

Kindergarten learning Term 1

Kindergarten is a fabulous introduction into the world of school!

Children begin to learn many essential skills for working within a classroom environment and, at Granville East, we do much of that learning through play.

We also introduce our students to rules and routines. It might not seem like much to us adults, but learning to sit, focus, listen attentively, take turns and move from one place to another while avoiding 22 other students can be tricky! There is so much to remember!!

At GEPS we pride ourselves on dedicating time to teaching about rules, routines and relationships. We are passionate about developing a classroom culture that is safe and nurturing for your children.

In the mornings we play so we can learn to...



Make new friends



Work as a team



Share



Take turns



Get to know each other



Enjoy school

In the middle session we develop fine motor skills by...



Scrunching



Gluing



Colouring

We work on our literacy and numeracy skills by



Reading nursery rhymes



Making puppet shows



Acting out stories



Singing



Singing number songs



Counting objects to 10



Recognise letters



Recognise/ write our names



Recognise others' names

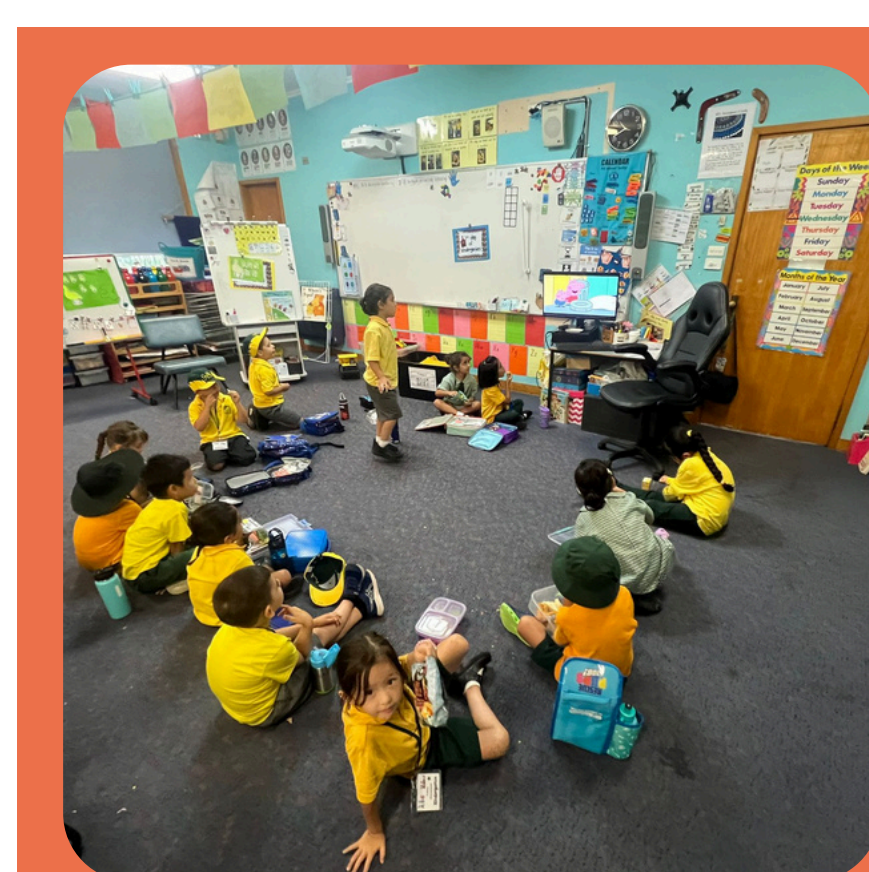
We eat our lunch together



Outside



At our tables



On the floor

We play outside with Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2



Under the COLA



With chalk



On the play equipment



Moveable play



Climbing



With big friends



Soccer



With skipping ropes



Cubby houses

Moving towards the end of term 1...

As students get used to school and their ability to focus on class work grows, we will slowly reduce some of our indoor play time. This is so we can start to expose Kindergarten children to more structured learning.

Students will begin to learn the basics of **reading**. We run daily reading groups of 5-6 students who work closely with a teacher to learn good reading behaviours.

Children will participate in **phonics** lessons to learn letters and their most common sounds. They will then transfer this knowledge into their **writing**. In Kindergarten we first get students to draw out their thinking and then class teachers support them to write about these drawings.

Students will participate in daily **maths** lessons, saying, writing and matching numbers to 10. Students will play lots of number sense making games to support their understanding of numbers.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.

