Principal's Message

Swim Scheme Notes (Years 1-6)
Thank you to all the parents and carers who have returned the swim scheme notes and payment. If you have not signed the note and paid for this program, please do so as soon as possible. It is expected that all students will participate in this program.

The Value of Questioning
Everyday our students are presented with questions that promote higher order thinking. These questions are designed to enable them to think deeply and express their thoughts and ideas. Attached to this issue of Glebe Matters is some information and suggestions about how to promote higher order thinking skills.

Names on Belongings
Please ensure that your child’s name is on all of their belongings (jumpers, hats, drink bottles, lunch boxes etc). If your child has lost any items, please check the silver seat at the front of lines and then the lost property box, which is located in the clinic near the front office.

The School Rules
Over the past few weeks, all classes have been developing a set of class rules. As a reminder, the School Rules are:

➢ BE SAFE
➢ CARE FOR OTHERS
➢ RESPECT PROPERTY
➢ LEARN TOGETHER

Book Club Orders
Book Club orders are due next Tuesday, 16th February. If you wish to place an order, please bring the completed order form to the front office.

Chinese New Year
To celebrate Chinese New Year 2016 - The year of the Monkey the students watched a dragon and lion dance.
The dragon and lion accompanied by lots of loud music protects children from the legendary monster ’ Nian’.
Gung Hei Fat Choy!
Happy New Year!

Ethics classes at Glebe Public School

Could you be an Ethics Teacher for GPS?
I am recruiting our Stage 2 ethics teacher (years 3 and 4) for 2016. (The aim is to have a new teacher in place towards the end of term 1, or before hopefully. Until the Stage 2 teacher is recruited, children enrolled in this class will attend non-scripture. Families will be advised when the class is commencing).
Ethics Teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, which consists of a two-day workshop and short online modules. Curriculum and access to teaching sources is provided.
Ethics is offered alongside scripture and non scripture. In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence. They consider decisions that affect them, their friends and family, and the whole world.
For more information about the curriculum, Primary Ethics and how to volunteer, please log on to www.primaryethics.com.au.
Also, please feel free to contact me on gpsethics@gmail.com.
Carmen - Ethics Coordinator
What’s On this Term...

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P&C News

Playground project

For those of you who are new to the school, it may be useful to find out what sorts of projects the P&C will be working towards this year. Our top priority at the moment is replacement of the very aged, very rundown playground equipment. This requires serious fundraising effort, as the cost of removing the old equipment and its complete replacement is substantial. There are a number of ways interested parents can help - watch this space (or come to the first 2016 meeting next week!)

Owen’s fundraiser featured in the Courier!

One of Glebe’s students, Owen of Year 2, has diligently and quietly been working away at raising funds for the playground through self-sacrifice - see his feature on the no-chocolate-for-a-month challenge in this week’s edition of the Inner West Courier! Also included is a link to both Owen’s and the school’s fundraising pages for the playground project. Well done Owen!

P&C meetings

A reminder that our first meeting for the year will be next Tuesday, February 16th at 6.30pm in the school Computer Lab. All parents and carers are welcome to come along. It will be a great opportunity to meet other parents, school staff and to hear from Ms Pogulis and the P&C about directions for 2016.

Email list

The P&C has a ‘Friends of Glebe School’ digital communication list. Upon joining, you will receive an electronic copy of the school newsletter (‘Glebe Matters’) each week. You will also receive bits and pieces about P&C matters, upcoming events and the like. If you’d like to join, please send an email request to: committee@glebeschool.org.au.

Cheers
Rachel Low
P&C Assistant Secretary

Scooter and Bike Safety

Please do not allow your children to ride their bike or scooter on school grounds. We don’t want people to be hit and hurt.

No glass bottles at school please.

Birthdays
Justise – 4T – 8 February
Siyona – KE – 9 February
Jessica – 4T – 14 February

Have a Lovely Week!

Vicki Pogulis
Principal
Sydney Karate Club

SPECIALISED FUN PROGRAM FOR 6 - 12 YEAR OLD'S
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**W’s Thinking Hat Time**

We have started using Edward De Bono’s Six Thinking Hats to think about different scenarios in lots of different ways.

This week we wondered:

**What would a world without adults be like?**

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Ideas to Promote Higher Order Thinking

Families and out-of-school educators can play a significant role in encouraging higher order thinking with their kids and teens, even when having a casual conversation. Asking open-ended questions that don’t have one “right” answer gives children confidence to respond in creative ways without being afraid of being “wrong.” After reading a book together, a parent might ask their child a question such as: “If you were that character, how would you have persuaded Timothy to go swimming?” rather than something like “What was the main character’s name in the book?”

Below are more examples of questions to ask your child to spark discussion, make them think critically, and encourage higher order thinking.

When reading a book:
- “What do you think might happen next?”
- “Does this remind you of anything from your life?”
- “Can you tell me about what you read today?”
- “Why did he/she act that way?”

When visiting an unfamiliar place:
- “How is ________ similar to/different from ________?”
- “Can you explain/show me that in another way?”

When making an important decision:
- “How would you rank ________?”
- “How do you imagine ________ would look?”
- “What do you think a solution might be?”
- “Why did you decide to choose ________ over ________?”

Try asking children these questions at home and in a variety of educational and non-educational settings. Rather than just having a conversation, you can also ask your child to respond to these questions in writing. Be prepared to respond to your child’s answers with even more thought-provoking questions to continue to encourage higher levels of thinking.

Source: www.readwritethink.org
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School Garden Assistant
enviro education in the school garden

A course for parents and community volunteers

During semester I 2016 Petersham TAFE Outreach is delivering a FREE course for people interested in working as volunteer or paid school assistants with a focus on learning in the outdoor classroom. The course is on Thursdays during school hours commencing 18 February and finishing 16 June 2016
Certificate II Skills for Work and Training 10089NAT - Sydney TAFE RTO No.: 90003

- Learn to assist teachers in delivering the school curriculum in an outdoor environment
- Develop skills in fruit, herb and vegetable growing, composting, site design and analysis
- Pathway to a Certificate III in educational support
- Learn about Aboriginal seasons and land and bush regeneration techniques.

Fees: exemptions for people with a disability and $80 for Centrelink benefit recipients. $320 for people who are not in receipt of a benefit
Sydney TAFE Equity and Fee Free Scholarships available

Contact Kate at the TreeHouse 9566 1285 to discuss
Room 17, Level 1, Building A, West Street campus of
Petersham TAFE, near cnr West St and The Boulevarde

Tricia at Petersham TAFE Outreach ph: 9335 2790
kate.brennan11@det.nsw.edu.au
or patricia.kenny@tafensw.edu.au

All courses run subject to demand and available resources. Fees may change without notice.
OPEN NIGHT
Information Evening for prospective students & families
WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2016
5.30 – 7.00PM
Multi-Purpose Hall
Seaview Street

P&C INFORMATION STAND
Refreshments will be available at the Canteen Quad

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GLEBE COMMUNITY PS CHOIR

Whoever you are, whatever your level of skill or experience we welcome you to come along to sing with Choir Master Liz Le Coanet and the Glebe PS Community Choir.

Parents are welcome as well as friends and family and community members.

Sessions will include singing traditional songs and pop songs, and tips on improving vocal technique.

When: Thursdays, 5:30pm – 6:30pm,
1st Term: 25th February - 7th April

Where: Glebe Public School

Cost: $35 (cost for term)

Vicki Pogulis (Principal Glebe PS) – 9660 4549
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Parking available on school grounds