June, 2011

Reconciliation Week

Let’s Talk Recognition.
Jon-George Engrstrom, Solomon Fogarty, Tre Jackson, Michael Alberts, Jack Donovan

National Reconciliation Week celebrated the respectful relationships shared by indigenous and other Australian’s. The theme was ‘Let’s Talk Recognition’ and the indigenous boys and girls met with the Regional Director of Western Sydney Schools and talked about their plans and involvement in the community.

Many events and excursions have taken place this term across all faculties and I thank all parents who have supported the school in different capacities. As a result students have been involved in sporting events, performing arts, Vietnam Veteran talks, debating, Year 5 primary visits, talented camps, reading challenges, careers markets, blood donations and many charity activities. Student leadership is thriving in the school.
At this time of year the school also provides an opportunity to discuss student progress with a mid year parent/student/teacher evening for years 7, 8 & 9 on the 28th June in the school hall. Appointments can be made with teacher before the evening which runs from 3.30 till 8 p.m. Students have an interview booking sheet.

This is a valuable time and I urge parents to take this opportunity to talk with teachers.

Natalie Brookton
Principal.

At this time of the year, the school begins planning for 2012. A major part of this process involves students selecting their courses for the following year. At present Years 8, 9 and 10 are beginning their subject selection process.

Year 8 students are required to select three elective courses for their studies next year. All students have been given their subject selection book and selection form. Students will be required to submit their preferences by the end of term.

Year 9 students will be required to drop one of their electives for 2012. Their choices are also due by the end of this term. If any forms or booklets are misplaced, copies can be found on the school’s website.

Year 10 students face many challenging decisions as they navigate their senior school choices. We recommend that Year 10 students research their choices carefully. There are many people within the school who can give good advice about subject choices.

To this end, the Year 10 into 11 Information night will be held on Thursday the 23\textsuperscript{rd} of June. It will begin at 7:00pm and cover a wide range of issues facing the last stage of high school education.

Good luck with your decisions!

Lisette Gorick
Stuart Harvie

Jonathon Zingle Year 12
An opportunity exists for students to take part in a Cultural Exchange trip to the United States of America for twenty days in January 2013 school holidays.

Destinations include: Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott’s Berry farm, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco.

A feature of the tour is that the students spend ten days living with an American family and visit an American school.

The cost is $5195, from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, which include the following: airfares, transfers, accommodation, travel insurance, breakfasts and admissions to attractions.

Please see Ms Leonard in Print Room or call GPHS on 4733 0155 for more information.

Year 11 student, Nicholas Hawkins has achieved in the pool yet again. He will compete in a championship held in Adelaide as a competitor in the Australian Short Course Meet in July. He will be warming up alongside hero Brenton Rickard and will be competing in the 50m and 100m breaststroke events. This is a huge achievement as he is competing against the best in the country in open age events. We wish him all the best and hope that he enjoys the experience surrounded by Commonwealth champions and Olympians.

Change of date for Year 7,8,9 Parent Teacher Evening. It will be on Tuesday 28th June. In the school hall. Please make bookings with teachers.

Back to Basics

Schoolwear and Sportswear
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Recently the students in the support unit were delighted to receive the last instalment of sports equipment from last years Coles school docket drive.

They received soccer balls and goals, tennis racquets, cricket sets, coloured markers, basket balls, egg and spoons, shuttle cock, base ball bats, a striking kit containing a range of different balls and bats. This terrific equipment will enable our students to participate in a wider range of sporting activities with this top quality gear.

We would like to send a great big thank you to all families who sent in dockets and an extra special thank you To Mrs Drew who coordinated our schools collection.

Kym Green
Support
Year 5 Science Visit 2011

During week 7 on the 6th - 8th June, a group of self selected students from 8L showed terrific team leading skills, assisting and guiding 350 year 5 students from local primary schools-

Mulgoa Public School
Wallacia Public School
Warragamba Public School
Luddenham Public School
Surveyors Public School
Glenmore Park Public School
Regentville Public School

The students from 8L showed wonderful organisation skills in setting up various hands on activities in the labs. The Year 5 students were very enthusiastic and excited with the experiments they were shown and allowed to perform. They also participated and enjoyed the technology workshop shown by our TAS Department.

