May, 2011

Welcome Back Rick.

Rick Land . GPHS Captain 2006.

It is with great delight that the school welcomes Rick Land, following his success at University. Rick is completing his Masters in Education in PD/H/PE at University of Western Sydney and will be mentoring students over the next 4 weeks. He is a fine ambassador for the school and we all wish him well.

Welcome to our new English Teacher Kira Bryant who comes with an outstanding reputation and commitment to her students. Parents will be able to meet her at the Parent Teacher/Student Evening for Yrs 7,8,9, on 28th June. Please keep this night free as it is an opportunity to discuss the progress of your son or daughter. A reminder that Year 10 will soon be making their subject choices for Year 11 and parents may need to talk to teachers about suitable courses.
It is with much sadness that I need to inform the community of the tragic loss of one of our Year 9 students. Jason Post was killed in a motorbike accident. On behalf of the school we send our deepest sympathy to his family. Jason was a fine young man, and a credit to himself, his family and the school. I would like to thank his friends, teachers and parents for their support of the family.

Natalie Brookton
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTIES

Winter seems to have arrived without much warning this year and it would now be a good time to make sure your son/daughter has the correct school clothing to keep them warm throughout the winter days. The correct winter uniform for girls is the navy school trousers or the school tracksuit pants. Girls may continue to wear their skirts but please make sure their legs are kept warm with black or skin coloured stockings. The uniform for boys is the navy school trousers or the school tracksuit pants. Please ensure students also have the navy school jumper or the school jacket for added warmth. Black, fully enclosed, leather school shoes are to be worn at all times. Winter uniform is worn throughout Terms 2 and 3.

Studies provide strong evidence that student success is linked with strong school attendance rates. Please be reminded that 85% attendance is the mandatory requirement for all students. If a student is absent for any reason, parents are required to provide an appropriate explanation for this absence. As notifications for absences are sent daily through our SMS system, parents are fulfilling their legal obligation if they provide an appropriate reply to this message, this reply is charged to the school not the parent’s phone.

Lisette Gorick and Stuart Harvie
Deputy Principals
CAREERS PROGRAM REPORT

Create Imagine and Design- Career in Engineering Day.
This year’s Engineering Day was held at Nirimba TAFE.
This event allowed students from a variety of schools to experience first hand what it is that engineers do. Staff from the RTA, civil engineers and the Army Engineers all gave us real insight into their jobs. The day was open to all students in years 9 to 12.

Term 2 Career Events
23/5 - Teach NSW Day – Open to Years 10 to 12
7/6 - University of Western Sydney – Careers Day is open to all year 11 and 12 students. This is a free day which allows students to attend lectures and experience a day at university. Register now at www.uws.edu.au/uwsday
7/6 - Hospitality Day at TAFE register your interest now.
16/6 - Marine Careers Day – Careers such as marine biology, working on the water or under it are all explored on this day. One position still available.
23/6 Year 10 Subject Selection Evening - Year 10 into Year 11, 2012. I look forward to meeting parents on the night. Job Guides will soon be distributed to year 10 to assist Year 10 to make informed career decisions.
27/6 Try a Trade – This excursion involves students participating in a 2-hour workshop where they can experience 20 trades all at the one venue. They are able to experience welding, cooking, decorating nails or working with timber and then ask the experts about their jobs. The first 45 year 9 students to register and pay will be able to attend. Interested year 10 and 11 students who missed out attending in previous years may also apply.

Important term 3 Event
22/7 Nepean Careers Market for Years 10 and 12.
Please visit www.glenmore.careersalert.com for career updates
Angelika Cornish
Careers Advisor
**2023 PENRITH POLITICAL SUMMIT**

With the view of taking a “Look Into Our Future”, on Tuesday April 5th, four students from the Glenmore Park High School Student Leadership Team attended the 2023 Penrith Political Summit. Emma Dixon, Andrew Montgomery, Kayla Dobson and Nick Hawkins travelled to Penrith High School to represent our school.

