March, 2011

Student Leaders Welcome Visitors at Open Night

The school has had a very successful term with many interesting events. Our annual Year 7 BBQ brought together new students and parents with their teachers. Special thanks to our Peer Support Leaders who ran the BBQ. Students also took part in Clean Up Australia Day.

There was a full house for the Year 6 Information Night and very positive feedback following the school tour and mini lessons. The school has been enrolling students all through this term resulting in the formation of a new Year 7 class this week. We look forward to continuing this trend.

The Trade Training Centre was opened by David Bradbury, Federal Member for Lindsay and students have been busy learning how to use the state of the art machinery during their Metals and Engineering courses. There will be tour of this facility on Monday 16th May for interested parents.
Thank you to our P&C Association who worked hard on Election Day to raise funds for air conditioning for the school. Thank you to parents and the community for your support, approximately $600 was raised. Thank you to Brendan Sheedy from Centre Management at Glenmore Park Town Centre for their $100 donation.

Congratulations to the newly elected P&C Executive, I look forward to more parents joining our lively meetings each month. Thank you to parents who have paid the general school contribution. This covers not only air conditioning but also paper, computing software, equipment, library books, outdoor equipment and text books.

I continue to stress my commitment to high expectations for achievement, uniform and behaviour.

Every student at Glenmore Park High will be encouraged to focus on learning and to work towards their personal best.

Natalie Brookton
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTIES

This term has been an extremely busy and rewarding one. Congratulations to all students who have participated in many events including swimming carnivals, year camps, performances and other sporting competitions.

**Discipline**

From time to time the school needs to impose after school detentions. These are usually given for serious issues. If a student fails to attend an after school detention, they will automatically be placed on detention the next afternoon. This will occur without any further notice to parents.

We wish all our students and their families an enjoyable and safe break.

Lisette Gorick and Stuart Harvie

LIBRARY NEWS

The Premier's and Principal's Reading Challenges are up and running again; students in Years 7 to 9 are encouraged to meet the Challenges by reading twenty books by August 31. Interested students should see the teacher librarian for a Reading Log. Additional information is available from [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

Also underway is the weekly Reading Café. The Café provides a quiet place for readers to meet likeminded students to discuss books and share recommendations. Special literary events, such as author talks, are planned for later in the year.

Jennifer Dengate
Teacher/Librarian

Top Row: Michele Kalwy (Vice President), Wendy Langer (Secretary)
Bottom Row: Karen Edwards (Treasurer), Carrie Long (President)
On 7th March at Jamison High School, three students competed in the public speaking competition, the ‘Rostrum Voice of Youth’.

Tarlee Leckie, Nicky Punsalan and Kianah Nelson from Year 9 were given a range of topics with which they had to create a 6 minute speech.

All the girls performed exceptionally in tough heats. Kianah and Nicky earned the well deserved ‘Runners Up’ title in their respective heats.

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all who participated.

*Kylie White*
*Public Speaking Coordinator*

On 16th March, 11 senior Visual Arts and Photography students visited the ArtExpress exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW, and gained greater insight into the artistic practices of the top 2010 HSC graduates. Many students returned with a number of exciting ideas and new approaches to their own art making. They also demonstrated impressive interpretive and analytical skills when discussing works.

All students who attended are to be commended for their outstanding manners and focus on the day.

Thank you Mrs Grover, for organising the excursion.

*Kim Smith*
*Creative and Performing Arts*
**AIR-CCONDITIONING FUNDRAISER**

We have been busy raising money for air conditioners in the school. After the heat wave at the beginning of the year, it highlighted the need for air conditioners in the classroom for optimum learning conditions to occur.

We had an Easter raffle. Students have been wonderful in bringing in Easter eggs and baskets. Winners will be printed in Term 2's newsletter.

We are also having a Mother’s day stall early in term 2. Again people have been wonderful in donating gifts for the stall. I will still accept any donations of gifts for the stall up until we hold it. More information will follow next term.

