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Term 1 Week 3– Care and Compassion

KM Eric 3K Skye
KCS Oscar 3F Charlie
KW Jacob 3S Lucy
KE Madeline 4P Amber
IP Savannah 4H Ava
1F Elena 4/5R Mina
1B Lucas 5L Amina
2M Ollie 5G Holly
2J Ocienne 6E Maea
2C Isabell 6R Xanthe
2H Jonte

‘Tell Them From Me’ Surveys

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the “Tell Them From Me” student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. Only students in Years 4-6 participate in the online survey. This will be the second year Gladesville Public School has participated in the survey.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 4 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.
SRC Representatives
Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to be the SRC reps for Term 1.

1B - Eeva W  
1P - April E  
2H - Louis L  
2J - Isabella L  
3F - Luca R  
4P - Aisha L  
4/5R - Harvey P  
5G - Ryan M  
6R - Tully P  
IF - Charlie C  
2C - Ollie M  
2M - Julian W  
3K - Harvey H  
3S - Ben S  
4H - Jonathan V  
5L - Jerome G  
6E - Isabelle L

Hilary Judge and Andrea Stiglic
SRC Coordinators

Sports Report
Last week’s Year 3 -6 swimming Carnival at Ryde Aquatic Centre was a huge success with a high level of student participation in all races and novelty events. At the end of the day our Champion Overall House was Phillip, winning by a very narrow margin.

Congratulations to the following students who were Age Champions on the day:

- **Junior Girl**: Amelia D  
- **Junior Boy**: Hamish M  
- **11 Years Girl**: Miyu T / Rachel B  
- **11 Years Boy**: Aidan S / Eric H  
- **Senior Girl**: Layla B  
- **Senior Boy**: Lachlan W

Swimming ribbons will be presented at next week’s assembly. Notes will also be distributed shortly to those students who have been selected to represent our school at the Ryde Zone Swimming Carnival. A huge thank you to all the parents who kindly volunteered their time to officiate at our carnival – your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Summer PSSA sport began last Friday with all teams excited to be playing their first matches. The teams all performed well with our Softball teams, cricket teams and Junior Boys T-ball teams all registering wins. Well done!

This year our school has registered to take part in Pink Stumps Day, a fundraising initiative to support the McGrath Foundation. This year Pink Stumps Day will be held on Friday 4 March, when we play our PSSA match against Hunters Hill PS. All cricketers are encouraged to wear pink on this day. Donations can be made by following the link below:


David Roberts  
Coordinator
Harmony Day
Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. This year will mark 16 years of celebrating Harmony Day, and the year’s theme is: “Our Diversity is Our Strength”.

Gladesville Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Monday 21 March**. Students are encouraged to wear their **country of origin’s national costume**, the **colours of their flag** or **orange**, the colour of Harmony Day. Throughout the day students will also participate in activities based on cultural diversity. The day will be a great opportunity to celebrate the differences that make our school great!

Laura Hines
Coordinator

Library News – Term 1 2016
Borrowing has commenced for all students. Please ensure your child has a clean library bag with their name clearly labelled. A recyclable supermarket bag or an old pillow case can make good library bags. There are also a limited number of clean calico bags available for purchase from the library for $1.00. GPS will again be participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge. All students from years 3 to 6 will be participating. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is designed so that students of all reading levels can achieve success. This term the library sessions include PRC Reading time where students have the opportunity to explore visual literacy in picture books. For all Grade levels it is an opportunity to appreciate the magic of books. These books can also be entered into the reading challenge and has the added effect of giving direction and focus to library sessions.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge – why do it? (Library.com)**
Being involved in the Premier’s Reading Challenge raises the profile of reading, libraries and literacy in schools and gives students a focus on reading. It encourages students to participate by being ‘challenged’. The programme offers incentives for reluctant readers while building self-esteem, school unity, and a sense of achievement. It increases the involvement of parents in their child’s reading and increases library borrowing. Most importantly it contributes to increased literacy levels.

Parents/Carers of Grade 1 students wanting their child to participate, please contact me in the library for details. Kindergarten will be participating as a class during Library Sessions. The following colour codes for each level will be used to help students identify books for the different levels.

- **Yrs K - 2** – **GREEN**
- **Yr 3 - 4** – **ORANGE**
- **Yr 5 – 6** – **PINK**

Students must read a set amount of books as listed below by September to complete the challenge

- **Yrs K-2** – 30 books - both Picture and Fiction
- **Yrs 3-4** – 20 books – both picture and chapter books
- **Yrs 5-6** -- 20 books - both picture books and novels

The library will have a folder with the book lists included in the PRC. All students enter their own books online using their student login User Name and Password. Registration opens in March via the PRC website. As each student completes the challenge (ie when the books are entered online), he/she receives a library award and gets their photo displayed with their favourite book on our **Australia : Story Country** display which will be the Book Week theme for 2016.

**For more information you can log on to [www.schools.nsw.edu/premiers reading challenge](http://www.schools.nsw.edu/premiers reading challenge).**

Many thanks to all the families who donated to our World Vision Christmas fundraiser for Early Childhood Programmes in remote Aboriginal communities. We managed to raise $451.35. Well done! We will be doing another fundraiser during NAIDOC WEEK this year with money raised going to the **Indigenous Literacy Foundation** who gifts new books and literacy resources to Indigenous children and families in remote communities.

Inez Goodfellow
Teacher Librarian
Pick Up and Drop Off at GPS
A huge thank you to parents, carers and children who use the Kiss and Ride on Linsley Street and also cross using the pedestrian crossings on Linsley Street!! There has been a huge improvement in this area as far as the safety of our children goes with traffic flowing better and people using the designated crossings NOT crossing in between cars.
Just to clarify, four cars fit in the Kiss and Ride at any one time. If you don't fit, you join the queue to be the next four in. You CANNOT cut into position one from position five. This is dangerous and caused confusion. Also please do not reverse and break the line of four. Wait for all cars to drop or pick up then ALL move out, making way for the next four cars. Please be patient!! We realise that sometimes it gets annoying however if we stop one child from being hurt then 30 seconds of waiting time is really not the end of the world!!
Thank you so much for your co-operation.

Term Dates 2016
The following are the school term dates for this year. School Development Days occur at the beginning of Term 1, 2 and 3, however it is a good idea to check on the website or school at the end of each term in case of any changes. The link is https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/calendar/

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