While there they participated in groups and discussed several of the topical subjects in current politics including immigration, indigenous rights and the economy.

All the ideas discussed in each group are being collected and compiled into reports to be sent to the responsible government body, local and federal governments for consideration.

It was a great opportunity for the youth of Penrith to express their ideas and concerns for the present and future of our nation.

Andrew Montgomery  
Emma Dixon  
Kayla Dobson  
Nick Hawkins  
Senior Leadership Team

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**Yr 7 & 9 NAPLAN**

On the 10th, 11th & 12th May our Year 7 and Year 9 students sat their NAPLAN examinations.

For Year 7 this is their first major exam. They all performed admirably and were exceptionally well behaved. We look forward to some fine results.

*Mr Neil Guinery*  
*Ms Denise Tsirigos*  
*NAPLAN coordinators*

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**FUNDRAISING**

With the help of some wonderful people our Fundraising Team is on task toward raising our funds for much needed Air Conditioning in some classrooms. Our Mother’s Day Stall, again, proved to be very successful this year by raising $340.00. As was our Easter Raffle.

Our Grand Total so far is $893.80.

A very big **Thank You** to those who contributed and volunteered their time to make these days successful.

*Carley Payne*  
*Year 7 Adviser*

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**Back to Basics**  
**Schoolwear and Sportswear**

52 Cox Ave, Kingswood 2747
BLOGGING IS FUN IN ANY LANGUAGE

I have developed a class Blog for Year 8 French students to access. Here they will find information about things we have done in class with links to consolidation exercises. They will find videos of cultural interest, messages from their teacher and many opportunities to practise listening to new vocabulary. It is also a forum in which they can make comments and address any questions that they have to me with the expectation of a response within 24 hours. If you have a Year 8 student they can access their blog through their portal. All they have to do is click on BlogEd.

Take a look!

Mrs Garrad
Languages

RELAY FOR LIFE

Glenmore Park High would like to send out a big cheer to one of their own, Sophie Burnitt (Library Assistant) whom along with her family and friends participated in the Relay for Life at Howell Oval, Penrith on the last weekend in April. Sophie participated in the “The Shufflers” team and supported by family, friends, staff and students from our school, they raised an amazing $4149 for the Cancer foundation. “Relay for Life” is a overnight fundraising celebration, all money raised from the relay goes towards investing in funds to help find answers, dispel myths and inform people on what they can do to prevent and manage cancer. Congratulations to Sophie and “The Shufflers” for a fantastic effort, we are very proud of you.

www.relayforlife.org.au

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Steve Marler Year 11
Theme: Wooden Toy Truck

Mrs Sophie Burnitt
Library
THEATRE SPORTS

Congratulations to the GPHS Theatre Sports team who were the outstanding winners in the first round of the competition against 6 other schools. The team included Kianah Nelson, Jayde Mackie, Tarlee Leckie, Brittany Cozic, Teegan Simpson. A huge thank you to all of the students who came to support us. Theatre Sports is a competition where teams perform improvisations and are judged by a group of industry professionals. Our group will now progress onto the next round which will be held at the start of June.

Dance students have been offered ticket to see Mary Poppins on the 14th September. Tickets are a very special price of $40.00 and this should be paid to the front office after you have received your permission note.

Our concert band has been invited to attend an open rehearsal for the Sydney Symphony Orchestra on Wednesday 29th June. Tickets are $10.00 and all money needs to be paid to the front office and permission notes need to be returned to Ms Caws or Mr Hebblewhite.

Four students have been accepted to attend the Western Sydney regional music camp in Week 5 at the Merroo conference Centre.

Rehearsals have commenced for the Wizard of Oz. Orchestra rehearsals are on Tuesday afternoons and chorus rehearsals are on Wednesday afternoon until 4pm. New performers are very welcome.