Our last fundraiser is Michel’s Patisserie hot cross buns.

*Carley Payne  
Fundraising Co-ordinator*

**UNIFORM**

As we move into the cooler weather, parents and students are reminded to ensure that correct uniform is worn every day i.e. the correct school jackets or jumpers. Uniform detentions operate each day and will continue throughout Term 2. Branded tops and incorrect colours are not accepted. Thank you for the support in ensuring that correct footwear is worn.

**YEAR 7 ADVISER**

We had a wonderful camp up at Morrisett. I was overwhelmed by the number of Year 7 students that attended the camp and their fine behaviour and participation during the camp.

The Year 7 BBQ was well attended by our year 7 parents. It provided a great opportunity for them to meet their children’s teachers.

Due to the influx of new enrolments in Year 7 we now have 6 Year 7 classes. It has been a benefit to all as it means that the class sizes in year 7 are smaller.

On Thursday in Week 11, period 5, Year 7 students are having a rewards afternoon for their positive participation in school activities. During the period we will have competitions and lots of fun.

Finally, Year 7 Interim Reports have been sent home. These reports allow parents the opportunity to see how their child has settled into high school.

You can contact me via email if you have any concerns or enquiries.

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*Carley Payne  
Year 7 Adviser*

**Back to Basics**

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Recently, Glenmore Park High School’s Boys Cricket Team played against Plumpton High School at Glenbrook Park. Plumpton High had scored 272 in their first round game and took to the field in a very confident mood.

However, they were not prepared for the amazing bowling attack of GPHS, lead by CeeJay Harris and Blake Langer. Outstanding fielding skills by the whole team saw Plumpton dismissed in the 16th over for a total of 62 runs.

With their confidence shattered, GPHS began to bat aggressively and reached the required runs with the loss of only one wicket by the 17th over.

This result was achieved by the boys’ excellent team work and enthusiasm for the game. I would also like to thank Callum Langer for scoring at the game and Mr Sheens for umpiring.

Well done, boys!!

Our next game will be against Blaxland High School.

Ernie Panaioli
Boys Cricket Organiser

Each Monday afternoon Art Club continues which involves students from Years 7 to 12. Students are given opportunities to explore different ideas and styles of art in a smaller setting. An Art Club blog has also been set up.

Dance students have been busy with auditions for the Sydney West Dance Festival. Good luck to all troupes that have entered. We have submitted our School Spectacular audition DVD, all troupes are now working on finishing and polishing their pieces in preparation for the next set of auditions.

There are a number of new students who have started to learn instruments in preparation for concert band. Lessons are available on Monday for $10.00 per half hour in groups of two. Guitar lessons are also available and are $11.00 per half hour in groups of two. Concert band is in full swing with rehearsals each Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Vocal group is held Tuesday and Wednesday at recess. Rehearsals for our upcoming musical “Wizard of Oz” will begin in term 2 for the chorus and band.

In March our senior Drama students participated in a Brecht workshop at the Sydney Theatre Company. Glenmore Park High will also be hosting the 1st round of Theatresports on 3rd May in the hall. Any parents or students who would like to come along to support our team. See Ms Caws for details.

Heidi Caws
HT, Creative & Performing Arts
Contact Details
It is very important that all parents and caregivers’ emergency contacts are current, as we have had incidents where parents and/or emergency contacts have had their details changed and the office has not been notified of these changes. The emergency contact must not be the same as the parent contact e.g. it should be grandparents, friend or neighbour.

Car Safety
Another concern is parents dropping off their children in the morning or collecting them in the afternoon and stopping their cars on Glenmore Parkway or at the roundabout to the entrance of the school. Please use the soccer fields car park at the front of the school or the staff car park at the rear of the school, as it is a safety issue.

PARENT SURVEY
We seek your views on the NSW laptop program.

A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the NSW Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program impacts on education across the state. The evaluation is intended to take place over 3 years.

