



Plant the seed, Grow the child

Senior Team Newsletter

We extend a warm welcome to all students new to Glenfield Primary School's Senior Team. We hope you are settling well into your new classes.

Our theme for Term 1 is '**The Truth About Me!**' The learning experiences will focus on Social Studies, Health and Technology. The core curriculum areas of Numeracy and Literacy continue to be integrated into our themes.

School Leader applications are currently being completed by Year 6 students and selections will take place shortly. A highlight for this term is our upcoming Camp, for all Senior Team Students, which will take place during week 8.

Teacher	Room	Level
Mrs G. Leach (Team Leader)	18	Year 6
Mr James Hopkins	15	Year 6
Ms Teresa Brine	16	Year 5
Mr Nick Smud	17	Year 5/6

Key Competencies: Relating to Others

Students will learn about interacting effectively with a diverse range of people in a variety of contexts. This includes the ability to listen actively, recognise different points of view, negotiate, and share ideas. Students who relate well to others are open to new learning and are able to take different roles in different situations. They are aware of how their words and actions affect others. They know when it is appropriate to compete and when it is appropriate to co-operate. By working together effectively, they can come up with new approaches, ideas and ways of thinking.

Literacy

Formal assessments take place during week 3 and will inform teachers of what their students are able to achieve while reading and to identify gaps. The analysis of this data will allow teachers to implement detailed and often individual Reading Programmes within their classrooms. Therefore, the focus for Reading may change daily or weekly, depending on the needs of the students in the class. Students are learning to make inferences, connections and summarise or explain the main idea of texts they are reading. Students read a range of text types including newspaper articles, internet articles, journals and books. All students should be encouraged to read for at least 15 minutes a day at home.

Numeracy

Mathematics will continue to be planned and taught based on the assessment data collated in week 3. Daily practise of Basic Facts is encouraged and it is expected that all students will practise these at home to consolidate what is being taught and learned at school. Students will also continue to be encouraged to take mathematical risks, to learn and use, a range of strategies to solve a variety of real-life number problems.

All **Essential Learning Areas and Teacher Programmes** continue to be integrated with Literacy and Numeracy. Our first theme for the year is 'The Truth About Me.' Students will examine their own particular learning style. They will describe how their own feelings, beliefs, and actions, and those of other people, contribute to their personal feeling of self worth. They will demonstrate how cultural practices vary but reflect similar purposes. In completing an autobiography, students will use the design process to plan, develop and evaluate a written record of their own lives.

Introducing Mr James Hopkins: Room 15

As someone new to GPS this year, I thought it would be good to give a bit of background as to who I am. I started my teaching career many miles away in North London. I worked in a challenging area for four years where I managed to develop my skills. I led Information Communication Technology development for two and a half years where I instigated technological advances across the whole school. My standards are high, but so is my commitment. I stand by my ethos of learning 'If a child's laughing then they're learning.' This stems from my belief that if they are entertained and engaged then they are learning and absorbing. I really think it's going to be something special this year!

Support Staff of Teaching and Learning

Mrs Janine Dawson and Mrs Sarah McClymont will be supporting our students with special needs in the learning area of Literacy by working closely with classroom teachers and following specialised programmes for these students.



Term Events

Event	Date
Assessments	Week 3
Tina and Tane Show	15 February
Class Photos	4 March
Swimming Sports	16 March
Community Conferences	18 March
Senior Team Camp	22-24 March
Term Ends	1 April

Please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher should you wish to discuss academic progress or other needs.

Mrs Geny Leach
Senior Team Leader

