



Glossodia Public School



glossodia- p. school@ det. nsw. edu. au :
4576 6099

ALL COLOUR RUN MONEY DUE FRIDAY 12 APRIL. PRIZES WILL BE ALLOCATED FROM THIS DATE ONLY.

Message from the Principal

Brenda Curtis

As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to reflect on all that we have achieved so far. Once again, we had a successful Swimming Carnival, with several students attending the Zone. Year 6 were trained to be peer support leaders with Year 5 students watching on to help if needed.

We had a good turn out to the Meet the Teacher afternoon and 62 parents attended our Parent Workshops to learn skills that will support their children with their homework. We will have our next round in Term 3, so please attend to learn even more strategies.

Year 6 attended Leadership Conference or Camp and had their first Parliament sitting, which was a great success. Mrs Johnson hosted another successful Book Fair and with the help from the community she raised enough funds to purchase some new books for the library.

Year 3 & 5 students sat the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) with the help from Mrs Finlay. Results will be used by teachers to address areas of need.

School photos have been taken. Later in the year PSSA sport groups, Dance groups, Choir and Leaders photos will be taken.

The children from our local preschool joined us for our Easter Hat Parade and thanks to your donations, Mrs McKechnie and her team of volunteers were able to prepare boxes of easter treats for the children to win. We would like to thank Ethan and Henry's mum who donated prizes for those who won the easter egg throwing competition.

Parent teacher interviews were a great success with 92% of parents in every class booking a time. I am please to hear the positive feedback from parents and teachers.

Our 8-13 year old Cross Country was squeezed in before the rain and 70 of our students received an invitation to have lunch with the Principal. I hope to see double that next term. Don't forget to attend our ANZAC Day assembly on Thursday and Colour Run on Friday.

UP COMING DATES



P&C Meeting
Tuesday 9 April

Colour Run Money Due
12 April

ANZAC DAY Assembly
Thursday 11 April

Colour Run
Friday 12 April

Last Day of School Term 1
Friday 12 April

Students Return
Tuesday 30 April



Communication and Community Minister Writing Recognition Award

Every fortnight our Communication and Community Ministers (Amy and Ashlyn) will be reading a piece of writing from one class and together with the class teacher they will choose which piece they would like to share in our newsletter.

This fortnight they have chosen a piece of writing written by Cooper in KZ.

We hope you take the time to read what Cooper has allowed us to share with you today.



I have a BUGER
and a SNACK.



Weekly PBL Focus Areas

This Week's PBL Focus- We are in the right place at the right time

Next Week's PBL Focus- We wear the correct uniform



Quote of The Week

HARD TIMES MAY HAVE
PUT YOU DOWN SOMETIMES
BUT THEY WILL NOT
LAST FOREVER

WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE

YOU WILL BE

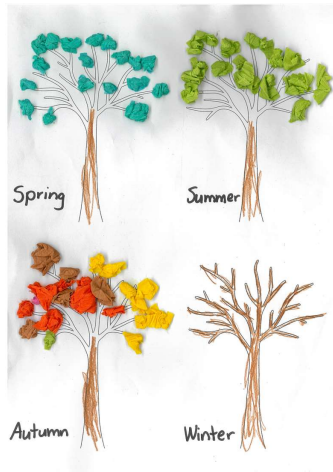
WISE AND STRONG



Education Minister – Art Award

At every K-6 assembly, the Education Minister (Rebecca) will be sharing pieces of artwork that she has chosen to receive an award for their efforts. One will be chosen from the K-2 classrooms and another from the 3-6 classrooms. For those of you who are not able to attend our assembly we will be putting them in our fortnightly newsletter for everyone to enjoy.

This week, we congratulate the following students for their work.



Elena Kindergarten



Evie Year 4



Education News

Maths is very useful in everyday life. Maths can help us do many things that are important in our everyday lives. Here are some daily tasks for which maths is important:

- Managing money \$\$\$
- Shopping for the best price
- Preparing food
- Figuring out distance, time and cost for travel
- Understanding loans for cars, trucks, homes, schooling or other purposes
- Understanding sports (being a player and team statistics)
- Playing music
- Baking
- Home decorating
- Sewing
- Gardening and landscaping

Parents can help their children connect math they learn in school and their everyday lives. As a parent, you could talk to your child about how you use math in your daily life. They could also ask family members and friends how they use math in their daily lives. It is important to talk to your children about these math connections to real world. When your child hears how math can be used every day, they will be more likely to view math as important and valuable. Remember that you as a parent can greatly influence how your child thinks about mathematics.

The Mito Postie Adventure

Two of our students, Isla and Hailie will be spending the first 10 days of their school holidays on a charity run. Their dad (Dale) will be riding his postie bike from Londonderry to Lightening Ridge and back in 10 days. The girls will be following with their mother and a group of about 30 others.

The charity is for Mito Disease, which took a friend of theirs who was only 30 years old. If you or anyone you know would like to donate to this cause search Mito Foundation and donate.



