



GLENVALE NEWS

The Newsletter of Glenvale School

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Dear Glenvale Community,

Welcome to the last Newsletter of the school year 2020. This has been an extraordinary year, the likes of which we have never seen before and hopefully will never see again!

We have faced unprecedented challenges and changes to our way of life and have had to adapt to totally new ways of operating as a school community. It is a credit to all parties involved in the operation of our school that we were able to function close to optimal level compared to a lot of our counterparts in mainstream schools.

I would like to thank parents and carers for their understanding and cooperation with the everchanging COVID guidelines and restrictions that were put into place to keep the school operational throughout the year. I would also like to thank the office staff, teachers, learning support officers and first aid officers at the school for being flexible, adaptable, supportive and committed to ensuring that the school operated as close to normal as circumstances permitted. I would like to make special mention of the Assisted School Travel transport drivers and support officers for keeping the students safe and as comfortable as possible in the midst of massive change and upheaval. Finally, credit must go to our students for handling all the changes thrown their way in what must have been extremely confusing times for them! It has been incredible to see students alighting from their buses and waiting for their temperature check each morning, some even removing their hats to make it easier for us to do! The general level of cooperation in new procedures from the students was far beyond expectation!

Our school would also like to congratulate our graduating Year 12 students and wish them and their families best wishes for the future.

This transition is a difficult yet exciting time for families and also a time where our staff reflect on our students and the progress they have made through school. Fortunately, we are able to give them a well deserved send off at the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony at Gosford RSL.

As for 2021, our staffing will be finalised as best as we can and we will be able to send out class structures, combinations and which teachers and school learning support officers are on which class early in Term 1, 2021. As you can imagine, with such a large workforce and with leave, part-time working and other considerations it is always a fluid situation.

We always attempt to minimise disruption and limit the changes to staff and classes to provide as much consistency as we can, but whereas other schools know they are getting a certain number of Year 7 students, for example, we never know who will fill our vacancies as our Year 12 students leave. This means classes can have movement to ensure the most age appropriate and educational fit for our students.

The new playground improvements at our North Entrance campus are to commence in the school holidays. Though the work will not be completed by the start of the new school year, we hope that the playground will be fully functional as soon as possible.

I would like to thank our amazing staff for all of their work, dedication and passion throughout the year and hope that they have a well-deserved break and get a chance to recharge for 2021.

A big thank you to our parents, carers and community for your ongoing support, feedback and communication. It is our aim to be responsive to your needs and to support our students to the very best of our ability. Communication is always the key so please let us know anytime if you have compliments or concerns.

On behalf of the staff of Glenvale School, I wish all families and students a wonderful and enjoyable holiday break and a safe and happy Christmas.

The final day for students this year will be Wednesday, December 16.

School resumes for students on Friday, January 29, 2021.

Looking forward to 2021 and until then,

regards, Kevin Lane (Relieving Principal)



Jokes courtesy of Narara staff Christmas Party crackers

What do you call a crate of ducks? A box of quackers.

Why did the mechanic sleep under the car? He wanted to get up oily in the morning.



What animals need oiling? Mice, because they squeak. What do you call a penguin in the Sahara desert? Lost.



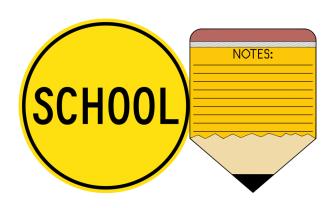
What do you call a man with a spade on his head? Doug.

What kind of cough medicine









Please assist us in our student management and pass all messages regarding students via the communication book, Seesaw, e-mail (glenvale-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au), or telephone us (Narara 4325 7783, North Entrance 4334 3600 or Valley View 4328 4433).

Please do not ask Assisted School Transport to pass messages to the school.

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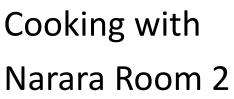
Friday, January 29, 2021.





If parents/carers would like us to apply insect repellent could you please send a bottle in, labelled with the child's name. We also require a medication form to be completed, please ask the teacher for the form. Thank you.







