What a fantastic term we have had.

Yesterday I was reflecting on Term 2, and what stood out the most was the vast number of activities Glenmore Park High School students had been involved in this term.

I was amazed when I thought of the wide range of opportunities that staff had provided, and also at the fact that students had accepted these opportunities to become involved so readily.

These opportunities included our Anzac Day Service, where their participation and behaviour reflected our school expectation of respect, in one of the most meaningful ways.

The opportunities also included a wide range of sporting activities, dance, drama, music, debating, Mock Trial, public speaking, leadership, Tournament of the Minds, State subject competitions, carnivals, excursions to universities, theatres and industry visits. Also we had strong representation at the recent Principal's Conference with students providing amazing musical items and also taking on the role of Master of Ceremonies.

The vast range of talents our student's exhibit is amazing and the manner in which they conduct themselves whilst representing our school makes us all very proud.

We have shared many highlights this term- Our Athletics Carnival with Year 12 setting fashion trends for years to come, The Riff- a real exhibition of the huge musical and dance talents of a great number of our students, our drama night and our very talented musical duo, Jared and Rory Geerin, who were selected to play at Parliament House at a Ministerial Reception for Principals throughout New South Wales.

We have also had students participate with great successes in a range of competitions including our debaters, both the Year 7/8 team and the Year 9/10 team, our Year 11 mock trial team, and our students who have participated in a range of academic subject specific competitions.

I would also like to congratulate Analiese Langer, a Year 11 student, who has been successful in being selected to participate with a group that Panthers on the Prowl has organised, to complete the Kokoda Track later this year. I’m sure this will be an amazing experience for her, as it was for Jordan Murray, our previous school captain, when he was chosen to participate in the same trek 2 years ago.

To all, thank you for a great term. Have a fantastic, safe break and I look forward to even greater things to come.

Lisette Gorick
Principal
Term 2 is now well underway, and we are amazed by the sheer number of amazing opportunities available to students. One of the keys to enjoying your time at high school is to get as involved in as many activities as possible. These may be sporting activities, but there are a wide range of creative, cultural and leadership activities as well.

Over the last few weeks, we have been lucky enough to see our students in their sporting performances, charity work, debating, mock-trial, dance and music items. We are always proud of the effort that our students put into these commitments. Well done!

Our school athletics carnival was on Tuesday 19th May. We had a great day of good fun and excellent athletic achievement. There was a wide range of activities to keep everyone involved and engaged.

As the cooler weather returns, parents and students are reminded of our uniform expectations. Multicolour jackets, grey track pants and “hoodies” are not acceptable for school. Please make an effort to comply with the uniform code. If there are financial issues at home that may impact the purchase of uniform, please contact us and arrangements can be made in a discrete and respectful way.

It is also timely to remind parents and students about electronic devices at school. Our school takes no responsibility for the damage or loss of these personal devices. They will always be brought to school “at your own risk”. It is also timely to remind students that mobile phones need to be “off and out of sight” during class time. Failure to do so will result in the device being held by the deputies until the end of the day.

We both look forward to the continued success of our students during Term 3!

Stuart Harvie and Heidi Caws
Deputy Principals
Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends.

I am currently working with many of our students to aid them in developing individual learning plans that will help them transition from school life into a possible career. These individual learning plans help the students to identify their interests, and plan goals that compliment these interests. A vital part of this process is for our students to get work experience with businesses in the local area. The main problem we encounter is that we have many more students looking for work experience than we have contacts who are willing to take students on.

I'm writing to ask if anyone knows a local business (perhaps a family or friend) that may be willing to take a student for work experience for a week or so. **All students who go on work experience are covered by the schools insurance for the duration of their placement.** Usually students do a one-week block but it is up to the employer, if they would prefer to do a single day, two or three days, or one day per week for an amount of time, that's fine too.

We have lots of wonderful students that this could make a huge difference to. So if you think you may know someone that could help, then I would love to hear about it and the school and I would be very appreciative. Contacts in any field of work would be great but especially in trades, as we have lots of boys who are keen on those areas. Please forward any contact details to the school email (glenmorepk-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au), attention Matt Rhodes.

