent home via email and Seesaw.



2023 Premiers Reading Challenge

The 2023 Premiers Reading Challenge has opened. You can start to enter your reading log on the website, remembering that you can include books that you have read since September 2022.

All books need to be entered by Friday 18th August 2023. A full list of the rules and further details can be found on the PRC webpage here.



Students can log on via the PRC webpage or through the PRC link on the DET Student Portal.

See Ms Callen if you have any questions. Happy reading.

Dogs at School

Strictly no dogs are permitted to be on school grounds, including the car park

Stewart House Donations

Thank you to our community for helping fundraise \$172.90 for the Stewart House Donation Drive. Your donation supports 1600 children who attend Stewart House from public schools in NSW and ACT every year. Good luck in the draw!

Ms Helen Michael

Scholastic Book Club

The latest Scholastic Book Club has been sent home with students. Issue 2 will close on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 for delivery before the end of term. Tpo order please visit the website here.



The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. Your order will electronically be linked to your school when you order and pay by LOOP.





School Arrival Time

A teacher is on duty from 8:30am. If students arrive before this time, arrangements can be made with Centipede.

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.









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Our next P&C meeting is on 28 March at GPS (6:30pm)

And the annual book sale is now fast approaching. See separate poster and link below to volunteer. The sale (1-2 April) is a lot of fun and you get to meet a lot of friendly people! Please note you can donate good quality books on Friday 31 March from 9am to noon.

Reminder: we now have a sponsorship agreement with the Toxteth Hotel. The hotel is generously supporting us by donating 10c of every dollar YOU spend back to the P & C. All you need to do is tell the hotel staff you are from the GPS community at the point of purchase. Please support this fantastic local business and the school!

HE P&C FACEBOOK PAGE CAN BE FOUND HERE

> Dates For Your Diary:

28 March: next P&C meeting (6:30pm at GPS)

1st-2nd April: Annual Book Sale (Belendi. 186 Glebe Point Road)

VOLUNTEER

BOOK SALE

HERE!

Supporting Glebe Public School

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Sat 1 - Sun 2 April

9am - 4pm **BENLEDI** 186 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe

Donations to Benledi Friday 31 March 9am - 12 noon

- ✓ good quality books
- X damaged, outdated, mouldy
- x annuals, encyclopedias, magazines

Info: 0418 271 874 | books@glebeschool.org.au

TreeHouse

TUESDAY

Glebe

Playgroup

10am - 12pm

A Supported Playgroup

for Glebe families with

A fun, free family space where little things can grow

Schools as Community Centre

0409 835 754

Term 1 2023

MONDAY



MyTime Group 10am - 12pm

A group for parents and carers with children under 18 years who have additional needs. Free child care, activities and more.





Have an idea that will benefit local families? We'd love to hear it!

🕦 Food Support 🐚

children 0 - 5 years.



We receive fresh fruit and pantry staples every Tuesday afternoon. Our food is stored in our Kindness Cupboard. Drop in any day to check it out!

WEDNESDAY



Bilingual Playgroup

10:30am - 12:30pm

For families who speak more than one language. children 0 - 5 years.

THURSDAY

Inside Glebe Public School. Please enter via Derby Place gates.

Ngara Nanga

Mai

Aboriginal Playgroup

10am - 12:30pm



0419 846 485

Drop-in Help

10am - 12pm

For Parents & Carers Anything reading, writing & spelling

Hearing Australia **HAPEE Ears For Early Years**

Back in April

FRIDAY



BABY GROUP

10am - 11:30am

A group for parents and carers and, their babies aged 0 - 18 months.

Family Workers

Because parenting is a tough gig.

We have strong referral pathways with a variety of Family Workers. Contact us for more.

9660 4549 glebe-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au | Find us here



THE FATHERING PROJECT & GLEBE PUBLIC SCHOOL

HANDBALL TOURNAMENT AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FOR DADS AND DAD-FIGURES

MARCH 21 (TUESDAY WEEK 9) 5:30PM - 7PM GLEBE PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUND



(SO WE CAN ORDER ENOUGH FOOD!)







ATTENDANCE!

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

On time school attendance is vital to students success at school. 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, for example 'student attended a medical appointment'. 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 <u>here</u>



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.



DROP IN HELP

See Vanessa or Isabel for help with

forms or anything

reading, writing and spelling.

For Parents & Carers





Thursdays, 10am - 12pm

At the Glebe TreeHouse

Inside Glebe Public School. 0409 835 754









DRAMA SCENE

DRAMA CLUB AT GLEBE

TRIAL SPOTS AVAILABLE

KINDERGARTEN UP TO YEAR 6

Tuesdays After School 3.00pm - 4.10pm

After Drama Scene students may be picked up or go to Centipede



ww.dramascene.com.au

WHATSAPP Steph 0407 235 914

Hilda Booler Kindergarten Our preschools offer

education and care for children aged 3 to 5 years.

Qualified and experienced educators place a strong focus on quality interactions and learning. We facilitate learning through a play-based program.

The centre offers spacious indoor areas with a sun safe outdoor play area. Our programs provide opportunities for all children to flourish and meet their full potential through a range of educational experiences.

We pride ourselves on building meaningful relationships with children and their families

e close for five weeks ove hristmas and New Year.

Enrolment priorities Preschool aged children, aged 3 to 5 years in one or more of the following categories:

- from low-income families (with a health care card)
 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Isla
 with English language needs

with additional needs.

CITY OF SYDNEY





We're a community choir, very fortunate to have a local professional music director, Liz Lecoanet (also a singing coach & international performer).

First visit is FREE

Everyone is welcome. No audition needed.

Want more info?

E: Merren - merrensmith@hotmail.com

F: facebook.com/glebecommunitysingers

Next term dates

From 2 February 2023 for 9 weeks





IS LIFE CHANGING







Starting in Term 1, Soccer X will be running a 9 Week Soccer program at Glebe Public School every Wednesday from 3:05pm - 4:05pm beginning Febuary 8th.

The program is available to students from Kindy -Year 6. Children will be split into groups according to age All sessions will be run by qualified coaches who hold WWCC. The sessions will be fully inclusive & fun-based, catering for all abilities.

Cost: \$140 / 9-weeks. Active Kids Vouchers Accepted For more information and online registrations please visit www.soccer-x.com Contact: abyr@soccer-x.com / 0420 873 317



