Firstly, I would like to thank students, staff and parents for all their support throughout a very busy Term One. It is fantastic to see our students involved in so many great programs and certainly achieving excellent results in them.

Secondly, I feel extremely honoured, proud and excited to be announcing, that I have officially been appointed as the new Principal of Glenmore Park High School.

I am looking forward to leading our fantastic team of staff and students through some very exciting times in education. We have an excellent school and I believe by working together we can lead it to even greater things.

The pride we all share in our school is immense.

To our P&C, and our parent community I would like to say a big thank you for the support you have given to our staff, myself and our students.

We wish you a very, safe and happy holiday break.

Lisette Gorick
Principal

P&C and Staff Working Together

Our new back student gate & path are completed thanks to our very talented, multi-skilled staff. This ensures greater safety for students entering through the back gate.
The Deputy Principals would like to wish all families a happy and safe holiday. Congratulations to all students and staff for so many wonderful achievements throughout Term One.

The school’s mobile phone policy states that phones are to be switched ‘off and out of sight’. There are consequences for students who fail to follow the school policy regarding mobile phones. These include the phone being confiscated and held with a Deputy Principal for the remainder of the day.

As mobile phones are often valuable, and the school encourages students to leave valuable items at home, parents are reminded that the school is unable to take responsibility for lost, damaged or missing phones.

If an emergency arises and parents need to contact their child please ring the school and we will get the message to your child or bring them down to the front office to talk to you. If your child phones you from their mobile saying they are sick, please direct them to go to the office so they can let the office staff know that they are unwell. They will then be assessed in sick bay and staff will contact you if required.

Congratulations to the majority of students who have maintained an excellent standard of uniform throughout Term One. During Term Two the cooler weather begins. Over the holidays please prepare your child for this by ensuring they have the correct school uniform. Back to Basics are the provider for GPHS uniform and they stock all items of uniform. Non uniform jumpers and ‘hoodies’ or items of uniform that contain logos that are not GPHS should not be worn to school and students may be asked to remove these items if worn. If families are experiencing difficulty providing correct uniform please write a note to the Principal outlining the assistance required from the school.

Also note that covered black, leather or suede school shoes are the only accepted school shoe.

Stuart Harvie and Heidi Caws  
Deputy Principals
On 17th March, Glenmore Park High School sent a talented group of students to perform at the Glenmore Park Public School Harmony Day. The students represented the school with pride.

The concert consisted of students from Years 8 to 11 and showed a broad selection of talent including singing, playing guitar and dancing. The students had a lovely day and enjoyed their interactions with the primary school students.

Shane Simpson
Head Teacher, CAPA

Monday 9th March saw the launch of the new GPHS Young Women’s Group with a breakfast to mark International Women’s Day. The group is excited about the prospect of raising awareness of the issues facing young women in Australia and developing countries. The breakfast is the first of a number of events the students hope to organise.

Special guests included Tanya Davies and other successful young women from our community, who sat amongst the girls and discussed aspirations and career paths, while eating the delicious breakfast cooked up by our talented Year 11 Hospitality crew. The opening address, delivered by Ms Davies, focused on the satisfaction that a career serving others can bring.

Jennifer Dengate
Coordinator GPHS Young Women’s Group
Mock Trial Round One

On Friday 13th March our Year 11 Mock Trial team competed in a trial round of the competition against Caroline Chisholm College. Our team fought valiantly and presented a well argued case but unfortunately were beaten.

However, we will rise from the ashes and prepare vigorously for our next case. We have been lucky enough to secure the legalistic talents of Ms Lavinia Simpson, an intern at Lamrocks Solicitors in Penrith. Under her expert guidance we hope to secure victory in our next match.

Partnerships In Learning - Parent Workshops

Parents are our equal partners in their child's education and we are keen to work with our parents to support our students better.

In 2015 we will be hosting parent workshops in the afternoon from our homework hub to support parents to understand high school in the 21st century. The sessions will run for approximately an hour and child minding facilities and light refreshment will be provided.

Due to popular demand, the first session will be on our assessment policy and how to understand assessment marking criteria.

We will conduct a survey to determine the other workshops that parents would like us to provide over the next three terms.

Kaylene McCormick
Head Teacher, Teaching & Learning

Glenmore Park Learning Alliance Conference

On 17th March GPHS was pleased to host the Glenmore Park Learning Alliance conference where over 50 representatives from the local primary schools: Glenmore Park, Regentville, Surveyors Creek, Emu Plains, Emu Plains Heights, Leonay Public and Glenmore Park High Schools attended to discuss our plans to enhance the partnerships we have with these schools in the key focus areas of Leadership, Curriculum and Culture identified in the GPLA School Plan.