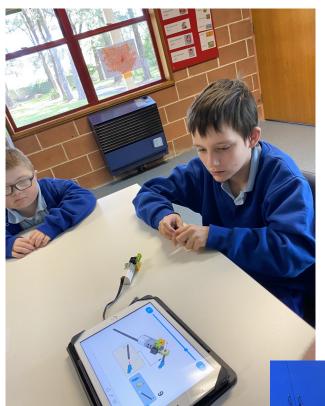






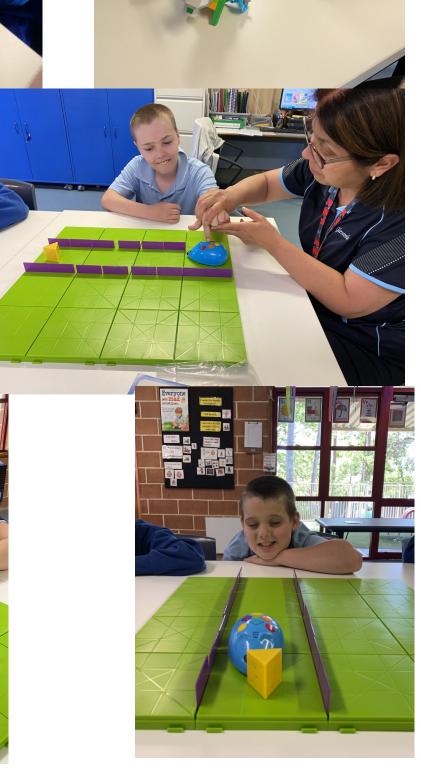






STEM fun with Narara Room 6













NE Room 4 have been on a journey visiting the different countries of the world. Our favourite part of this unit was learning the national dances, especially the Mexican hat dance!







We have been caring for our gardens and decorating our room for Christmas!













On Monday 16/11/2020 students from our Satellite class attended the Inclusive School Sport Ten Pin Bowling day in Gosford. All students put in a great effort and demonstrated the wonderful social skills they have been learning all year, interacting with peers from across the coast. There were even some strikes bowled on the day. Well done team Glenvale!

















Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to start up our old tradition; over the last two weeks of the school year we will be collecting Christmas gifts for the Salvation Army Christmas gift appeal.

Please consider (totally voluntary) sending in a Christmas gift for your son or daughter to place under the Christmas tree in the office foyer (both campuses will have a tree). It is an opportunity for us to help your children learn about the joy of giving at a time of the year when most children receive so much.

Please wrap the gift and label it as to whether it is suitable for a boy or girl and an approximate age. A 'tag' that you can cut out and tape to your gift is printed below if you wish to use that.

In the last week of term, a group of senior students from each campus will take the gifts in the school bus to the Salvation Army centre at Erina for distribution to needy children. This is a heart warming occasion for those students as well as a great learning opportunity for all of our children.

Please consider purchasing a small gift when you are shopping.

Many thanks,

Regards,

Matthew Johnson

Principal

23/11/20

Happy Christmas from the children at Glenvale School

Gift suitable for

(boy/girl)

Age group _____















Week 7

Narara

Room 1: Cooper B.
Room 2: Yasmin R.
Room 3: Olivia S.

Room 4: Reggie-Lee B.

Room 5: Archer K.

Room 6: Tyler E.

Room 8: --

Room 9: Cailin L.

Room 10: --

Room 11: Blake H.

Room 12: Tristan K.

Room 13: Zac P.

Room 14: Ethan H.

Room 15: Justyn S.

Room 16: Oliver T.

Room 17: Ollie M.

Week 7

North Entrance

Room 1: --

Room 2: Noah P.

Room 3: James L.

Room 4: Zac B.

Room 5: Sam T.

Room 6: Tyler R.

Room 7: Theodore T.

Room 8: --

What a star you are!

Aidan C.



Week 8

Narara

Room 1: Mason R.

Room 2: Michael B.

Room 3: --

Room 4: Laura C.

Room 5: Sebastian K.

Room 6: Broc B.

Room 8: --

Room 9: Riley C.

Room 10: Beau M.

Room 11: Trienelle C.

Room 12: Ilija D.

Room 13: Zac P.

Room 14: Nic C.

Room 15: Logan H.

Room 16: Miss Bliim.

Room 17: Ollie M.

Week 8

North Entrance

Room 1: --

Room 2: Oliver D.

Room 3: Lucas E.

Room 4: Riley N.

Room 5: Troy E.

Room 6: Ella M.

Room 7: Charlie I.

Room 8: Aidan C.

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Frank Riggio, Building and Project Manager at A1 Building Solutions, has over 10 years experience in providing home modifications and has worked state wide within the disabilities/aged care sector as well as iCare and Lifetime Care, ranging from transitional to major complex modifications.

Frank is a representative on the Advisory Committee for Home Modifications Information Clearance House, UNSW Sydney and is experienced in internal and external modifications, extensions, new builds and conversions. In addition to working with other primary care funding bodies, Frank collaborates with occupational therapists, tradesmen, clients and families.

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