Matt Rhodes
Teacher

**Message from the Senior Leadership Team**

Recently we have had a number of our current Year 11 students request permission to be part of the Senior Leadership Team. The opportunity was presented to Year 11 at a recent year meeting. The students who presented an interest in joining this team had an opportunity to be part of a great community initiative in Week 2 of the term. As part of their lead up to joining the team Madeline Schneider, Shane Post, Joonhwy Kwon, Claudia Hantos and Angelica Papasidiero joined 3 of our current members of the SLT (Evan Jacobson, Daniel Ilinsky and Ben Crittenden) in attending Poppy Park in Penrith to help out with the 'pack-up' duties organised for the day. The day was a huge success with our students lending a helping hand with other community members. At all times the students upheld the high standards we have in our school and were an absolute credit.

The following photos are just a small representation of the events of the day. I would publicly like to thank these students for their efforts on the day. Well done.

Steve Fryirs
SLT Co-ordinator
School Cross Country Carnival
Well done to all competitors who participated in the School Cross Country Carnival at the end of Term 1. A great day was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to the following students who were Age Champion at the carnival:

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Scott Buckley/Justine Drew
Cross Country Co-ordinators

Nepean Zone Cross Country Carnival

Close to 90 students travelled to Knapsack Oval, Glenbrook on Monday 11th May to compete in the Nepean Zone Cross Country Carnival.

Always a challenging course through the bush, after the recent wet weather our competition faced even tougher conditions in their run. Big congratulations to the runners who gave their best for the school on the day.

We would like to especially congratulate the following students who performed exceptionally well and go on to represent the Nepean Zone Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday 10th June at Eastern Creek.

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| 13 years boys  | Jacob Voorn      | Caleb Pawlutschenko|
| 14 years boys  | Joshua Barrett   | Stephen Cuff      |
| 15 years girls | Kristen Zahra    | Trae Williams     |
| 15 years girls | Olivia Schneider |                   |
| 16 years girls  | Abbi Williams    |                   |
| 17 years girls  | Analiese Langer  |                   |
| 18 years girls  | Brianna Redmond  |                   |

Our very best wishes to these students and we look forward to updating parents on their efforts after the Sydney West Carnival.

Thank you to all students for their wonderful, respectful behaviour at the carnival and a huge thank you to the parents who supported the winners throughout the day.

Scott Buckley/Justine Drew
Cross Country Co-ordinators
**Professional Development—Mentoring**

In 2015 GPHS will be embarking on several programs that involve mentoring. These programs will include staff working in a collaborative mentoring relationship with other peers, staff working in mentoring capacity with our students through the L'Evate or our Senior Student Mentoring Program or through student to student mentoring through peer mentoring.

In Week 3, groups of staff began attending a highly engaging and informative 1.5 hour course led by our P&C President Mr Mark Geerin. A big thank you to Mr Geerin for providing us with this outstanding training.

*Kaylene McCormick  
HSIE Head Teacher*

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**Year 11 Mock Trial**

In Round 2 of the Law Society Mock Trial Competition, our strong team fought valiantly against the team from Jamison High School and won their case. The team of Christopher Campbell, Victoria Cina, Shaun Connell, Mikaylah Debrincat, Mitchell Dixon and Jhye Easthope performed beautifully. Mitchell Dixon excelled in cross examination and the witness from Jamison High School was really put through their paces.

A big thank you to Lavinia Simpson from Lamrocks Solicitors for coaching our Mock Trial team and attending on the day to offer moral support.

Our team would love it if you could attend our next match to see them in action. As soon as the date and venue is set we will advise this on our website and Facebook page.

*Kaylene McCormick  
HSIE Head Teacher*
My name is Alessandro Sgrignani and I'm an exchange student from the northeast of Italy. I turned 18 last February and my home is close to the sea, but in winter the temperature could be -8 degrees Celsius and in summer it could be 30 degrees Celsius or even more (yes, it usually snows!!!) I attend a little high school in my Italian town.

One day my mum and I talked about having an opportunity to explore and discover another country of the world through a program which involves a period of studies overseas.

She wanted to give to me the possibility to learn another language and to try how is living a new life in another country, "it will open your mind and give to you different points of view" she said many times.

I always love travelling, but not by myself and not to stay with an unknown family in a foreign country, so I didn't listen much to her. Last summer (which means last July, because the seasons are the opposite in Europe), I changed my mind and my previous thought for many reasons, for example because I started to be a bit sick of my routine in Italy and because the desire to discover and to try to live overseas was growing up in me. I wanted to do something really beautiful, brave, uncommon and useful to change my thoughts, my way to think and my life, to make it better.