Through the alliance partnerships we will collaboratively develop a plan to address the three focus areas and how the schools can work together to build excellence in quality teaching and learning practices in the provision of literacy, numeracy, curriculum and assessment design to suit the needs of all students, promote the leadership of staff and students across the network and create a shared culture that promotes excellent outcomes for all students.
The objectives of the Chaplaincy Program are to assist school communities to provide pastoral care and general spiritual, social and emotional comfort to all students, irrespective of their faith or beliefs. This can include support and guidance about ethics, values, relationships and spiritual issues; the provision of student welfare; and enhancing engagement with the broader community. (2013 National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program Guidelines 1.3)

As GPHS School Chaplain, Justin Corbett can help:

- When students/staff need a confidential and independent person to listen to them.
- Bullying, grief & loss, stress & anxiety, relationship issues, anger & behavioural issues, addictions, self-esteem, and other areas concerning physical, emotional, social and intellectual wellbeing of students.
- Referring to community organisations (food hampers, financial aid, emergency accommodation, etc.)

Contact: justin.corbett1@det.nsw.edu.au

Speech Day 2015

In keeping with the Preliminary HSC requirements, Year 11 had their English Speech Day on March 13th in the Glenmore Park High School library. This task required over 100 Advanced and Standard students to prepare and present a speech in which they analysed a text of their own choosing and linked it to the concept of Belonging and a prescribed text studied during class time.

Our students did very well on the day, rising to the demands and challenges of the senior syllabus and displaying fine leadership qualities. The day provided students with an opportunity to broaden their understanding of the English curriculum. It was also a good warm up for their Year 12 English Speech, which takes place later this year in Term 4.

Luke Bartolo
English/History Faculty
After a successful practice Adventurous Journey to the Grose Valley the students also have to work together to prepare for their Qualifying Journey. This is either a 2 day 1 night (Bronze) or 3 day 2 night (Silver) hike with a minimum 6 hours effort per day. This Qualifying Journey will take place in Term 2 Week 2 starting Friday 1st May. This journey will also include our new Silver award participants who will also prepare for their practice journey.

This preparation includes camp craft, caring for the environment, planning the journey, risk management, and emergency plans while information is given to the local police of their intended journey. Through this process students are learning responsibility for completing their challenges, problem solving and how to work in a team to complete journeys safely.

Students also need to complete 3 more challenging areas in Physical Recreation, Skill and Service. This allows students to show a consistent effort over a period of time and help to improve their time management and organisational skills.

Mr Dudley and Mr Simpson have been working hard to implement this program into Glenmore Park High School. Students will need to attend regular meetings throughout this program and they hope to be able to offer this program to more students in 2015. For further information please contact Mr Dudley or Mr Simpson.

Tony Dudley & Shane Simpson
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinators
Upcoming Events in CAPA

- AIM - Live at the Apollo on 15th May 2015
- Matilda at the Lyric Theatre on 9th September 2015
- Auditions for the School Theatre Production - Beginning of Term 2
- Annual 'The Riff' Concert - date to be advised
- P.U.L.S.E. - Rehearsals begin Term 2

Congratulations to Connor Duncan, Blake Stevens and Andrew Minors for representing the school at Regional Band level at the Penrith Festival on Saturday 21st March and good luck for the National competition that is being held on Saturday 5th April at the Seymour Centre.

Goalball Day

Three Year 7 girls from GPHS attended William Rose Primary School, at Seven Hills on 25th March, to participate in a 'Come N Try' Goalball Day.

Goalball is a sport designed specifically for people who are blind or have low vision. Mikayla, Charlie and Suzanne all participated well on the day, displaying sportsmanship, good skills and excellent behaviour.

Mikayla Kumar represented NSW in Goalball at the Nationals in November 2014. In November 2015 Goalball will be included in the Pacific School Games.
Message from the Senior Leadership Team

On Thursday 12th March the school took part in the World’s Greatest Shave ‘Shave For A Cure’ campaign with the aim of raising money towards the Leukaemia Foundation.

The day was a great success as students took the brave step of shaving their heads for charity. I must commend all the students who took part in this great initiative once again.

Many students also chose to colour their hair for a small donation to the cause. A special thank-you must go to Miss Green who bravely shaved her head and even organised for a dog groomer to shave her pet dog ‘Fluffy’.

All the proceeds will go to the Leukaemia Foundation with the aim of helping beat blood cancer.