P&C NEWS

Canteen Roster

	18/03	19/03	20/03	21/03	22/03
Week 8	Kristina	Kaitlin Sinclair	1. Layne Keys 2. Michelle Flowers	CLOSED	1. Kristie Rodda 2. Alison Jeffery BP - Dru Bee
Week 9	25/03 Adam White	26/03 Kaitlin Sinclair	27/03 1. 2.	28/03 CLOSED	29/03 CLOSED Good Friday
Week 10	01/04 Sue & Kristina	02/04	03/04 1. Layne Keys 2. Michelle Flowers	04/04 CLOSED	05/04 1. 2. Alison Jeffery BP - Ruth
Week 11	08/04 Adam White	09/04 Kaitlin Sinclair	10/04 1. Olivia Sammut 2.	11/04 CLOSED	12/04 CLOSED LAST DAY TERM 1 Colour Run

Volunteers needed for the highlighted days.
If you can assist please contact the canteen facebook page.

We are also looking for someone who may be interested in learning the stock control and ordering.
Please Contact Helen Auditore

P&C MEETING



Tuesday April 9th
6 pm in the
school staffroom



Reminders



- Canteen is closed on Thursdays
- Uniform can be ordered through the My School Connect App.
All sizes are in stock

GLOSSODIA PUBLIC SCHOOL COLOUR RUN UPDATE!!

OUR FIRST EVER COLOUR RUN IS BEING HELD ON FRIDAY 12TH APRIL
GET YOUR WHITE SHIRTS READY!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN BUSY FUNDRAISING!
THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET MORE SPONSORSHIPS.
SPONSORSHIP CLOSES APRIL 12TH

Upcoming Events

- ★ Thurs 28th March
Easter Raffle
- ★ Thurs 28th March
Hot Cross Bun
Breakfast
- ★ Friday 12th April
Colour Run

OLD NEWS

*Vol. 23, No. 19**Est. 1923**Fall 2018*

Lunch breaks

Everybody is entitled to a lunch break. Our hard working office ladies manage phone calls, sick bay and first aid, teacher requests, notes, little toileting issues and miscellaneous jobs that regularly pop up unexpectedly, before they can even get a start on managing the work that they do behind the scenes in the office. Our school lunch break is the busiest for them, Mrs Finlay and me, as teachers and students use this time for meetings, support or assistance with a variety of tasks. Our lunch break is usually taken when things slow around 2:30pm. To ensure everyone has time to eat, drink and have a break, **I would like to ask that you try not to call the office between 12:45 and 1:30 if your call is not urgent, so that we have time to recharge.**

Of course, if it is urgent, please make contact, because we will always address any emergency immediately.

Stage 2 Camp

Our Stage 2 students will be attending a Camp at Wombaroo. It is located in the picturesque Southern Highlands of New South Wales, 2 hours from Sydney. Camp Wombaroo offers an array of engaging activities designed to bring out the best in our students. Some examples are:

- Cycling
- Bushwalking
- Orienteering
- Canoeing

Camp Wombaroo offers varied experiences for all ages. We have booked a date in Term 3.

Further information will be sent to students once you have secured your child's spot. Mrs Sutherland Ready and Mr Corr will both be attending camp. Make sure you start organising the necessities to spread the cost of items over the term. This will help keep your budget in check.



Stage 3 Camp



Stage 3 students can participate in our excursion to Canberra staying 2 nights at Canberra Park. Mrs Buckingham and Mr Eldridge will be accompanying the students. Whilst in Canberra, students will visit Parliament House with a tour of The Senate, House of Representatives and The Parliament Education Office, the National Arboretum, the National Capital Exhibition, National Electoral Education Centre, Museum of Democracy, National Gallery of Australia, Questacon, Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian War Memorial.

The cost for this excursion is \$485 per student. A deposit of \$125 is required by Friday 5 April with final payment due no later than Tuesday 23 July. Final payment can be made at any time prior to 23 July 2024. For parents who choose to pay in instalments payment is required as

below:

Deposit \$125 due Friday 5 April

2nd instalment \$120 due Thursday 2 May

3rd instalment \$120 due Monday 3 June

Final payment of \$120 due Tuesday 23 July

Students will need to arrive at school on Wednesday 4 September at 7.30am for rolls to be marked, medication collected and to be ready to depart promptly at 8.00am. The estimated time of arrival back at school on Friday 6 September is 6pm.

Students who display inappropriate attitude and or behaviour prior to the excursion will have their invitation withdrawn. In such cases the deposit **ONLY** can be refunded.

Term 2- Athletics

During Term 2 every Wednesday, students will participate in a mandatory Athletics program to develop, understand and refine the skills they need to compete at their athletics carnival. The program will be run by Zing Activ who will also support our school at the Athletics Carnival.

The Athletics program is curriculum/syllabus aligned and designed to be fun whilst improving children's physical fitness as well as develop important motor skills of running, jumping and throwing. **The cost is \$37 per student.**

Activities incorporated within the program include:

• Sprinting • Middle Distance • Relays • Starting • Shot Put • Discus • Long Jump • High Jump

Zing Activ aims to create a safe and inclusive environment where students feel comfortable expressing themselves and trying new things within fitness and exercise. Students will also develop invaluable skills such as teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship, social skills and resilience - skills that are lifelong.





