



GLENVALE NEWS

The Newsletter of Glenvale School

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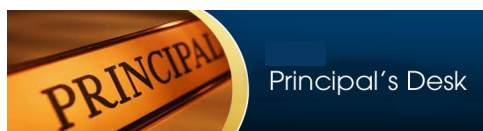
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Principal's Desk

Dear Glenvale Community,

Welcome back to the new term. There is always a lot going on and we have some good progress being made in making our school the best possible environment for our students.

In this issue of our newsletter you will see another Infrastructure NSW update regarding the works at The Entrance North. Things are really picking up and the continued good weather is assisting. The school purchased a great range of new sensory play equipment for the new space which will be under the enormous covered area and this equipment is due to be installed next week and the COLA installation very soon after. Work is progressing well with the majority of the pavement areas completed during the school holidays. Some areas have now been partially handed back to the school to assist with the movement of staff and students.

The awnings for the four external breakout areas have been installed and the installation of synthetic turf has begun and the Optic Fibre cable replacement to O Block has also been complete.

Each school receives certain funding, across various targeted areas and our special schools across NSW have been supported once again by a significant government investment in supplemental funding for our special schools. This funding allows flexibility and the ability to be able to spend in areas that are identified by the school, the community and the Parents and Citizens Group.

The school is in a good financial position which is a great place to be as it means we can start to really increase the quality and range of resources to students, ranging from the latest technology and furniture through to additional staffing to support high level student needs.

The school is exploring the purchase of new buses across the campuses. The aim is to have an additional new bus for The Entrance North and three new buses to replace the aging Narara fleet which have seen many kilometres of service. The ability to provide classes with community access is vital to the programs provided by the school, so this initiative will benefit the students for a long time to come.

The Department of Education has a new model for schooling that has launched this year. The School Success Model builds on existing foundations – particularly the School Excellence Framework and the Strategic Improvement Plan. The School Success Model balances stronger support for schools to make evidence-based decisions with clearer responsibilities for performance targets.

The School Success Model aims to deliver:

- evidence-based guidance on effective practice that improves student outcomes
- more support for schools that need it the most
- less administrative burden
- stronger and clearer responsibilities for school and the system
- recognition and the scaling of practice of our most successful schools.

Until next time. Regards, Matt.

Glenvale School

Works notification

23rd April 2021

Fortnightly update on work at Glenvale School

To keep the community informed during ongoing construction and maintenance work, we will produce fortnightly updates in the lead up to completion of work.

Maintenance work at Glenvale School

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

- refurbishment of Block G, widening of doorways and upgrades to toilets and showers (complete)
- refurbishment of Block O (the library) (complete)
- relocation of a timber building from another school to provide new facilities including; two classrooms, four offices, a staff room, kitchen, and toilet, shower and change areas (complete and operational)
- a new Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA), shade structure and improvements to pavement and landscaping including external breakout areas (ongoing)
- The school has also submitted two additional School Funded applications for additional works which includes refurbishment of Classrooms, including data upgrade, wall linings and cabinetry and the internal refurbishment of Block K. (currently being planned with the school principal)

These works are being delivered in stages, to ensure minimal impact to students and staff. Works commenced in November 2018 and will continue until June 2021.

Progress Update

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Work between Saturday 24 April and Sunday 9 May 2021

From Saturday 24 April we will continue with:

- Sports equipment shed fit out and finishing works.
- Erection of COLA and start of play equipment installation.
- Complete the remaining concrete pours for the driveway and between the administration and G Block.
- Complete installing the synthetic turf for the external breakout areas.

For more information contact:

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Important dates

Please return permission notes and information regarding students ASAP.

North Entrance school photos are now Wednesday 5th May

Narara school photos are now Monday 10th May



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. 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 photo day has been rescheduled to:



North Entrance: Wednesday 5th May

Narara: Monday 10th May





Music Therapy at CCMT

Central Coast Music Therapy caters for children of all ages and abilities and no previous musical experience is required.

We have had involvement working with children with: Autism Spectrum Disorder; Downs Syndrome; Global Developmental Delay; Cerebral Palsy; ADHD; learning difficulties; physical, emotional and intellectual disabilities; and the like.

Music therapy sessions are conducted individually or within specific group settings for up to an hour.

For more information on session length, costs, or just to discuss if music therapy is the right solution for you. Give us a call and we will be happy to organise an introductory consultation.

What our clients say...

"A music therapy background allows Sarah [therapist] to cater for different learning styles when dealing with group or individual[s]"

David Toogood,

Assistant Principal at Karningul School

"An innate understanding of children many of whom have difficulty communicating... assesses each child's abilities and empowers them through careful positioning and providing structure opportunities to take the next step"

Nicki Levi,

Teacher Learning and Support,
ESL and Special Education



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Music Therapy CENTRAL COAST

"Music alone has an incredible power to make changes. It can slow a heart rate, lower anxiety, improve mood, help create social connections and much more.

Combine this influence of music and a trained music therapist, and music therapy has the ability to improve the lives of people."

Sarah Fisher Dobbin (Music Therapist)



Music Therapy CENTRAL COAST

Music therapy has the ability to improve the lives of people.

How can music therapy help?

Do you know a child that has difficulty making friends?

Making friends can be encouraged through music activities that involve turn taking and sharing - by creating musical connections between different people.

Do you know a child who struggles to pick up objects?

Gross motor and fine motor skills, like those involved in picking things up, can be practiced and refined by holding drum sticks and playing a song, by moving to music, or by playing an instrument.

Do you know a child who wants to communicate but can't get the message across?

You don't need words to be able to communicate using music. Mood and meaning can be gained by playing with another person, by having others listen to music created or for the individual to play.

Do you know a child who wants to be more confident?

Confidence can be gained by learning the new skills of playing an instrument, by improvising with a musician or a recording, or by being able to share your music and inner voice with the world.

Music therapy can meet all these needs and more as sessions are individualised to the person.

Music Therapy Activities

Music therapy uses a range of activities to meet the needs of the person. Some activities are:

Music making

Playing songs together with the therapist for a sense of accomplishment and focus.

Improvisation

Listening and participating in the moment to create music. Participants make choices about instruments, sounds and silences.

Drumming and rhythm

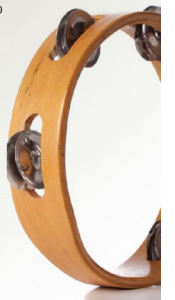
Provides a common purpose, leadership opportunities and a chance to express themselves as well as coordination and gross motor skills.

Movement to music

Encouraging physical exercise, dance and an understanding of their body.

Singing

Increase confidence whilst increasing lung capacity and strengthening vocal chords.



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Freedom Wheels GOSFORD

Free Bike Assessments

BOOKINGS



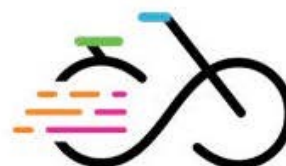
DATES Thursday 22nd April 2021
Tuesday 8th June 2021

WHERE Gosford City Council
Community Centres
2-12 Pandala Road
Narara NSW 2250

Call to book your spot:
1300 663 243



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