



# GLENVALE NEWS

The Newsletter of Glenvale School

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Principal's Desk

Dear Glenvale Community,

Welcome back to the 2020 school year. I am excited to be starting my fourth year at Glenvale (where did that time go?) and proud that our school is going from strength to strength in our provision of quality education, social programs and also the progress on long overdue refurbishment and improvement of facilities across the campuses.

Apologies for the late start to the newsletter for the year but I am pleased that I can now provide some of the more recent updates of works and happenings.

Regarding staffing across the school, Kevin is Deputy at Narara Campus, Brieahn is relieving Deputy Principal at our Entrance North campus for the next period after Karen relieved for 2 terms last year. This gives opportunities for both Karen and Brieahn to act in a higher role as our substantive Assistant Principals and provides distribution of leadership development across the school.

Most of the classes are settling in really well across the campuses and we have some new faces across the school in temporary roles until I can finalise permanent staffing positions through interview during the term.

Extensive works are continuing across the school as well. The Narara Campus has had the entire roof replaced, which was a huge job and this has been a very welcome and necessary piece of work. The Entrance North Campus has had the old Library building completely renovated, with new roof, air-conditioning, carpet, bathroom, painting and tiling. The main building at the Entrance North has also had all class toilets and bathrooms completely renovated and built as new, with new toilets, showers, tiling, painting, ceilings etc.

The new large building on our North site will be completely fitted out as new, inside and out, during

this term. The building will house our new administration area, meeting rooms, staffroom and two brand new class spaces. Once this is open for the start of Term 2, our existing old administration portable building will be removed to create space for new playground areas and shade areas. A new shade structure is being installed soon in our existing grass playground and this will be 14 metres by 12 metres which will provide ample shade until the new play areas are ready.

As Glenvale continues to grow a new class has been established at the North Campus. This eighth class is using the new Library until our new classrooms are ready.

The NSW Government is currently investing \$1.7 million towards these significant upgrades to Glenvale School which will be completed by the end of this year. I wish to thank the community, staff and our students for their patience during all of these works. Any disruption to routine is always unsettling for our students and staff are attempting to provide as much stability as we can during these processes. As you would understand and appreciate, the majority of work cannot happen when students are on site and this extends the timeframes associated.

Finally, there will be a significant evaluation of the school leadership, programs and teaching during 2020 as the school will undergo an External Validation process by the Department of Education in Term 4. This will be an opportunity for us to see how far we have come and to get valuable feedback on where we may need to improve. The community will have opportunity for input during this process and I look forward to feedback.

Until next time, regards as always.

Matt

**The Glenvale Explicit Improvement Agenda**



Measurable Student Achievement



Targeted Teaching and Resourcing



Strategic Collaborative Partnerships

# Important Term 1 dates

Please return permission notes and information regarding students ASAP.

**Year 7 vaccinations — Thursday 20th Feb. Please sign and return your permission slips.**



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parents/Carers—please give messages directly to teachers via the communication book, phone call or email. Messages can be misinterpreted or given incorrectly when given verbally via a third person such as transport staff. Thank you.

## Voluntary School Contributions



### Voluntary Contribution

Every public school asks for a small contribution towards the many costs associated with education programs.

At Glenvale, we ask that parents contribute \$35 per child each year. This has not changed for many years and is very small in comparison to other schools, even though our costs can be much higher.

Please consider sending in the \$35 as soon as you are able to do so; a payment can be made via our webpage [www.glenvale-schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.glenvale-schools.nsw.edu.au). Go to the 'Make a Payment' tab and follow the links.

Many thanks to those who have already done so.

All donations to the school over \$2 are tax deductible as Glenvale is registered with the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift.



## Glenvale School

### Maintenance works update

December 2019

#### Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$1.7 million towards significant upgrades to Glenvale School between 2018 and 2021.

#### Maintenance work at Glenvale School

A program of maintenance work to improve the facilities at Glenvale School and provide the best learning environment for students at the North Entrance campus is underway and involves:

- Reconstructing a building to provide two classrooms, four offices, one staff room, a kitchen, as well as toilet, shower and change areas
- A new covered outdoor learning area, shade structure and improvements to pavement and landscaping
- Widening of doorways and upgrades to toilet and shower rooms in other buildings.

#### Progress summary

The work, which is being staged to ensure there is minimal impact to students and staff, began in November 2018 and will continue to January 2021.

The roof of block G was replaced during the 2018/19 summer school holidays.

The building that will be reconstructed has arrived onsite and planning is continuing for its renovation and reconfiguration for Glenvale School.