Thank you to Sciberras Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for their regular fruit box donations.

School Bytes App

Our school currently uses the following Apps.



Used for special messages, updates and changes	Used to order lunch and uniforms.
--	-----------------------------------



An App that takes all information and organises events, in one place for your convenience.	All permission notes, event information and award invitations for assembly are sent via your email
--	--

Our School Bytes App works in conjunction with the My Family Hand App. This means is you have the School Bytes App you won't need the My Family Hand App.

Personal toys at school

Some children have been bringing personal toys to school, which has not only caused issues in the playground but also in class. All students are encouraged to leave their favourite toys at home to avoid being upset when it is lost or broken.

If toys are coming to school for news, please ensure your child understands that it must stay in their bag after they have shared it with the class. If you give your child permission to play with their toy at lunch time and recess, you acknowledge that we take no responsible for what may happen to it.



Students who disregard teacher instructions and bring toys into the classroom, they will be taken from them to ensure they are focusing on learning. At the end of the day the toy will be returned for them to take home. If the issue continues to interrupt their learning and that of others, Mrs Curtis will keep the toy in her office until she decides it can be returned. Further disobedience will then be dealt with a time out.

We ask that you ensure that your child is aware that there is a time and place for learning and a time for play.



Greater Western Sydney Drama Ensembles

Region: Metro South and West Metropolitan North | Penrith Years 5 to 12

Local arts program public schools Drama.

Apply for the GWS drama ensembles.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7nrFhhyLDVz87NaBWNCuoQlo2rEbTuBElE29gFTSi6WB56g/viewform>

The Greater Western Sydney (GWS) Drama Ensembles are open to talented and interested drama students in Years 5 to 12 from NSW public schools.

In 2024 there will be 2 GWS drama ensembles

GWS Junior Drama Ensemble for students in Year 5 to Year 8

GWS Senior Drama Ensemble for students in Year 9 to Year 12.

The ensembles provide an engaging and supportive environment in which students are provided with the opportunity to be challenged and extended in their knowledge and skills of drama. Students will have the opportunity to work with industry drama practitioners and teachers from the NSW Department of Education to refine and develop their performance skills.

Both ensembles rehearse from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Penrith Selective High School on four Saturdays in Term 2 and one rehearsal in Term 3 in preparation to perform at various metropolitan drama festivals at the end of Term 2 and mid Term 3.

2024 Ensemble dates

The following dates are for all students, Junior and Senior, accepted into the GWS Drama Ensembles.

Rehearsals: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Penrith Selective High School

Saturday 4 May 2024 (Term 2 Week 1)

Saturday 18 May 2024 (Term 2 Week 3)

Saturday 1 June 2024 (Term 2 Week 5)

Saturday 8 June 2024 (Term 2 Week 6)

Drama Festival dates for Ensembles performances

Lights UP Penrith – Thursday 20 June 2024 (Term 2 Week 8)

Other performance opportunities may also occur.

Wednesday 8 May 2024 (Term 2 Week 2) 8:30 am - 3:00 pm – Penrith Selective High School

Cost- \$180 per student

Payment will be made to the student's school and direct debited by The Arts Unit.

Payment will not be required until Term 2 2024.

Voluntary Contributions (School Fees)

The school depends on financial support from parents, in the way of voluntary contributions, to ensure we are able to provide quality education, opportunities and equipment that the students at Glossodia Public School deserve. **The contribution will remain at \$40 per student with a maximum of \$80 per family.**

Last year we were able to add flyscreens to all classroom windows and tint to some of the windows around the school that impact vision and therefore learning. This year aim to raise money to replace the outdated play equipment on the back playground. Hopefully this will provide our older students with some equipment that will support their gross motor skill development. **We hope you can help us reach our goal of \$10,000**, by making your contribution as soon as possible.



The Invisible String



This book has been specifically written to address children's fear of being apart from the ones they love.

The Invisible String delivers a particularly compelling message in today's uncertain times that though we may be separated from the ones we care for, whether through anger, or distance or even death, love is the unending connection that binds us all, and, by extension, ultimately binds every person on the planet to everyone else.

Parents and children everywhere who are looking for reassurance and reaffirmation of the transcendent power of love, to bind, connect and comfort us through those

inevitable times when life challenges us need to read this book!

. . . no one is ever alone.



EDUCATION NEWS

Attendance Matters

When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier, and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Parents and carers can help foster positive attendance habits by:

- helping their child learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- ensuring their child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning.
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

Our attendance program 'A Team' is designed to reward students who attend school 90% of the time. The way to achieve this is by making sure your child:

- attends school every day.
- produce an absence note when your child is away, with justified reasons. This means unauthorised days off for holidays, shopping trips and birthdays will not be a justified reason.
- understands why they will miss out on the A team reward if their attendance is below 90%
- sees and hears you supporting and respecting school rules and decisions.
- works for rewards, regardless of their age.
- Shows respect for their teachers and friends.