Please go to the link below to complete the survey. It won’t take you too long.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/RWN6ZS7?c=8276

Cameron Elliot participated in the State Track and Field Little Athletics for Athletes with Disability (AWD) at Homebush on 19th March. He won 2 Gold medals for Long Jump and Short Put. He also won a bronze for the 100 metres sprint.

Cameron receives 1st place trophy as 13 years Age Champion from his Little Athletics Club

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Meet Elwood

Last year at the final Year 12 Assembly the leaving students presented Mr Hebblewhite a duck as a parting gift. As the duck was only a baby it required a lot of special care so the Support Unit came to the rescue. A special friend of the Support Unit, Jai, offered to care for the duck, so Gregory Drake went to stay at Jai's. The duck's name was changed to Elwood and now at 5 months old he enjoys visiting the Support Unit students on a regular basis. The members of GPHS Support Unit would like to say even though Elwood is happy and well cared for now, it is not ok to give a living thing as a joke present. The care of a living thing is a huge responsibility and the person receiving the gift may not be in a position to offer the care required.
On Friday 11th March, 11 Year 9 Textiles students and Ms Quiney caught the train to Parramatta and then waited patiently in the light rain for the shuttle bus to the CraftExpo. Despite not everyone following the ‘take your turn’ concept, four very nice ladies ensured that we finally got on the 3rd bus. Upon arrival at Rosehill the expo served as a great source of decorative and creative inspiration. We saw products we had never heard of before and looked at some really great finished textile items. Some of us bought notions for our pyjamas next term and took away ideas and a realisation of what is possible in Textiles. On display were some of the Year 12 Textiles projects from 2010. Wow! How amazing were they!

Some of us were tired and hitched a ride back to the bus. Everyone returned safely and a bit more knowledgeable. Now the task of creating begins in class. Bring it on.

Annette Quiney
Textiles Teacher
On Friday 18th March the senior leadership team held a fundraising event at recess and lunch for the World’s Greatest Shave to support the Leukaemia Foundation. Students and teachers had crazy hair styles and hats, coloured hair spray and the very brave actually had their head shaved for a donation of coin or cash. The event was a great success raising a total of $374.50.

Special mention must go to Dom Milkins in Year 11 who raised $140.00 on his own from sponsors to shave his hair.

Mr Safadi also went home with a new look, as did Mr Dudley, he wasn't game enough to shave off his decade old goatee but it did look different in colour.

Thankyou to everyone who donated money and time (Mr Panaioi and Ms Pascoe especially) to make the day such a success.

Before ...

After ...

Thanks Dom!!
On 8th March, my class 9L, Miss White and Ms Woodrow travelled by train to the York Theatre, Seymour Centre to watch a performance of *Romeo and Juliet* by the Bell Shakespeare Company.

When we arrived, I thought we had a clear view of where to go, however, I soon realised we were starting to walk around in circles (we passed the Commonwealth Bank two times). Thanks to a certain person’s ipod, we wound up in the centre of Sydney pleading for directions.

After we ran our marathon, to make up for the PE lesson we missed at school, we did turn up late, however the theatre-lady was nice and let us in. But we weren’t the last school to get there so it turned out alright.

When we entered the theatre, the set was in the centre of the large room of seats filled with students and teachers. The performance itself was very well presented. The actors were magnificent. The acting skills of the actresses and actors were positively convincing, full of dynamics and emotion. They captured the mood at the perfect time – they pulled jokes, they shed a tear and they raised their voice to add emphasis at the most precise moments. The lighting added atmosphere to the production. It shone the entire set at the lively upbeat moments and dimmed softly at the sad, heart-wrenching moments.