DEBATING

Western Sydney Debating Gala Day
After many hours of research, practise and team work, three teams of Year 7 and 8 students travelled to Winmalee High School to compete in the annual Western Sydney Debating Gala Day. Students were able to prepare their debates ahead of time, giving them an opportunity to perfect their speeches, and as a team they worked to form solid rebuttals on the day.

Each team performed their speeches with confidence, debating whether our education system is out of date, if Australia is a classless society and/or needs a new national image. Students used their own real world knowledge of current affairs to enhance their arguments. In all, Our School was one of the two schools to go onto Quarter Finals. All students represented GPHS wonderfully with a Team of 4 moving on to compete in the Quarter Finals in Week 6.

Art club continues each Monday afternoon from 2.45pm until 4pm. A very successful blog has been set up by Ms Garrad. Year 12 Visual art students need to be working solidly on their “Body of Work” which is due for progress marking in week seven. Each Wednesday afternoon a workshop is held for senior students for more intense help on their “Body Of Work”.

We now have singing lessons available to students each Wednesday afternoon. Lessons are available for $12.50 for a lesson in a group of two. Please see Ms Caws.
The start of term 2 has proven to be a very busy time with a lot happening both in the classrooms and laboratories and also with other scientific activities. All Year 7 to 10 classes will be receiving their major projects very soon. The tasks have been completely overhauled and so we anticipate some exciting new discoveries to be made by our excellent science students.

The Horticulture club has recently potted up flowers for Mothers’ Day. The results were very pleasing as these flowers were grown from seeds and required much tender, loving care as they grew. Students are now planting winter flowers and vegetables as the cooler months approach.

Self Select classes have been entered into the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition which will be held in late May and early June. This is an opportunity for these students to pit themselves against students from across Australia and also other nations in an academic competition based upon scientific knowledge and skills. Year 8 Self Select science students are also preparing themselves to act as leaders and host more than 250 Year 5 students in the annual Science and Technology workshops which will be held in June.

Mr Kevin Radley
HT Science

A shot from space... a topic soon to be investigated by Year 7 and Year 12
Glenmore Park High School commemorated Anzac Day in an assembly on the 28th of April. We were joined by the No. 1 Combat Communications Squadron from RAAF Base Richmond Catafalque party who provided our students with a sneak peak of what being in the Armed Forces involves.

Students were thoroughly engaged with the formal proceedings, especially the formal entry by the Catafalque Party where you could have heard a pin drop. The assembly also featured an informative, yet heart wrenching PowerPoint on the Gallipoli landing and the rituals of Anzac Day.

Mitchell Robinson performed “And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda” as a tribute to The Men of Gallipoli.

A special thank you to Ms Woodrow for helping to organise the assembly; without whom the assembly would not have been a success.

Ms Kylie White
English
Panthers on the Prowl has partnered with Glenmore Park High School and Panthers Wallacia to promote awareness of breast cancer. A “Pink” golf day fund raising event is being planned for the 24th June at Wallacia golf course and is being organised by students from Glenmore Park High school. All profits will go towards supporting the McGrath Foundation.

First grade Panthers player, Luke Lewis, is proud to support the event and encourage the student organisers.

We look forward to our community to support this event.
Premier's Reading Challenge

Year 7 and 8 students are reading enthusiastically for the Challenge with many students already qualifying for Bronze and Silver Awards. Students receive a Bronze Award for reading five books and Silver Awards for reading ten or fifteen books. Reading twenty books will earn students the Premier's Reading Challenge Certificate, or a Principal's Award in the case of the Principal's Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements:

Joonhwy Kwon – Silver
Analiese Langer – Silver
Ben Crittenden – Bronze
Brooke Shaw – Bronze
Gemma Heaton – Bronze

Finally, a very big congratulations to Courtney Birksmith of Year 7 who has already completed the Challenge.  
What a fantastic achievement!