Steve Fryirs  
Senior Leadership Team
Careers Update

The Careers Room is open every recess and lunch for students, unless I am on playground duty. The Careers Office is located in the library foyer and the careers resource center is located at the back of the library, it is part of the senior study area. Resources are sent to GPHS from all the universities and can be viewed by any student using the library. The library also has a separate section where all the career books, that can be borrowed, are located. These resources assist students to learn more about a chosen career, how to write a resume and answer questions for a job interview.

Electronic career resources @ GPHS—jobjump.com.au
We subscribe to this very useful website; the password is ibis. Please feel free to maximise this great resource. All students in Years 10 to 12 will be asked to register over the next few weeks. You and your child can register now which will keep you informed of all the latest career information and events.

Panthers on The Prowl
The Panthers on the Prowl careers industry visit program was again a great success and allowed over 30 Year 10 students to learn more about a variety of careers, by visiting local employers and tertiary education institutions in person. Many of the students will now be following up with a week in the workplace. I would like to thank Graham Collins and Panthers on the Prowl for providing us with this valuable experience.

School Improvements
The Landscaping TVET course which, is being taught on school grounds on a Thursday morning, has also been a great success. Year 10, 11 and 12 students have been working hard to achieve all the skills required to construct a paved BBQ area. It is great to see the project develop and the students working well together as a work crew. I will continue to place pictures of their progress on the school Facebook page. Thanks to Richmond TAFE for providing us with a great teacher and Billy the groundsman for all of your guidance and assistance. If you are able to donate a BBQ that we can build into the site, pavers, sand or plants we would greatly appreciate it.
**Post School Destination Survey**
I am still in the process of calling Year 12, 2014 students and the results will appear in next term’s newsletter.

**Tax File Numbers**
The school Tax File Number Program no longer exists; your child must now register online and then take proof of identity documents to their local post office. Please refer to the Tax Office website for details.

**Work Experience**
We offer work experience to any student 14 years or older, but would prefer them to be in Year 9 at the time of their first placement, due to safety and duty of care reasons. I ask that your child see me to discuss and make a school to work plan first, then the process can proceed.

**White Card Training Course**
Twenty students passed the White Card Training Course held at school on Friday 27th March. We were so proud of the way they conducted themselves and what they achieved. For some it is off to work experience in the construction industry and for Year 12 it was to get extra qualifications for when they leave school later in the year.

**Career Activities for Term 2**
The following excursions have been planned for **Term 2**, visit the Careers Room to register.

**For Years 10, 11 & 12 only**
20th May - Meet a Zoo Keeper - 1 Day Excursion  
26th May - Nanga Mai - UTS Aboriginal Day

**UWS Day**
2nd June - Parramatta  
3rd June - Kingswood (Penrith)

**Career Activities for Term 3**
17th July - Try a Skill and Nepean Careers Market (Whole School Years 7 to 12)

Angelika Cornish  
Careers Adviser
On 20\textsuperscript{th} March 2015, Yasmin Zelko, Mackenzie Delforce and Jack Loader of Year 10 participated in the “Make a Difference Day” program at Parliament House in Sydney. Joining other enthusiastic students from across Sydney, Yasmin, Mackenzie and Jack heard from former judge of the High Court of Australia, the Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG, who spoke about career and his many experiences as a champion of social justice issues, both in Australia and abroad.

The students were then asked to brainstorm how they could “make a difference” in local scenarios and then to present their responses in the Legislative Assembly to an audience of their peers.

Well done Jack for representing GPHS and speaking so confidently! It was a hugely rewarding day and all students walked away keen to speak out and change the world in one small way.

Ashlee Horton
English/History Faculty

As the first term of the year approaches an end, it’s time to reflect upon some of the activities that have been happening in Science at GPHS. The enthusiasm shown by students in the “Reptile Interest Group” has been infectious with more and more students taking part. Callum Langer, from Year 11, has been a major carer for the live specimens along with Ray Tutton of Year 9 who has brought several amazing snakes to school to perform classroom demonstrations with. Harley Walsh of Year 8 also performed a terrific demonstration with his python for 8S, giving the opportunity for classmates to safely handle the animal.

My personal thanks go out to the members of 8L who performed a series of demonstration scientific investigations for parents and Year 6 students on Open Night. They will be more formally acknowledged in the near future.

With the obvious increase in students’ interest of science, Term 1 saw the beginning of the Science Club. This is held each Tuesday at lunchtime in the laboratories, where students are given the opportunity to perform hands on investigations and further their skills in this fascinating subject.

Plans are already in place for more Science initiatives in Term 2 which is shaping up as being a very busy and productive time.