I quite enjoyed the performance! Overall, it was a splendid day out and I’m looking forward to the next class excursion with 9L

*Nicky Punsalan, 9L*
Year 12 Physics students from Glenmore Park High School joined with students from Caroline Chisholm and Penrith Anglican colleges and scientists from CSIRO to drive the Parkes Radio Telescope remotely for the first time from a school on Wednesday 16th February. After an introduction from the CSIRO astronomers, Glenmore Park students were the first to choose a pulsar to observe. They entered instructions into the computer to turn the telescope towards their chosen pulsar and watched the telescope move into position. Pulsars are very old stars that give out beams much like a lighthouse does. Students collected information from the pulsars that let them work out the distance to the pulsar and show its position in the Milky Way galaxy. All students took turns to drive the telescope and had the chance to observe a number of pulsars. One very exciting discovery was that one pulsar that could not be found at the beginning of the observing session had turned on the second time the telescope was pointed towards it. Data that our students collected is now on the internet and can be used by scientists, other students and the public.

Debbie Rae
Science Teacher
It has been a very eventful term. Our horticulture group has been busy growing vegetables and looking after our chickens. Dr Rae and her Year 12 Physics class drove the Parkes telescope. Our Year 10’s have completed their first assessment task that goes towards their School Certificate. This was an in-class assessment where they had to plan an investigation, perform the investigation, then write a scientific report on their investigation.

All the junior science classes homework books are due in by the end of the term. Most classes would have also done at least 1 topic test.

Our Year 12’s have been working hard, preparing for their half yearly exams in weeks 10 or 11.

Wishing all a wonderful holiday.

Carley Payne
Head Teacher, Science (Rel.)

There is a maintained careers site www.glenmore.careersalert.com.au which can be accessed via the schools website. Students and their parents are able to register for alerts and as career information is inputted a copy of the latest information is sent to your email address.

Large resources such as excursion notes, resume samples, important career websites, timelines and information regarding the work experience and tax file number program are located under the heading of Faculties and then Careers on the school website for your convenience.

To book a career interview parents can ring me via the office and students can see me during recess and lunch.

International Women’s Day was celebrated at assembly and a women’s lunch where Tanya Davies from Penrith Council spoke to our girls, encouraging them to live a full life by participating in all areas that interest them.
Trade Training Centre Opening
ADVERTISEMENTS

What’s On in Term 2

After school Activities
For 5-12yrs
Tuesdays 3:30 – 5:00pm
Floribunda Community Centre

Indoor and Outdoor activities based around the child’s interests and needs in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere
$5.00 per week
Limited spaces so get in quick

Taste of Everything
Women’s Group
During school hours an opportunity to try something different every week. Yoga, power tools, Thai cooking, canvas painting, car basics, sailing, beading and mosaics are all the possibilities. Great chance to discover new skills and friends.
There may be a small cost involved and will vary from week to week.

It’s Up to You
Multimedia Competition for Glenmore Park people aged 12 – 17yrs
Focused of the waterways of Glenmore Park, an opportunity for youth to have their say.
Involvement involves free workshops, mounting of works and a public launch of exhibition of works.

If you are interested in any of these please call Domenica on 4733 1499 or call into the Floribunda Community Centre

You Are Invited
to come & celebrate Easter @ Glenmore Park Anglican Church

EASTER SERVICES
Thursday 21st April @ 7pm
Last Supper Communion Service

Good Friday Services @ 8:30am & 10:15am
- both with Creche & Kids Programs

Easter Sunday Services @ 8:30am, 10:15am & 5pm
- all with Creche & Kids Programs
Then @ 7pm – especially for Youth

For more information, contact the Church Office or Rev John & Karen Lavender 4733 1635

Come to Jesus this Easter
We’d love to see you !!

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

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

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Mitchell Robinson
Sara Ljubojevic

VICE CAPTAIN
Ryan Gander
Chelsea Pearce

SECRETARY
Sarah Camilleri

YEAR ADVISERS
ASSISTANT YEAR ADVISERS

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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
- Teacher & 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
- Administration Manager: Mrs M Tsimnadis (Rel.)
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