After all the exhausting work was completed each day, 8L, year 5 students and their teachers enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch.

It was a great experience for everyone involved.

Ilona Schenk.
Laboratory Assistant.
Years 7 & 8 Debating

For all students this time of the year is one of the busiest! Assignments are due and exams are occurring but the Glenmore Park High School debating students are as committed as ever. Alongside readying themselves for their class requirements, both teams have been diligently working to prepare and present a range of debates. The development of their research, collaborative and teamwork skills as well as their excellent speaking ability has been impressive to watch and the teams show real talent and leadership at every opportunity.

The students are entered into two competitions this year, the Western Sydney Debating Competition and the Premier’s Debating Challenge. This ensures they experience a wide range of debating topics and are in competition with teams of varying experience. Alongside the two competitions the Years 7 & 8 students also presented an Exhibition Debate for the new debating team at Mulgoa Public School. This was great experience for the Glenmore Park High School teams and gave the primary students an understanding of the way in which a debate is conducted.

In the Western Sydney Debating Competition our upcoming Semi-Final debate is against the well-known James Ruse team, the topic being; ‘That ANZAC day should be our national day of celebration’. This debate will require a great deal of historical knowledge as well as some quick and thorough rebuttal on the day. The Premier’s team is competing against Penrith High School, the subject area for their debate is ‘Education’ and they are told of the topic on the day. As you can image both teams work extremely hard and under intense pressure to construct their arguments in the hour before they debate!

We would like to send out our thanks and appreciation to Julie Apps, one of the adjudicators in the area for offering her expertise gained teaching skills to give the two teams some extra training. The students have gained a great deal out of the two sessions organised and are lucky to have an opportunity for extra training, especially from someone as thorough and knowledgeable as Julie.

Good luck to the two teams in their upcoming debates.
Friday 10th June six Year 9 students attended Panthers on the Prowl Leadership Day. Students were bussed from Glenmore Park High School to Penrith Panthers (CPU) football stadium where they met students from three other local schools, Jamison High, Penrith High and Chifley College Mt Druitt campus.

Students that attended, Adam Burrows, Cameron Adamson, Matthew Phung, Nathaniel Yarullin, Abbey Mullen, and Abby Stergidis.

The students started the day off with theatre games to get to know each other. This was followed by Tahlia Sweeney (guest speaker) who spoke to the students about goals and pathways to goals. Then onto a supplied lunch that catered for all pallets. After lunch, Stuart Ayres (local MP for Penrith) spoke to the group about pathways to politics, with the students finishing the day in workshop groups that focused on collaborative working, developing social skills, resilience and leadership.

The program was run by Graham Collins from Panthers on the Prowl. Graham has had extensive experience, having taught in a number of secondary schools.

All the students enjoyed their time at the leadership day and returned to school keen to continue their development in leadership and peer support.

Joe Newham
Yr 9 Adviser
CARNIVAL
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REPORT

The rain held off! After our annual School Athletics Carnival being affected so much over the years with rain it was a moment of celebration to see the skies clear and our carnival being allowed to proceed. I believe our students must have felt the same way, based on the large number who attended and the pictures of the day.

We had some outstanding performances on the day with a number of school records being broken and many students achieving personal bests in their results. The highlight of the day was the relays and our final event, the annual staff verses Year 12 tug-of-war. This year was particularly enjoyable for the rest of the school who witnessed the normal excitement of all teachers lined up on one side of the rope facing off against Year 12 on the other end. The command of “Take the strain” and then “SNAP”, the rope broke and everyone involved ended up on their backs. I believe that there is an interesting YouTube video flooding around of the incident.

I have listed the age champions for the carnival below and these students will join together with 74 other outstanding students from the school to represent us at the upcoming Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival which our school will be hosting this year at Tom Hunter Park, Springwood, on Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st June 2011. We would like to wish them all the best.

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I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the hard working staff of Glenmore Park High School for the way the day was conducted and the sense of fun and enjoyment they all brought to the day.

Ben Mackie
HT PDHPE
ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

Noal Geerin, Shane Post and David Yarulllin were selected for ‘The Artists of the Week’ from the Year 7 Performing Arts class. Their artworks are excellent depictions of the animal theme studied in semester one this year.