Kevin Radley
Head Teacher, Science
Year 12 students Chelsea Fyffe and Daniella Bugeja and Year 11 Hospitality students Angelica Papasidero and Ben Crittenden competed in the Hydro Majestic Hotel Management Institute (HMI) Inter-School Challenge on Friday 13th March 2015.

After a day spent visiting the Hydro Majestic and learning about its history and facilities and the HMI degree the students then had one week to prepare their team for the 3 main challenges; cooking, marketing presentation and hotel problem solving scenario.

The first challenge both teams took part in was the “cook-off” between 4 schools, only having 1 hour to prepare three serves of one dish. During this time students had to focus on safety and hygiene, display their cooking skills and techniques as well as work in a commercial kitchen that they were unfamiliar with. In their group there was only one and a half marks difference.

Students then had to present a PowerPoint presentation to the HMI managers, promoting the Hospitality Management degree, the Hydro Majestic and both teams excelled at this challenge. Finally they had a workplace scenario in which they had to solve an issue with a disgruntled guest. The disgruntled guest was very well played and many students were uncomfortable in this scenario; however Angelica and Ben were calm and solved the issue in 30 seconds. The judges were very impressed.

After placing 3rd last year Angelica and Ben won the competition and each received a mini iPad for their efforts. This also included a radio interview on WOWFM where they spoke about the competition and their experience. Overall both teams proudly represented themselves and GPHS and gained valuable understanding of the HMI and the hospitality industry.

Tony Dudley
VET Hospitality
In the forthcoming weeks, 7L will participate in the Australian Geography Competition. Any student in Year 7 who would like to participate in this opportunity need to let Ms McCormick (yellow staffroom) know so they can be included.

**Tell Them From Me Survey**

Over the past two weeks, the whole school has been participating in the Tell Them From Me Survey. Students completed a short 20 minute survey about their learning experiences and attitudes to school. It was pleasing to see that the students who participated in this survey took it seriously and valued that their opinions were being canvassed on the items covered in the survey.

In the week starting 23.03.15, we will begin analysing the results from this survey. Any parents who are interested in participating in this analysis are more than welcome to attend these sessions, please contact Ms McCormick.

All data collected under the survey will not be identifiable to a particular student so privacy of opinions will not be compromised.

A big thank you to the Tell Them From Me Survey team who gave up their time to support this excellent initiative.

**NCCD**

Thank you to the parents, who responded to our opt out process for the NCCD survey. If you wish for your child not to participate in this important data collection exercise, please return the Opt out notice to the school as soon as possible. Details of this process can be found on our website or at [www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au](http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au)

Kaylene McCormick
Head Teacher, Teaching & Learning
Support our school and get yourself a discounts and benefits!!

Recently Amart Sports opened up an exciting new store in Penrith. It is located at the Henry Lawson Centre on Henry Street, right next to the Good Guys.

The Store has all your sports needs in one location with great brands, best prices and the ultimate service.

Glenmore Park High School has been selected to participate for an Initiative called the “Amart Community Kickbacks Program”. Under this program, members receive great benefits such as;

- Exclusive Sale Prices, discounts and promotions
- % off shopping days in store
- Opportunity for exclusive competitions that money can’t buy
- The school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as instore credit to spend on our school sports programs.

These benefits are available to staff, students and the families of students at Glenmore Park High School. Simply quote our school’s name to get your membership card and will start reaping the benefits of being an Amart Sports Member.

All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list of participating groups and present your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You'll receive access to great member prices and other initiatives and the school will receive a 5% credit.

For more information:

See Mr. T. Safadi (School Sports organiser)

or visit the Amart Sports Website: amartsports.com.au or Call them 4722 2100

Thanks for your support.
From The Office

Change of Students’ Details
It is very important that the School Office is notified immediately of any change of student details including: address, parent/guardian contact phone number, emergency contact details, change of main parent carer, medical details etc. so that our records are kept currently up to date.

Student Absences
Student absence from school can be reported to the office via a phone call or email to the school, a letter from the parent that can be handed to the roll call teacher or the office, or via SMS through the school’s MessageU system.
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Year 8  Ms S Casey  Mr L Bartolo
Year 9  Mr T Dudley  Ms D Kupresak
Year 10 Ms J Drew  Ms A Elford
Year 11 Ms C Payne  Dr D Rae
Year 12 Mr S Fryirs  Mr J Thompson

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Support Unit  Mr B Fox
Technological and Applied Studies  Mr J Newham
Welfare  Ms A Quiney

Careers Adviser  Ms A Cornish
Librarian  Ms J Dengate
Learning and Support Teachers  Ms A Crawshaw / Ms J Small
School Counsellor  Ms S Begg / Mr M Vidler
School Administration Manager  Ms Y Lees (Rel.)
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