Encouraging regular attendance is a core school responsibility, including:

- providing clear information to students and parents regarding attendance requirements and the consequences of unsatisfactory attendance.
- ensuring the school has effective measures in place to monitor and follow up student absences.
- ensuring school staff, including new staff and casual teachers, are provided with information on attendance requirements and their obligation to monitor and promote regular attendance at school.
- ensuring Child Protection requirements are adhered to for any matter relating to school attendance where safety, welfare or wellbeing concerns arise for any student.

Together we can ensure your child has the best access to opportunities, friendships and rewards by making sure they attend school every day, unless they are sick.

Colour Run Money Due 12 April!

All money raised for our colour run, which will be held on the last day of term 1, must be in by **Friday 12 April at midnight**. It is important that this is done on time as all prizes will be calculated that night and the site will no longer be available.



ANZAC Day Assembly

Every year our school pays respect to the men and women who fought and died to keep our country free. Thankfully this generation of children have not experienced the devastation of war. I know you all agree that it is very important that everyone who lives in Australia should understand the significance of ANZAC Day and pay their respect by attending an official service or an assembly that our school will coordinate in line with the framework that the RSL sets out for schools to follow.

We would like to invite you to come along and join us on Thursday 11 April under the **COLA at 9:30 am** to show our students the respect and gratitude you have for our ANZACs. Families are encouraged to bring a bunch of flowers or a wreath to lay at the half mast flags as a sign of respect, when asked.



PBL

The benefits of PBL and its framework evidence base

Schools that implement PBL with fidelity improve school climate, the social emotional competence and academic success of students and teacher health and wellbeing.

The PBL framework is supported by decades of research conducted nationally and internationally. This research confirms the positive impact the PBL systems and practices have on improving student outcomes. Glossodia PS has had this program in place for 10 years. We focus on positive behaviour in and out of the classroom, individuals, small groups and whole school.

Every week a new PBL focus is discussed in class and at our after-lunch assembly. All students are encouraged to follow the expectations and are reminded of what they mean. Sometimes, students who repeatedly don't follow the expectations spend time in the 'time out ' room, where teachers talk to them about what their actions and how they might approach a situation next time in a positive manner, aligning with school expectations.

Our approach is to teach students what the right behaviours are to become safe, respectful and responsible learners.

Support at home with these expectations, means that we all work together to help students become the best version of themselves. In every newsletter, we will include the PBL focus for the current week and the week following week. We would encourage you to discuss and support the PBL focus at home.



Homework

Homework in NSW schools are purposeful and designed to meet specific learning goals, build on existing knowledge, skills and understanding developed in class”.

At Glossodia Public School we ask all parents to support homework practises as we believe it will:

- Ensure students can practise what they have learned in class
- determine student’s understanding of lesson content and/or skills and
- help children become responsible and confident in their skills while developing good routine habits.



Whilst we all might have personal views on the importance of homework, I encourage you to think about the opportunities that will open for your children when they can complete a range of tasks with confidence. Most things we do in life require practise. Learning to play sport, an instrument, interact positively with others, drive a car, cook, dance, sing, cut hair, fix a car, build a house, design landscapes, wire up much needed air conditioning, ensuring water flows from our taps and the list goes on.

Your support is crucial in shaping good habits for future expectations at school and life. However, if you **DO NOT** want your child to do homework, please contact your child’s class teacher.



Attendance 'A Team' Our Exclusive Attendance Club'

In 2022 we introduced our A team attendance club. To support families become familiar with the Department of Education's 90% attendance target, we started the 'A Team' initiative. To ensure students did not miss out, teachers contacted parents a number of times to chase up absence notes allowing all students to be rewarded. Now it is time for everyone to put processes in place to ensure absence notes are returned on time. SchoolBytes is set up for parents to submit these digitally if they prefer. ONLY students who return notes on time, with a justified explanation will be granted 'A Team' status. Every term, students are allowed 2 days off school with a note from their parent to qualify for the 'A Team' reward. After 2 days off school due to illness, a doctor's certificate MUST be presented to maintain the 'A Team' status. Considering the Department of Education's Attendance Policy indicates a 90% attendance, which includes sick days and leave, we are very lenient towards unexpected illness and events. Also, please remember that when you are going on leave for more than 5 days, you MUST fill in the Extended Leave form request from the Department of Education, to let us know where your child is during the school term. This can be collected from the office. If you DO NOT fill in this form, your child will be marked as absent with an unjustified reason. Staff have been instructed NOT to chase ANY notes from this year, so please be on top of things. WE DO NOT want your child to miss out so, please be organised. Absences can be submitted via School Bytes. Additionally, paper copy notes have been provided to your child.

Our Rewards each term for students who achieve 90% attendance and therefore, become an exclusive member of our 'A Team' are:

Term 1: Frozen choc covered bananas.

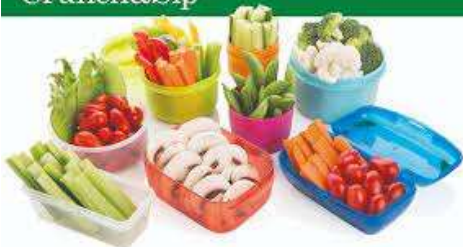
Term 2: Olympic Challenge

Term 3: Class Cooking

Term 4: Movies or Raging Waters

Please note these may change but we will make sure you are aware.