#### Summer school holiday works

Work is scheduled to significantly increase over the upcoming summer break while there are no students or staff onsite. When school resumes on 28 January 2020, the upgrades to Block G will be complete and the reconstruction of the relocated building will be underway.

#### Stay updated

We will continue to share construction updates and project information with the community as this important work progresses. You can get in touch with us using the contact details provided.

See next page for additional information.

#### For more information contact:

School Infrastructure NSW  
Email: [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Phone: 1300 482 651  
[www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au)

## Questions from the school community

### What works will be completed over the holidays?

- Widening of doorways and upgrades to toilet and shower rooms at block G.
- Refurbishment works at the library.

### What are the construction working hours?

Monday to Friday between 7:00am and 6:00pm.

Saturdays between 8:00am and 1:00pm.

### Will construction take place over Christmas and New Year?

Work will continue between Christmas and New Year, but not on public holidays or Sundays.

### Why has a building been relocated to Glenvale School?

The relocation and repurposing of school buildings across NSW schools is common and aligns with the Department's commitment to sustainability. In recent times, School Infrastructure NSW successfully relocated and refurbished a building for the new Hunter River Community School.

School Infrastructure NSW will ensure the facility at Glenvale School provides a sustainable learning environment and is:

- Functional, suitable, and fit for purpose for the needs of teachers and students
- Welcoming and inclusive, and respects the diversity within the school and its community
- Aesthetically pleasing.

### When will work start on the new building?

The building has been relocated to Glenvale School in modules. Unfortunately this was delayed due to the need to undertake flood assessments for the land.

The design will be finalised in consultation with the school by the end of December and a builder will then be appointed. Work should start in late January 2020 and take approximately 12 weeks, ready for Day 1 Term 2.

### Why was the legacy swing removed?

With the school's proximity to the ocean, the highly corrosive environment resulted in the liberty swing needing to be removed because it was not safe for use.

A new liberty swing will be designed into the new external areas with installation by July 2020.

### Will there be upgrades to play spaces including softfall?

Design for the external areas, including play spaces and softfall materials is to be finalised by March 2020 and construction is expected to start in April 2020.

### When will the library be refurbished?

Refurbishment works on the library will be ready for Day 1 Term 1, 2020.

### Will the school and community be impacted by construction?

At the request of the school, the upgrades to Block G will only take place while students and staff are not on site. This work will start and finish during the summer school holidays

Where necessary, traffic control will be in place to manage vehicles movements in and out of the school.

The site for the reconstruction of the relocated building will be completely fenced off from the rest of the school during construction to ensure the safety of students.

### My child is enrolled to start at Glenvale School in 2020. Which campus will they use and how will they travel there?

Limited capacity is available at the North Entrance campus for new students enrolled to start in 2020. The relocated building will help once it is complete in Term 2. The Department is working with Assisted School Transport to organise travel to the Narara campus during Term 1. Please contact the school directly about this.

### Who can I contact if I have a query?

If you have any queries or concerns about this work you can contact the school directly, or School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651.

School Infrastructure will be closed from Monday, 23 December to Friday, 3 January inclusive.

# Calendar 2020

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## Key dates

### Term start and end dates\*

- Term 1 – 28 Jan to 9 Apr 2020
- Western division – Term 1 – 4 Feb to 9 Apr 2020
- Term 2 – 27 Apr to 3 Jul 2020
- Term 3 – 20 Jul to 25 Sept 2020
- Term 4 – 12 Oct to 18 Dec 2020

### School development days\*

- Eastern division – 28 Jan 2020
- Western division – 4 Feb 2020
- All schools – 27 Apr, 20 Jul, 17 Dec, 18 Dec 2020

### School vacation dates 2020

- Summer – 23 Dec 2019 to 27 Jan 2020
- Western division – Summer – 23 Dec 2019 to 3 Feb 2020
- Autumn – 13 Apr to 24 Apr 2020
- Winter – 6 Jul to 17 Jul 2020
- Spring – 28 Sept to 9 Oct 2020
- Summer – 21 Dec 2020 to 26 Jan 2021
- Western division – Summer – 21 Dec 2020 to 2 Feb 2021

### Education Week

3 Aug to 7 Aug 2020

### Exam dates

- Selective high school placement test – 12 Mar 2020
- NAPLAN paper test – 12 to 14 May 2020
- NAPLAN online test window – 12 to 22 May 2020
- Opportunity class placement test – 29 Jul 2020
- HSC written examinations – 15 Oct to 6 Nov 2020

### Public holidays

\*Check with your local school as some dates may change.



School zone speed limits apply on all school days, including school development days.



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