REMindeer:
Additional information on premier's Reading Challenge can be found on website:  

Our new blog

The library now has a reading blog called The Novel Approach. The blog will encourage students to write reflectively about the fiction they read and also provide ideas for further reading. The blog is open to the whole school and both blog posts and blog comments can be made; all contributions will be sent to me for moderation before being published.

Currently, The Novel Approach is only available through the DET portal. Why don’t you have a look? Students will need to click on the link in the email which has been sent to their school email address.

J. Dengate
LIBRARIAN
GRIEF AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Some Guidelines:
- Involve young people as much as possible in the processes around the death or loss and also the arrangements to observe and mourn the loss.
- People can show signs of grief, sadness and loss for a long time afterwards.
- Young people can be affected by the loss of people they don’t know directly, such as students at their school, rock stars and royalty.
- Chronic illness of siblings can cause grief.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO
If you are directly affected by the death yourself, find someone you trust to speak to and for your teenager to speak to. Don’t let them get away with not grieving. If you are grieving yourself, don’t give yourself the sole job of trying to help your teenager. It may be that they won’t share their real feelings with you in order to protect you.

People can grieve for people who are not dead but are effectively lost to them through disability, stroke, geographical shifts and loss of relationship.

People often report that what is difficult in the first weeks or months after a loss is likely to be different from the issues that create difficulty in the next few months. It is often helpful to concentrate on those things just in front of you.

This is not a time for making big plans. Don’t expect people to be over it quickly. Young people particularly grieve in bursts. Don’t let them get away with not grieving but at the same time, let them know that people who are grieving are allowed to feel good some of the time too.

One of the best times to talk to young people about loss is when they are engaged with you in an activity of remembrance about the lost person. Ask them about their best memories, holidays and favourite times.

If you are grieving yourself, it can be important to share some of your own feelings rather than feeling you have to be the super-coping parent at all times.

Reproduced from: Raising Real People Creating a Resilient Family By Andrew Fuller

Theme: Figures with Attitude
Luke Priddis Foundation

LEGO CLUB

Expressions of Interest for Glenmore Park.

Local children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) are invited to take part in a new LEGO Club at Glenmore Park High School. Facilitated by the Luke Priddis Foundation, the ASD LEGO Club is for kids in **years 6 to 10** and their parents/carers.

**AIM** - LEGO Club will give ASD children the opportunity to join in a structured group within a safe non-judgemental environment, to help them increase their social skills.

**VENUE** - LEGO Club will be held at Glenmore Park High School, Glenmore Parkway, Glenmore Park.

**TIME & DAY** - **TBA** - This will be an after school activity.

**SAFETY** - Parents/Carers will attend the LEGO Club with their child and they will be responsible for their child at all times.

**THIS IS NOT A DROP-OFF PROGRAM.** Parents/Carers can observe in the group and have the opportunity to meet parents/carers in similar circumstances.

**COST** - A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Registration is essential.

To register, please call Kari, at the Luke Priddis Foundation office, on 4736-0309 or email kari@lukepriddisfoundation.com.

We are also seeking donations of Lego for this great initiative!
On behalf of the NSW Rugby League Integral Energy Western Sydney Community & Game Development Unit, we would like to recognise and thank your school for its valuable attendance and participation at our recent City Origin Clinic, which was held at Patrician Brothers College, Blacktown at the beginning of the month. We greatly appreciated the professional manner in which your teacher, Mr Buckley conducted himself and oversaw the group of students representing your school.

The students from Glenmore Park High School were a shining example of the type of participants we enjoy having at our events in Western Sydney. The students from your school showed a maturity higher than other schools in attendance, they were very well behaved and interacted well with the City Origin team and coaching staff throughout the day constantly using their manners and showing politeness at all times.