Crunch&Sip®



Crunch & Sip

All students are encouraged to bring fresh fruit or vegetables to eat during 'Crunch & Sip'. Crunch & Sip is a set time in primary schools for students to 'refuel' on vegetables and fruit while 'rehydrate' with water. Students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive.

Many students are not eating enough vegetables and fruit or keeping sufficiently hydrated. Each school can choose a suitable time and way to implement Crunch & Sip that fits with the school's timetable. It may suit the school for all classes to have Crunch & Sip at the same time, or for individual teachers to decide when it best suits their class schedule. Teachers may have Crunch & Sip time while students continue on with their work or stop work and hold a Crunch & Sip specific activity inside or outside of the classroom.



Colour Run Fundraiser

Our Colour Explosion Fun Run will be on **Friday April 12**. Parents are welcome to attend with their children. If siblings and parents would like to attend and join in on the fun, it will be a small gold coin donation.

How Do You Fundraise?

Fundraising for our Colour Explosion Fun Run is entirely online. Follow the instructions in your child's sponsorship booklet which was sent home 2 weeks ago or simply log in to the following website (www.australianfundraising.com.au). Every student will receive a prize when they raise \$10. In such a short time we have already raised more than \$12,000. Because of this amazing effort, the company supplying all equipment has donated a NINTENDO SWITCH Lite as an additional prize for one lucky student. Every student who raises \$100 will receive one raffle ticket to go into the draw. Raise \$200 and get 2 tickets in the draw etc. But wait that's not all! The class who raises the most money will have the privilege of tipping bucket after bucket of green slime all over the principal. So, who will it be? The winner will be announced at the colour run.

Please note: all cash donations must be converted to online donations before Monday **April 15**. **We cannot accept any cash donations for this fundraiser.** For further information, please contact the P&C via our Facebook page. At the end of our fundraiser, student's incentive prizes are ordered automatically based on their fundraising total and Golden Coins. The company will take 40% of our profits, which cover the cost of the safe coloured powder, sunglasses and headbands and prizes. We calculated the cost to organise this ourselves and realised that the only difference would be a few hundred dollars. We hope that everyone joins in the fun, while raising money for their school.

We need lots of volunteers on the day so please come along and support our school and get colourful too!

PARENT WORKSHOPS



You are invited to join your child's teachers, who will explain and teach the strategies that are taught to your child in reading and maths. In Term 1 and 3 Workshops will be available for parents who want to understand the new strategies being taught as per the NSW Department of Education's syllabus expectations in the hall from 4pm-5pm. Parents who attended last year shared positive comments, which is why we are continuing the workshops this year, with a specific focus on what strategies are being taught at each stage.

Tentative dates are as follows and may change, so keep an eye out for updates.

Term 3

English & Maths to be confirmed
 ES1 Monday 9 September
 S1 Tuesday 10 September
 S2 Wednesday 11 September
 S3 Thursday 12 September

K-6 ASSEMBLIES

Our K-6 assemblies are on every second Friday at 2:30pm. As we work on weeks, assemblies are held in week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 of every term except for Term 1 with the first assembly starting in Week 4. The last assembly of the year will be in Week 8 term 4.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers are always welcome to help out with fundraisers and canteen. We appreciate the time that you are prepared to donate to help make the experience for our students a good one. If you think you can help out even one day a week or month, please contact our P&C via their Facebook page. We have purchased a porta cot and change table for mums with bubs. All volunteers will need a working with children check and sign a volunteer agreement. Please remember that safety is our number one priority. School aged children ARE NOT PERMITTED in the canteen under the WH&S regulations. Year 6 students do work in the canteen under supervision as part as our leadership program.

MORNING DROP OFF



From Monday 12 February all students will need to be dropped off at the gates. Parents will not be permitted to enter unless making their way to the office. Students will make their way to the COLA where a teacher will be on duty and their friends will be waiting to play. Someone will always be at the gate in the morning unless held up by unforeseen circumstances.

We expect that you respect our request and remain outside the gates. We thank you in advance for your support.

WET WEATHER PICK UP

As most of you know, wet weather can cause some issues during pick up.

To ease some of the frustrations, we have decided to open up the hall, where parents can wait on the stage as classes are escorted in by their teacher. We ask that you leave once you have collected your child to make way for other parents.

KINDERGARTEN



Here is some friendly advice for one of the biggest years of a young child's life – the very first year of 'big school'.

1. Talk positively with your child about school and the different experiences they can look forward to. Your words will help them feel more capable and independent.
2. Give them the opportunity to be problem solvers in their everyday lives and to apply this at school.
3. Kindergarten is an important year because it's a student's first taste of formal schooling.
4. You may struggle with letting go more than they will, but they are ready – trust me.

P&C MEETINGS



P&C Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month. If you would like join the P&C and support our school, go to the Glossodia Public School Facebook page for contacts and details on how you can join our very friendly and supportive group. We would love to have you on board. Our next meeting is on:

Tuesday 9 April 6:00-7pm in the staffroom.

Do you want to order lunch?