MEET THE TEACHER



Mrs Delvecchio

Assistant Principal
Kindergarten

Contact



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Class Dojo

About Me

I have been teaching for 16 years and 13 of those years have been at Granville East! I have worked on every stage and in every grade across the school.

I am looking forward to getting to know the parents and students who have started Kindergarten in 2025.

I am passionate about developing a love of reading in children. My super power is teaching students how to read, even when they think reading is tough!

Fun Facts

I love to sing and dance! I am trained in tap, jazz, ballet and contemporary dance.

I have a cat named Oblina, she is 13 years old and has a very loud MEOW!!



MEET THE TEACHER

Ms Melhem



Welcome to

K Hakuna Matata

Is a Swahili phrase that means
'No worries'

Kindergarten is such a special year,
full of learning, exploring and fun.
I'm so excited to be leading the
joyous adventure with your child in
2025!

Fun Facts About Me

- I have been teaching at GEPS for 22 years
- I have a handsome 15 year old son named Julian
- I have a dog named Cooper
- I love coffee and chocolate
- The beach is my happy place
- I love swimming, basketball and tennis
- Watching movies to relax
- Shopping is my addiction
- Eating out at restaurants is my pass time

Contact Details:

Feel free to contact me :

- Via class dojo
- Call the office and make an appointment

In our classroom we will engage in: fun hands on learning,
play based experiences and develop a love for reading,
writing, math and creativity.

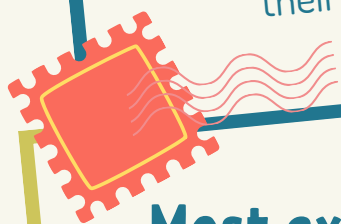
Welcome to K Aloha!

Mrs Najah Achrakie



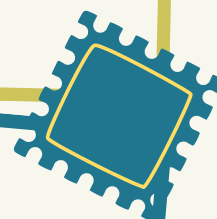
About Me

I'm a passionate primary school teacher and have a strong drive to help my students thrive and reach their full potential.



My experience

I have been teaching at Granville East Public School for 13 years. I have taught students from Kindergarten across to year 6.



Most excited about

I'm most excited about getting to know all the students in my class and creating fun and engaging learning experiences for them.



Expectations

I like to establish clear expectations in my classroom and create a safe and respectful learning environment. My aim is to maintain open communication with parents and caregivers about their child's learning and needs.



My contact information

You can reach me on Class Dojo for any questions or concerns or after school. For any meetings, please contact the office to arrange a time.





Meet the Teacher

Mrs Mengi



About Me...

Welcome to K Aloha! I am Mrs Mengi and I am so excited to be your teacher this year. I will be teaching KA on Wednesdays and Fridays. I look forward working with you and your child this year. Together, we can lay the foundation to a successful start in your child's educational journey.

I look forward in meeting you and having an amazing year!

Things I love...




- ♥ Cats
- ♥ Travelling
- ♥ Favourite colour - Green
- ♥ Movie nights

Experience...

Here's a little more about me... I have completed a Master of teaching degree (Birth-12 years old). With this I have had the opportunity to work with children from the early childhood and primary setting. I have been a part of GEPS for almost 5 years! Taking on different roles has given me the opportunity to work with students across K-6.

This is my second year teaching Kindergarten with Mrs Achrakie!

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Face to Face & Class Dojo





Mrs. Mary J



About Me

Hi! My name is Mrs Mary J and I am excited to working with Kindergarten and the EALD/LST team this year!

I've been teaching at this school for four years and enjoy making learning fun for students. I have a great passion to teach English to non English speaking students.

I am looking forward to another great year!

My Family

My husband and I have been married for over 30 years. We have 2 lovely children and one sweet son in law.



My Favorites

Colour: Yellow

Flower: Lily

Hobby: Gardening

Drink: Coconut Water

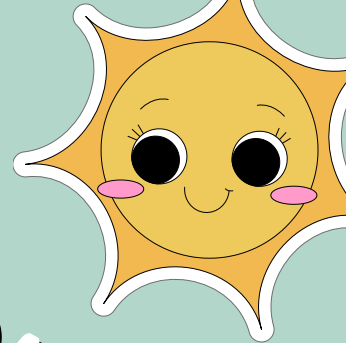
Food: Biriyani

Subject to Teach: English and Maths

Candy: Maltesers



MEET THE SLSO!



A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME:

HI, EVERYONE! MY NAME IS MS AHD, AND I'M SO EXCITED TO BE SUPPORTING EARLY STAGE ONE THIS YEAR!