We hope that your students enjoyed their time with the City Origin players and coaching staff and we certainly look forward to your schools participation in other specialist rugby league events across Western Sydney.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Storek
Administration & Sponsorship Servicing Coordinator
City Clinic Coordinator

This year the P&C are very excited about our fundraising campaign! Our goal is to raise as many funds as we can to purchase and install air conditioners for your children’s classrooms. At a cost of $2000 per unit and $500 for installation per unit this is a big challenge! To save on installation costs it would be greatly appreciated if there are any parents at GPHS that could perhaps offer their services on installation of the units at a discounted price??
At present the P&C has a grand total of $3182.99 funds raised!! It is very encouraging to know that we are already on our way and have enough money for one unit. Keep an eye on this space for an update on our fundraising tally, also on fantastic fundraising event/s throughout the year.
The P&C held their monthly meeting on Monday 16th May. We were very privileged to have Mr Joe Newham, speak about the automotive elective and VET metalwork course for Yrs 11 and 12. We had a tour of the brand new Trade Training Centre state of the art facilities which the students are thoroughly enjoying.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on 20th June. We will have a guest teacher from the library along with a tour of these facilities. We would love to see some new faces there!
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the P&C on: carrie.long@charteredaccountants.com.au or check out our page on the GPHS website!

Carrie Long
President P&C
Real Values   Real Opportunities   Real Values   Real Opportunities   Real Values   Real Opportunities  Real Values  Real Opportunities

**KEYS 2 DRIVE**  ... helping parents teach their Learner driver

As a parent you may be a good driver; but being able to teach your Learner is not an easy task.

A recent national survey of more than 1,250 parents of Learner drivers found that almost half (45.5%) were nervous or apprehensive when they began teaching their teen how to drive.

*keys2drive* is a federally funded program that has been developed by the Australian Automobile Association which aims to take the drama out of learning to drive. It helps parents to prepare for their role as a supervising driver and to ensure that any time spent in the car with their Learner is successful and effective.

*keys2drive* is a free lesson (involving theory and on-road) delivered by an accredited professional driving instructor to any Learner who is accompanied by their supervising driver – most often a parent.

This program, the single largest Learner driver safety program undertaken in Australia, represents a unique and valuable experience for parents and their Learner drivers.

To register for a free lesson or to learn more, visit [www.keys2drive.com.au](http://www.keys2drive.com.au)

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**The Australian Automobile Association constituent members are the motoring clubs in each State and Territory**

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**Where to Now?**

**After School Craft and Activities**

Activities for children aged 5 – 12 years primary school children. Indoor and outdoor activities. Based around the children’s interests and needs.

**When:** 3:30pm – 3:00pm Tuesdays (starting 3rd of May)

**Where:** Floribunda Community Centre

**Cost:** $5 per week, $8 for two children per week, $10 for a family per week

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**Zumba® Fitness**

**When:** Thursdays 10-11am

**Where:** Floribunda Community Centre

**Cost:** $8/class

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**Tai Chi**

**When:** Fridays 7 – 8pm

**Where:** Floribunda Community Centre

**Cost:** $5/class

For more information please call Christie on 0431 149 131

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**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:** $35/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.

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**Floribunda FAMILY FESTIVAL**

Jumping castle, kids yoga, craft and family activities, musical retile show, animals, pony rides, intro sessions, workshops, local performances, food, information
**GLENMORE PARK HIGH SCHOOL**

*Learning for Life*

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### PRINCIPAL
Ms Natalie Brookton

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

(Yrs 8,10,12) Ms Lisette Gorick

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Mitchell Robinson  
Sara Ljubojevic

### VICE CAPTAIN
Ryan Gander  
Chelsea Pearce

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### HEAD TEACHERS

**Creative and Performing Arts**  
Ms H Caws

**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

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**Careers Adviser**  
Ms A Cornish

**Librarian**  
Ms J Dengate

**Support Teacher Learning Assistance**  
Ms A Crawshaw

**School Counsellor**  
Ms S Begg/Mr B Moore

**Administration Manager**  
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