The canteen will be available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for lunch orders online **ONLY on the My School Connect APP and snacks over the counter for the first half of lunch**. All orders must be completed by 9.00am on the day and must be done online. NO lunch orders will be accepted over the counter. Vouchers can be purchased for snacks via the App to minimise the amount of money that needs to be collected.

Year 6 will be selling slushies and treats first half of lunch and at recess every day. These must be purchased with cash **ONLY**.



Is it your child's birthday?

Celebrating birthdays is always a special time in every ones year. While we want this day to be special for every child, it is important to remember what you can bring in to share with friends.

Due to health reasons, whole birthday cakes **CAN NOT** be brought in. Cupcakes are acceptable but must be store bought. It is also important to remember that if you are providing cupcakes, you must be careful that anyone with allergies will not have a reaction to any of the ingredients.

The safest and easy way to share a treat with friends is to purchase sour animals from the canteen, which can be ordered through the App, or to provide a fun size bags of chocolates or be creative with a party bag. **Teachers are not responsible for any reactions that students may have, so please be mindful of what you bring to school to share.**

PLEASE NOTE: Whole cakes **WILL NOT** be cut up as health regulations prohibit us from doing this, so avoid disappointing your child on their birthday and provide safe treats to share.



Learning & Support



Glossodia Public school places a great importance on Learning and Support and has a comprehensive learning and support program run by our Learning and Support Teacher, and School Learning Support Officers. Students who are identified as needing some more assistance or practise in a particular key learning area, are supported through one of our various programs. Students may be supported by one of the programs run in small groups, individually or as part of a small group in the classroom.

Our processes are continually reviewed and refined, as we strive to ensure that all students get the support they require, based on meaningful assessments and observations. Learning support is targeted and tailored to meet specific student needs and is a very positive experience.

At Glossodia, we run excellent programs to support the academic needs of our students and our strong minds Wellbeing program supports our students to improve their social and emotional wellbeing. This program focuses on building skills in social emotional learning, understanding and recognising their character strengths.



We appreciate your support and positive encouragement, working in partnership to ensure the best possible student learning outcomes, and the holistic wellbeing of our students.

Extreme weather



During extreme hot weather we will be cancelling all physical activities, including play at lunch time and recess when temperatures reach 35 degrees. Students will be directed to the COLA or the hall, where they will be supervised in a shaded area. Please speak to your children about this so they understand that we have a duty of care in all extreme weather conditions, including the heat. This will also apply if it is extremely windy weather as we are surrounded by beautiful but unpredictable trees. During heavy rain students will remain indoors.

Glossodia Community Centre – OOSH



Glossodia OOSH centre is available to care for your children before and after school. Please let your friends and family know that they can enrol their children in their local OOSH centre and local school. OOSH is held at the local community centre. Educators walk students to the school at 9am and collect them from school at 3:30, before walking them back to the community centre for you to pick them up.

All enquires can be made through Jodie who currently runs OOSH on 0467 572 165



Our fully air-conditioned hall is available for hire by Dance Schools, Karate groups etc. or for private functions. Terms, fees (\$40 per hour) and conditions apply.

Please contact us on 4576 6099 if you are interested.

Awards

Assembly Awards - Week 10

	Student of the week	Merit Certificate
KM	Brody	Sophia
KM	Beau	Andia
KZ	Macy	Jett
KZ	Cooper	Lucy G
1/2V	Adeline	Caedan
1/2V	Kiyara	Grace
1/2W	Ethan	Connor
1/2W	Ellie	Jai
3/4C	Ashton	Isaac
3/4C	Emily	Abby
3/4S	Felicity	Evie B
3/4S	Jade	Aubree
5/6B	Aiden G	Videl
5/6B	Oliver	Ashlyn
5/6E	Jayden	Charli
5/6E	Isaac	Ava

Eagle Awards - Week 10

	Ribbon	Badge
KM		
KZ		
1/2V		
1/2W	Oliver Liam	
3/4C	Torey Marleah Isaiah Max Emily Sam Jason	Isaiah (Bronze) Jason (Gold)
3/4S	James	James (Silver)
5/6B	Amy	
5/6E	Isabella Sienna	Isabella (Bronze) Sienna (Gold)



ICE CREAM • SNOW CONE • FRESH JUICE
 • SMOOTHIES • ICE CREAM SHAKES
 • FRAPPES • MILK SHAKES • DESSERTS
 • ICED COFFEE • ICED CHOCOLATE • COFFEE



Conveniently located next to Aldi
 Shop 2, 1 Grose Vale Road,
 North Richmond

TROPICAL HAVEN

**SHOP 2,
 1 GROSE VALE ROAD,
 NORTH RICHMOND**
 PHONE: (02) 4557 0450

TUE/WED 11 AM - 7 PM
 THUR/FRI 1 PM - 9 PM
 SAT 1 PM - 10 PM
 SUN / MON - CLOSED

TROPICAL HAVEN

- ICE CREAM
- FRESH JUICE
- FROZEN YOGHURT
- SNOW CONE
- SMOOTHIES
- ICE CREAM SHAKES
- FRAPPES
- MILKSHAKES
- DESSERTS
- ICED COFFEE
- ICED CHOCOLATE
- COFFEE