They first explored a variety of media to create separate studies of animals using aqua graphite pencil, charcoal and ink. They were then required to create a large drawing with their own choice of media and create a collaged composition based on their chosen animals.

Felicity Grover
CAPA
Glenmore Park High subscribes to a careers service which allows students and parents to be kept up to date with Careers News and Events. To access this information go to the website www.mhscareers.com, click on NSW & ACT and then login with: student or parent and the password: health

Students and parents are able to use the email alert service at this website. Go to the “Contact Us” page on the site and use the “E-mail Form” to register your email address.

Under HOME on mhscareers.com you will find a page “How to use this website”. On the website, have a look at the News Pages and Events Calendar and browse through the many other useful careers pages.

www.glenmore.careersalert.com will continue to be used for school specific information that I feel is relevant to students such as excursions and in house career activities.

For a few years now the indigenous students have been making friendship bracelets for the Big Day In. This year we have taken this activity to the next level with the assistance of a business volunteer. Anil Puri from Action Coach Penrith donates his time fortnightly to work with our students assisting us to with a business venture known as The Koorkrew. We are currently making friendship bracelets for NAiDOC Week. Ms Green and Miss Johnson have also assisted me with this venture. We would also like to thank Anil for his time and for providing us with the necessary business skills. If you would like to know more about him follow the link provided. http://www.actioncoach.com/anilpuri

Interested year 9, 10 and 11 students will be attending the Try a Trade event on Monday 27th June. Once at the event students are able to participate in hands on activities. A variety of careers from trades to nursing and defence jobs will be able to be experienced by the students.

Year 10 and 12 Careers Market is held annually and we will be attending on Friday 22nd July. Notes must be returned before the end of this term for organisational reasons.

Angelika Cornish
Careers Adviser
FREE SEMINAR

Bullying

- What is bullying?
- Understanding “the bully” and “the victim”
- Signs your child is being bullied or may be bullying others
- The circle of bullying

DATE:
Tuesday 21st, June 2011

TIME: 6-7.30 pm

VENUE:
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Appointments for July and October school holidays are going fast.

**Where to Now?**

**Taste of Everything, Workshops for Women**
Topics include Yoga, power tool use, beading, dancing, painting, Thai cooking, Law for women, health, mosaics and lots of other things. Group will start when numbers have reached 8 or more.

- **When:** Mondays 10 – 12pm
- **Where:** Floribunda Community Centre
- **Cost:** $5/week (please let us know if this will be a problem)

Childcare can be available if we have the numbers and will require a gold coin donation.

**Zumba® Fitness**

- **When:** Thursdays 10-11am
- **Where:** Floribunda Community Centre
- **Cost:** $8/class

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Wed 15th June 9:15-2:45pm
$75 for first family member
$50 for any there after

**TAFE OUTREACH COURSES**

**Introduction to Office Skills**
Start learning the basic skills needed for effective work in an office
- Wednesdays 9.30am- 3.00pm
- Starting 20th July

**Understanding the Internet**
- Wednesdays 9.00 – 12.00pm
- Starting 20th July

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- Wednesdays 9.00-12.00pm
- Starting 12th October

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
(Yrs 7,9,11)
Mr Stuart Harvie

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
(Yrs 8,10,12)
Ms Lisette Gorick

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Sara Ljubojevic

VICE CAPTAIN
Ryan Gander
Chelsea Pearce

SECRETARY
Sarah Camilleri

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ASSISTANT YEAR ADVISERS

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Year 8 Mr G Hebblewhite Ms K Smith
Year 9 Mr J Newham Ms J Bishop
Year 10 Mr S Fryirs Ms F Grover
Year 11 Dr K Herath Ms K White
Year 12 Mr T Safadi Ms R Graham

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English/History Ms D Tsirigos
Mathematics Mr N Guinery
PD/Health/PE Mr B Mackie
Teaching & Learning Ms K McCormick
Science Mr K Radley
Support Unit Mr B Fox
Technological and Applied Studies Mr G Sheens
Welfare Ms A Quiney

Careers Adviser Ms A Cornish
Librarian Ms J Dengate
Support Teacher Learning Assistance Ms A Crawshaw
School Counsellor Ms S Begg/Mr B Moore
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