Now the question is: Why Australia?
I'll try to be as quick as I can in my answer; well I've been learning English since I was a kid so I would like to improve it and make it better overseas. Australia is far away from Europe, is a young country, everything is new, things work in other ways, the people are really different, this country is growing up, the way in which people and peers behave is also very different from the European lifestyle, so I thought it would be more challenging than other countries that I liked for example America or Spain.

I've been living on Central Coast until April and I discovered some great places and people, and when I came in Glenmore Park I found very friendly and nice people, and probably one of the best things about being here is that I'm learning a different way to think and another way to look at the world and at the things.

My future plan is to attend university in Italy and try to get a job as a commentator, but come back to Australia at some stage. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible!!

Alessandro Sgrignani
My name is **Merike Lakso** and I am an exchange student from Finland, you know that country in northern Europe, next to Sweden. The home of Santa Claus and Northern Lights.

I came to Australia, because I’ve always wanted to visit here. The culture was something I wanted to know more about and Australia is just so incredibly beautiful, I wanted to see that with my own eyes.

I think the best things in here are definitely the climate, I like the heat. And while I’ve been here I’ve seen the most beautiful things I’ve ever seen. I have to say the people I’ve met aren’t that bad either!!!

All I can say about my future plans is I am going to see the rest of the world that I haven’t seen. I would like to go backpacking in as many places as possible!! South America is my first target. When it comes to education I have no idea what I am going to do after I graduate. I still have a while to figure it out!

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**A Message from the Office**

**Contact Information**

Have you moved house, changed your home, work, mobile phone numbers or e-mail address? If so, have you let the office know of your new details? It is extremely important that we have correct and current contact details for every child. It is also necessary to have correct emergency contact names and numbers up to date. Please contact the office to advise of these changes as soon as possible or alternatively send the school an e-mail.

*Yvonne Lees*

*R/School Administration Manager*
This term Year 10 English have been studying *Macbeth* as part of their drama unit which requires them to read, listen to and view a drama text that gives students an experience of Shakespearean drama.

Our students have been very enthusiastic in reading and performing parts of this play together in class. They have risen to the challenges of reading the Shakespearean language and have enjoyed their time getting to know the plot and characters with their classmates.

Jessica Hargraves  
*English/History Teacher*

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**Macbeth Excursion**

On 14th May, Mr Bartolo and Ms Richardson accompanied an eager collection of Glenmore Park High School students to the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta to watch a production of William Shakespeare's play 'Macbeth'. This excursion provided Year 10 students with an opportunity to supplement their understanding of the text and gain inspiration for their Term 2 English assessment task.

Twenty seven Year 10 and one Year 11 student got up close and personal with a passionate troupe of Shakespearean actors as they performed the Bard's most violent play. Our students eagerly jumped on the chance to engage in a Q&A session with the actors and director afterwards to ask insightful questions about the 'Scottish' play's themes and a certain gory prop used in the show's exciting climax.

*Luke Bartolo  
*English Teacher*
Throughout term 2 our Year 9/10 Elective History class has been studying archaeology and death where we learn about mummification as well as many other things. Prior to Term 2 we started our mummification process. The first step was to get our chicken wing, which Ms. Ritchie provided for us, washed and dried. The next step was to cover the chicken wing with bicarb soda and salt until it was fully covered. We then filled half our containers with salt, placed the wing in it and covered the other half. A week later we checked them and changed the salts. Once this was complete we left them over the holidays and didn’t check them again until week 7 of term 2. This time we emptied all the salts and cleaned the chicken so there was no salt left. The chicken wing was then entirely covered with lacquer, donated from the TAS department, and the chicken wing was returned to the containers with the lids off. After a couple of days the chicken wings were complete and we finished our mummification process. Throughout this topic our class has been able to learn about the process of mummification and what it was like to mummify something through the unique experience of mummifying a chicken wing.

Chloe S
Student
Athletics Carnival
Athletics Carnival
The Riff
The Riff continued
Timber technology students had a great day exploring the wonders of the Working with Timber show. After meeting at Penrith Station, Technology Teachers, Mr Liauw and Mr Gummerson travelled with 20 students to the Sydney Olympic Park Showgrounds.

The Working with Wood Show displayed the latest innovations in the world of woodworking; both within the industry and those passionate hobbyists that live for making finely constructed projects.

Students also saw some of the best HSC Timber Technology projects from the previous year on display. The senior students got an appreciation of the high level of craftsmanship achieved, and upon speaking to the ex-HSC students developed a better understanding of the skill and commitment required to create for many, what will be a once in a lifetime piece of work.