Lollipop's
FUNLAND & CAFE

April PENRITH **2024**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

AT LOLLIPOPS PENRITH PANTHERS

MONDAY APRIL 15th	TUESDAY APRIL 16th	WEDNESDAY APRIL 17th	THURSDAY APRIL 18th	FRIDAY APRIL 19th
FREE KIDS TATTOOS 11am & 2pm 	MEAL DEAL DAY \$20 per child Includes entry & meal (3 pieces & chips included) <small>Must mention facebook special on entry to redeem</small>	Lollipop's the cat Visit 12pm	FREE KIDS CRAFT TOTE BAG DECORATING 12pm <small>18 kids per session call us to secure your spot</small>	FREE adult Entry Use code : FREEADULT <small>At online checkout only Book online via our website only</small>
MONDAY APRIL 22ND	TUESDAY APRIL 23RD	WEDNESDAY APRIL 24TH	THURSDAY APRIL 25TH	FRIDAY APRIL 26TH
FREE Tay Tay Disco 12pm <small>Call us to secure your spot. General entry fees apply</small>	PAINT & SIP \$25 Per child Includes entry & paint by numbers + Drink 12pm <small>Must prebook 12 kids per session Book online or over the phone to secure your spot</small>	PLASTER PAINTING \$20 Per child Includes entry & cupcakes plaster workshop 11am <small>Must prebook 12 kids per session Book online or over the phone to secure your spot</small>	\$10 Child Entry ANZAC DAY OPEN 10:30am - 3:30pm <small>Must mention facebook special on entry to redeem</small>	BOGO FREE DAY Buy 1 child get 1 child FREE day! <small>Must mention facebook special on entry to redeem. Only valid on full priced entry no passes accepted.</small>

Now located inside Penrith Panthers on Level 3 Open 7 days PH 02 4721-8555
SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS & TO BOOK

Peppercorn Children and Families

Dad Group on Saturday!

SLIMETOPIA WORKSHOP

Dads, come for a morning of sensory play and tactile fun as you enjoy the calming nature and soothing colours of building slime creations with your child, all guided by:

BLAKE from SLIMETOPIA!

Dads, stepdads, granddads and all father figures are invited to come and experience this sensory and calming tool.

All you need to **bring is your family**, the rest is up to us.

Mini hotdogs and juice poppers for kids, **all FREE!**

Saturday 13th April 10:00am - 11:30am

Perfect for children 3 - 8 years

Siblings welcome

Limited Spaces, booking essential (02) 4577 9804

Peppercorn Children & Families

South Windsor Family Centre | 6 Greenhills Way | SOUTH WINDSOR, NSW 2756
(02) 4577 9804 | dropin@peppercorn.org.au

Cumberland Gang Show

OFF THE RECORD



2024

10th - 14th JULY 2024

RIVERSIDE THEATRES, PARRAMATTA



A spectacular new stage show by the
Scouts & Guides of Western Sydney



PERFORMANCES

Wednesday 10 th July	7.30pm	Gilbert
Thursday 11 th July	11.00am	Gilbert
Friday 12 th July	7.30pm	Sullivan
Saturday 13 th July	2.30pm	Sullivan
Saturday 14 th July	7.30pm	Gilbert
Sunday 14 th July	2.30pm	Sullivan

Gang Show is an amazing experience for the whole family featuring incredible singing, magnificent dancing and hilarious comedy.

Our 2024 show has spectacular new music, a truckload of laughs, and an inspiring cast of young people.



BOOK TICKETS

☎ 02 8839 3399

📍 IN PERSON AT THE THEATRE

🌐 RIVERSIDEPARRAMATTA.COM.AU

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY
ECLIPSE
LIGHTING AND SOUND

RIVERSIDE

GANG SHOW TICKET SELLER

Auditore

Cumberland
Gang Show

TICKET PRICES AND PROMOTIONS ARE LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE

GANGSHOW.ASN.AU

#CUMBERLANDGANGSHOW



How we communicate



Our parent app is My Family Hand. My Family Hand is your personalised school calendar organiser.



REGISTER FOR MY FAMILY HAND *HERE*



<https://register.myfamilyhand.com.au>
[/glossodia@mywhanau.com.au](mailto:glossodia@mywhanau.com.au)

My Family Hand works with School Bytes



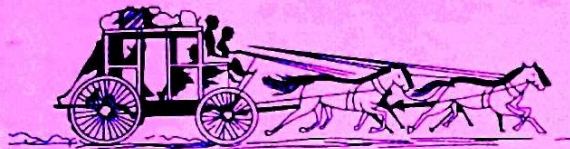
School Bytes is for absences, payments & permission
You must have a School Bytes Parent Portal account to access My Family Hand.