I'VE BEEN A PART OF THE GEPS FAMILY SINCE 2021, AND I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THIS SCHOOL - THE AMAZING STUDENTS, THE FRIENDLY STAFF, AND THE FUN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WE CREATE TOGETHER.

WHEN I'M NOT IN THE CLASSROOM, YOU'LL PROBABLY FIND ME LOST IN A GOOD BOOK, STAYING ACTIVE WITH SPORTS, OR ENJOYING A GREAT MOVIE.

I CAN'T WAIT TO GET TO KNOW EACH OF YOU AND HAVE A FANTASTIC YEAR OF LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER!

A FEW OF MY FAVOURITE THINGS:

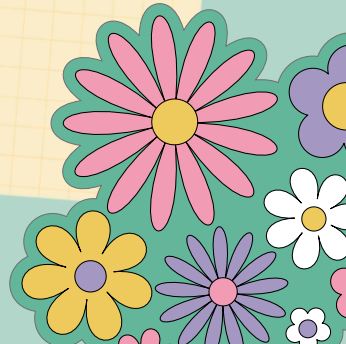
Watermelon
Playing soccer
Family time
Shopping



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Meet the SLSO

(Student Learning Support Officer)



Ms
Elli Petreas

About Me

This year will be my 6th year working at GEPS. I am married and have two children and a boxer dog named Rocky.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, cooking and dancing.

I also love to travel with my family.

I cannot wait to meet you all!

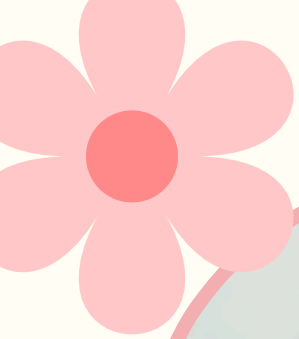
Fun facts

- I love the colour yellow
- I love to go cruising
- I enjoy performing arts

Favourite Saying

'Go with the flow!'

I love to inspire young minds to become creative thinkers and independent learners.



Meet THE WELLBEING OFFICER

Ms Miwa

ABOUT ME!

Welcome to GEPS!

I'm excited to take a walk and chat with you whenever you'd like to share your thoughts and favourite activities for this school year. I have almost five years of experience working with people from diverse backgrounds, I earned my bachelor's degree in English (Honours) in 2018, followed by my Master's degree in 2020.

About Me!

- Outgoing and approachable personality.
- A passionate cat lover, enjoy petting every cat I encounter.
- Adventure and reading are some of my favorite hobbies.
- Enthusiastic about watching theatrical plays.



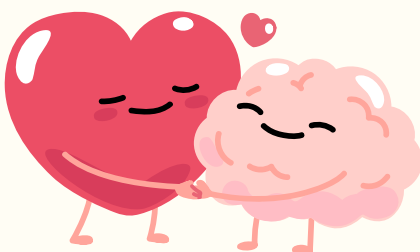
You are welcome to drop by and chat about your child.

Below are all the ways you can contact me:

Email: miwa.miwa@det.nsw.edu.au

Room No: 13

Available: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays



MEET OUR LIBRARY SUPPORT

Ms Otten!



A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME:

Hi, students! My name is Ms Tania Otten. I will be working in the Library this year. I have been working at GEPS since Term 4, 2023. You may also see me in the office sometimes. When I'm not at work, I love walking my dogs, and spending time with my family. I'm so excited to get to know you all and find out what type of books you enjoy reading.

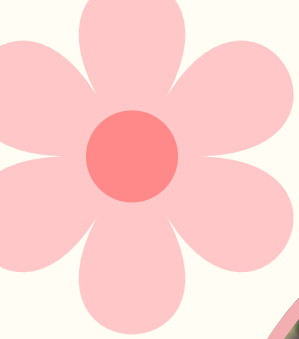
A FEW OF MY FAVOURITE THINGS:

Animals
Music
Soccer
Dancing
Colour red

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Meet THE TEACHER

Mrs. Rashmi Gupta

ABOUT ME!

I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Rashmi Gupta, and I am the EALD (English as an Additional Language/Dialect) teacher at GEPS. I work closely with your children by providing in-class support or engaging them in small group sessions to develop essential English language skills. These skills are designed to enhance their learning across all subject areas.

Things I do in my spare time...

- Reading
- travelling
- badminton
- yoga
- watching documentaries

It is a privilege to teach your children this year. I believe in fostering a strong partnership with parents to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment where students feel confident, secure, and connected with both their peers and teachers.



Education is the foundation for a brighter future and opening doors to endless possibilities.