It was a wonderful day which inspired both the students and teachers involved.

Chris Liauw
TAS Teacher


**Work Education Classes Years 9 and 10**
During this term it was my pleasure to work with all the wonderful students who have selected Work Education as course for their ROSA. Each of them is now organising a week of work experience, this will allow them to experience a career they have investigate and researched in the classroom first hand through participation in the workforce. For some it will be their first time at work for others it will be an opportunity to explore what they want to do after they finish school. Best of luck in finding that perfect job and enjoy the experience.

**NEW for 2015: Try a Skill and The Nepean Careers Market**
For the first time ever we will be combining the Try a Skill event and the Nepean Career Market and will hold them on the same time next to each other. Anyone from year 7 to 12 can attend. We will be attending as a school on Thursday 16th of July. Try a Skill is a hands on experience where you can bend pipes, paint nails or weld JUST to name a few activities. You can talk to TAFE teachers and apprentices about each of the careers and then on the other side of the venue you can apply for jobs or further investigate course from over 100 exhibitors. Permission notes are available on the school website. Parents are most welcome to join us on the day at the venue.

**Highlight Term 2**
Health Wise Inspirations Number 2: again this was a great success and participants went behind the scenes for a week to learn about the careers available in our local hospital. The students and staff would like to thank Nepean Hospital for allowing local students to experience this program.

**What Next?**
The following Career Activities are also available but see the school website for more dates and events:

**25th to 29th June 2015 – Eye on The Future**
Two students from year 10 are attending this week to explore career options, set goals and reach high in a program designed to assist student to plan for a fantastic future.

**2nd June 2015 - Panthers Master Chef Competition**
This annual competition organised by Panthers on the Prowl at Outback Steak House is on again with seven local schools competing against each other to discover who is the best.

**Careers Room @ GPHS**
The careers room is open every recess and lunch times for students unless I am on playground duty. The careers office is located in the library foyer and the careers resource centre is located at the back of the library, it is part of the senior study. Career resources in the room are sent by 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 or how to write a resume or answer questions for a job interview.

Electronic career resources @ GPHS

We subscribe to this very useful website the password is *ibis* please feel free to maximize this great resource.

**Tax File Numbers**
The school Tax file number program no longer exists; your child must now register on line. 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 comes to see me to discuss and make a school to work plan first, then the process can proceed.

Mrs Cornish  
Careers Adviser
At the end of Term 3, Glenmore Park will be putting on another great showcase. The Servant of Two Masters is a Commedia Dell’Arte play which includes slapstick comedy and physical antics. Auditions were held the second half of Term 2 with Miss Casey or Mr Simpson.

Auditions for the School Play

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Theatre Sports School Challenge

Congratulations to the students who participated in the School Theatre Sports Challenge. The representatives went up against 8 other schools and came fifth in the western schools division.

On Wednesday night 10th June, Glenmore Park High School had an Improvisation Night. Inviting friends and family to be entertained by groups of students who are excellent performers and who are experienced with the subject of Drama “Improvisation”.

Featuring 5 teams on the night, ranging from Year 7 to Year 12, students had to perform theatre sports games where students make up their actions on the spot. Improvisation can be seen on shows such as “Thank God you’re here” and “Whose Line is it Anyway”. The night was hosted by Ms Casey and the Judges were Mr Panaioli and finally Mr Newham Jr.

The teams had endured three rounds of sweat and blood and tears, bringing the points near each others, with some ties and some just a point behind.

At the end of the night we had one person representing each of the Teams to perform one non-scoring round featuring “Space Jump”. After the laughter and tears, the students got the teachers that were judges and audience members watching, to perform a game of space jump as well. It was very entertaining!
Theatre Sports
Art Club

Fine baskets completed by our Art Club students.

Skoolbag APP

To install our new school app on your phone or tablet device follow the below instructions:

**For iPhone and iPad users:**

1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type Glenmore Park High School in the search
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “Install”
5. When installed click “Open”

**For Android users:**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app
1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Glenmore Park High School
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button

6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.

8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in “Notification Manager”
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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
(Yrs 7, 9, 11)
Stuart Harvie

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(Yrs 8, 10, 12)
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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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Mathematics                   Ms P Perrett (Rel.)
PD/Health/PE                  Mr B Mackie
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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 / Ms D Farrell
School Administration Manager Ms Y Lees (Rel.)
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