No School Bytes account? - register here
<https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/register>

Once registered with School Bytes, wait 24 hours to register for My Family Hand

Need Help?
Come to the School office
or email care@myfamilyhand.com.au

THE AUSTRALIANA PIONEER VILLAGE



ROSE STREET, WILBERFORCE
(Behind the Heritage Hotel/Motel)
Ph 02 4575 1777 / 0438 751 775
www.theapv.org.au

OPEN EVERY SUNDAY AND FOR

School Holiday Fun

Please join us for our Colonial Theme Days

Tuesdays 16th and 23rd April

Wednesdays 17th and 24th April

Dress up in your best Colonial Gear for THE best day out

We don't take bookings – just arrive *at the Rose Street Gate*
cash or card - rides are extra - no dogs are allowed

**Tractor Hay Ride, Tractor Wagon Ride
and . . . two Train Rides**

plus free parking in The Village and free BBQs to use

Historic Buildings to explore, Shops + 28 acres to play in

Giant Games - Craft Activities - Demonstrations

EAT IN AT The Damper Camp OR The Oxboro Inn OR BYO Picnic

.....
**Children under 3 are Free - Children/Seniors/Carers \$5
Adults \$10 - Family Pass \$25 (2 Children & 2 Adults)**

Our Upcoming Events include . . .

St Patrick's Day - Sunday 17th March

Easter Sunday - Sunday 31st March












Easter Monday - Monday 1st April

ANZAC Service - Sunday 23rd April

Open 10am to 4pm - For lots of photos and information about
our NSW Heritage Listed Village please visit . . .

www.theapv.org.au - Facebook **Australiana Pioneer Village**

GLOSSODIA OOSH – 162 Golden Valley Drive Glossodia Ph: 0467 572 165 Email: oosh@glossodiacc.org.au
 April school holidays 2024 VACATION CARE Hours: 7:00am to 6:00pm

<p>Monday 15/04 – cost \$65</p> <p>Games Day We will play a range of games such as hockey, dodge ball, basketball, soccer, golden child and 44homes</p> 	<p>Tuesday 16/04 – cost \$65</p> <p>Taekwondo Incursion Jeonsa are back to teach us more Korean martial arts and self-defence moves .</p> 	<p>Wednesday 17/04 – cost \$65</p> <p>Music Trivia and Disco Your team will have to guess the songs and answer questions about music and then have some fun dancing at the disco.</p> 	<p>Thursday 18/04 – cost \$65</p> <p>Free Choice Choose your own fun having a day where you get to play and create whatever you feel.</p> 	<p>Friday 19/04 – cost \$85</p> <p>Build-A-Mind Incursion Build-A-Mind is a lego robotics workshop where you will build something with lego then code it on and ipad to move around.</p> 
<p>Monday 22/04 – cost \$65</p> <p>Movie and Take Away Come have a chilled-out day watching movies on the projector in the hall and have hot chips for lunch. (You do not need to provide lunch on this day)</p> 	<p>Tuesday 23/04 – cost \$65</p> <p>Technology Day Bring your own handheld device to play technology alongside your friends. (Internet/wifi/hotspotting will not be permitted).</p> 	<p>Wednesday 24/04 – cost \$80</p> <p>Pizza and Picnic at the Park Let's go make our own small delicious pizza then walk to the park to have a picnic and play.</p> 	<p>Thursday 25/04</p> <p>Anzac Day Public Holiday</p> 	<p>Friday 26/04 – cost \$65</p> <p>Anzac Day Get involved creating a range of Anzac crafts and Anzac cookies.</p> 
<p>Monday 29/04 – cost \$65</p> <p>Cooking Day Cook some delicious treats that you will be able to decorate and eat.</p> 	<p>Please Remember</p> <p>Children need to bring a hat, drink, morning tea and lunch.</p> <p>(Please provide a healthy option. No 2min noodles or the like)</p> <p>Please note program is subject to change due to numbers.</p>			



Could parents/caregivers please circle the days you will be using the service during the holidays so we can book children in. Please note that the program is subject to change based on attendance numbers. Please return this slip as soon as possible.

CHILD/CHILDRENS NAME: _____

Monday 15/04 Tuesday 16/04 Wednesday 17/04 Thursday 18/04 Friday 19/04

Monday 22/04 Tuesday 23/04 Wednesday 24/04 Friday 26/04

Monday 29/04

Excursion/incursion Title: Pizza and Park Day		Excursion/incursion Date: 24/04/24	
Leaving address: We leave the centre by foot (Glossodia Community Centre, 162 Golden Valley Drive, Glossodia)		Proposed Activities: walking to the pizza shop, making pizzas for lunch, then walking to woodbury reserve to eat pizza and play in the park.	
Destination Address: Glossodia Pizza shop shop 6, 162 Golden valley drive, and then walk to Woodbury reserve.			
Method of Transport	Walking	Expected No of children	Maximum 30
No. of staff & volunteers	Staff: 2 Volunteers: 0	Anticipated Ratio	1:15 (Maximum)
Time of departure	11:00 am	Time of return	2.00 pm
Name of RP on duty		Name of educators qualified in First Aid, Asthma & Anaphylaxis attending	2

Cost: \$80 per child

WH&S: A Risk Assessment has been prepared for this excursion and is available at the centre.

Notes: By signing below, I authorise Glossodia OOSH to take my child on the excursion as per the information provided.

Child/children's name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____