

17 June 2021

Term 2, Week 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing effort students have put in over the past fortnight, with our local GPS and PSSA Athletics Carnivals, and the Eisteddfod seeing fantastic efforts and results. Well done to all the students and teachers for such great work! It was wonderful too, to see so many parents and carers at the events cheering for our students—thank you for your participation.

Please help us celebrate the end of term with our BYO family picnic on Friday 25 June. Term 3 promises many more opportunities to play an active role in your child/ren's schooling, so we hope to see again soon.

We wish all families a lovely term break and look forward to seeing you on 12 July.

Jodie Hayes
Principal

Skool Loop App

We are pleased to see so many families embrace the Skool Loop app. It is proving a very efficient method of communicating to families, whether that be whole-of-school or targeted messages. Thank you also to the local businesses which are backing the app through advertisements—we really appreciate your support.

If you require assistance using the app for reporting absences, signing up to specific Groups, or any other aspects, please do not hesitate to seek support from our Community Liaison Officer, Eliza.

We acknowledge there is presently a degree of duplication across the various communication platforms, and in Term 3 we will be working to refine our strategy.

Parent—Teacher Interviews

Thanks to those of you who have already scheduled your 24 June Parent—Teacher Interviews. There are still places available so please book this week via Skool Loop, as teachers need to prepare for the meetings. Telephone meetings are available if required.

Community Partnership to Upskill Locals & Nourish our Children

We still have Term 3 places available in our innovative program—Cooking on a Budget—so if any adults in the community would like support in the preparation of healthy, affordable meals, please reach out to the GPS office this week.



Long term CWA member and highly experienced cook, Gloria Hyatt, will be leading the classes to ensure the individual needs of participants are met.

CALENDAR

Fri 18—Sat 19 June
Cedar and Steam
Exhibition

21-25 June
DoE NAIDOC Week
Celebrations

Mon 21 June
Community Play Date
from 12:30pm
Term 2 Reports sent home

Tues 22 June
Central Dance
Performance

Thurs 24 June
Parent-Teacher Interviews,
from 1pm—Schedule via
Skool Loop

Fri 25 June
Family Picnic Lunch
for Reward Day
Last Day of Term 2

Mon 12 July
Term 3 Commences

26-30 July
Education Week

Wed 28 July
Education Week
Open Day

CANTEEN

**Monday, Wednesday
& Friday**

GPS Athletics Carnival



Well done



You're more powerful than you think
- Eric Liu

Eisteddfod



Mrs McConnell and her Dance Group of wallflowers (NOT!) did us proud. What an amazing effort by all involved—the many months of work paid off. Great job, everyone!

NAIDOC Week Family Picnic

The Department of Education is celebrating NAIDOC Week, and the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal people 21—25 June, to align with the school term. Join us on the last day of term, Friday 25 June, for a BYO family picnic and Tree Planting Ceremony. On the day, students may wear black, red and yellow instead of uniform, to commemorate the occasion. The event will run from 11:10am to noon.

P&C and Canteen News

Call for Canteen Support

Our Canteen is a busy little place! The Canteen Supervisor, Jennie, and her helpers need additional support in preparing Fruit Break, Lunch and Recess meals in Term 3. It is a great way for parents/carers and community members to get involved in the school. The children love to see their family involved, even if only every blue moon. We're seeking volunteers for a 9:00—11:00 shift each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you can assist, please let Jennie know so she can include you in the Term 3 roster.

Community Event—Watch this Space!

The P&C has been successful in its recent application for a CommBank School Recovery Grant. The funding will be used to support a community event, aiming to strengthen social connectedness and emotional wellbeing, and assist school communities to recover from recent natural disasters. Exciting stuff!



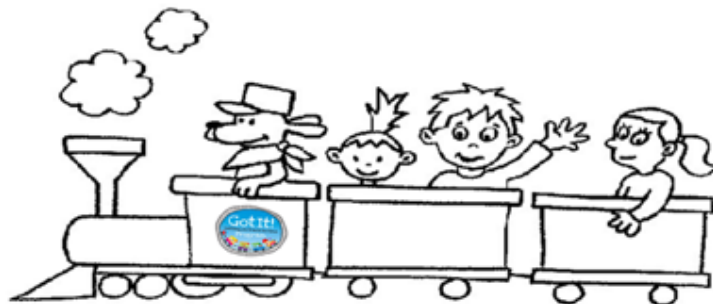
Getting on Track in Time – *Got It!*

Got It! is a partnership between NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education and will be in Glenreagh Public School Terms 3 & 4 in 2021. *Got It!* is an early intervention mental health program that aims to support the development of social skills, coping with emotions and reducing challenging behaviours, while supporting children, their families and the school community.

All K-2 children will be offered social and emotional learning activities delivered by their class teacher. This is a program called Second Step. Some children will also be invited to participate in a small group, called Exploring Together, run by local NSW Health professionals and a school staff member. Suitability for this group is based on the child's individual needs, parent/carer interest, school input and any services/supports already in place.

The *Got It!* team is looking forward to working at Glenreagh Public School next term, and would like to thank the whole school community for your commitment to improving the wellbeing of children and families.

Families of children in K-2 in 2021, will be asked to complete a questionnaire for their child. Please help us by returning this form next term.



For more information visit the Northern NSW Local Health District website
<https://nswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about/mental-health-services-2/got-it/>