This year Glenmore Park High School is participating in the Sydney WotOpera program along with MLC Burwood, Merrylands High and Miller Technology High. A group of 20 students from each participating school has the opportunity to create an original opera and be involved in all aspects of its creation, from conception through to performance.

Students participate in: character development, plot creation, writing the libretto, composing the music, casting, paint the backdrops and performance. The process allows students to work closely with professional performers and musicians from Opera Australia.

Come and share the journey as the curtain goes up at 7.30pm on Thursday 24 June at the Riverside Theatres, Parramatta.

Tickets are $10.00, ring 8839 3399 at Riverside Theatres. This has been an exciting time for our students. Our performing arts program has grown from strength to strength.

Natalie Brookton Principal
**Monster Tag**

Term 1 saw Josh Matheson and Jamie Williamson develop one of the school's most successful lunch time sports competitions, ‘Monster Tag’. This was part of the Sports Administration module in the Year 12 Sports, Lifestyle and Recreation course. They formed their own sports club, wrote their own constitution, and elected their own office bearers.

The sport was decided by surveying the student population and finding that the majority wanted to participate in an Oztag competition. The name was chosen as something all the students could relate to and get behind. It was promoted under the ‘Monster’ logo, designed and spray painted by Jamie. Teams quickly signed up and the round robin competition began. Although the teams were pretty evenly matched throughout the competition the ‘All Stars 11’ consisting of Matt & Mikayla Barwick, Krystal Fiorentino, Danielle Robb, Tom Noble, John Hanson, Craig Partridge, Joseph Makin, Pila Visesio, Corey Groves, Corey Tobin, and Eddie Ene proved to be the best team this year taking out the premiership.

Their talents did not quite stack up when it came time to challenge the teachers’ team led by our own Australian Touch Football representative, the legendary Mr Scott Buckley. It was a close first half but the teachers ran away with it in the end. We would like to thank everyone who became involved and made ‘Monster Tag’ such a success this year.

Ben Mackie
Head Teacher
PDHPE and SLR Teacher

**The Sydney Writer’s Festival**

On Wednesday, 19 May a group of students from Years 7-10 went on an excursion to the Sydney Writer's Festival at the Riverside Theatres in Parramatta.

Five authors spoke to us about their books and what inspired them to write. They gave us a few pointers on how to write our own book and they explained what you have to do to become a writer.

Each author aimed their books at young adults so we were able to understand them and communicate with them at ease. Each author writes in a different genre: Anthony Eaton writes sci-fi/fantasy; Charlie Higgins genre is horror; Melina Marchetta writes about teenage issues; Boori Monty Pryor about indigenous issues and John Danalis wrote a book about racism in Australian history.

Overall, it was a great day and we met some great authors. Some of the students bought books and had them signed by Melina Marchetta and Charlie Higgins. All in all it was a very educational experience.

Emma Harlock, Kianah Harmen and Tileah Dobson - Year 8

**Term Dates**

The printer has made an error with the dates of the terms in the student diaries. They are:

**Term 1** — 27th January to 1st April
**Term 2** — 19th April to 2nd July
**Term 3** — 19th July to 24th September
**Term 4** — 11th October to 17th December

We apologise for any inconvenience caused
Zac Bryant returned to Glenmore Park High School this term to collect his trophy and certificate as top HSC student for 2009.

Zac is studying for his Bachelor of Creative Writing at Wollongong University and achieving outstanding results. We wish him every success.

Band Camp
I was the only person from my school who went to band camp. I decided to go to improve my clarinet skills. There was also a vocal group and a string ensemble. When we weren’t in the focus groups, we were in interest groups where we got to choose from big, jazz and junk band, djambe drumming (African drumming), musical theatre and recording. I was in the African drumming, where we learnt all different things such as oompa loompa.

Night activities were really fun. On the first night we had a trivia night, which the teachers and tutors cheated in, however, my group came first with 47 out of 50 and got a prize. On the second night, some of us watched State of Origin. If you didn’t want to watch the football, you were allowed to watch a movie called “The Goonies” (which I watched).

The best thing was meeting new people and making new friends, which were more than just the people in my cabin. Their names were Becky, Maddy, Alisa and Anna. Alisa and Anna were sisters. Maizy, Rachel and Little Ana, were also in my cabin. My cabin friends had so many stories about school and their lives. All the people were friendly at the camp. During one of the eating periods on the first or second day the teachers said NO coffee. Some people I met snuck some in when the teachers weren’t looking. They also used diversions (tipping the apples over).

All in all I had an awesome time and would love to go again.

Tiara Timmons
Year 8

P & C
Our P & C meeting took place on Monday 21st June beginning at 6.30pm. Our guest speaker was Ms Denise Tsirigos, Head Teacher English who explained the Year 7-10 programs. It was a very informative meeting. Research tells us that students perform much better at school when their parents and carers take an active interest in their work.

Our annual Big Day In will take place on Thursday 29th July. Parents who can spare some time on the P & C stall are asked to contact Wendy Langer on 0432 478 875. The stall will sell fairy floss, slushies, lollies and deep fried Mars Bars. This is a fun day and a great way to meet other parents. We look forward to your support.

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 25th July in the Administration Block. Our guest speaker will be Kevin Radley, Head Teacher Science.
**Gym Program**

The gym program has now been running for 12 months; it is designed to encourage young students to lead an active and healthy lifestyle. We have just recently completed our July Fitness Test and the boys are seeing some great improvements.

In the past few weeks small groups from the program have ventured into the Blue Mountains to take on the notorious Knapsack Stairs and other challenging tracks. This is in preparation for the 6km commando course called the Tough Bloke Challenge which is on 3rd July in Appin.

Just recently we ran a very successful BBQ, which will go towards improving our schools fitness lab and continue to provide a healthy breakfast for the boys. This was only the first of a number of fundraising events planned.

Josh Matheson

**Science**

“Short term inconvenience for long term benefits!” That’s the message from the Science Faculty as the demolition of two class rooms and one laboratory progresses in preparation for the construction of four new laboratories, each with adjoining class learning areas. Students and teachers are looking forward to this major development being completed in Term 3. The new resources will support the investigations and experiments performed by our Science students.

Students in Years 7 to 10 are presently working on their major home projects, one of the most important pieces of Science assessments for the year. Some of the ideas being tested so far include “The ten second rule: fact or fiction?” (referring to when food is dropped onto the floor), “Most expensive golf balls are hit further” and many more.

Students and teachers were excited at the birth of the lamb recently. Currently, debate continues over the name of the latest addition to our agricultural area. We are looking forward to the completion of the new laboratories so the vegetable gardens and animal area can be re-opened in time for Spring.

Kevin Radley

HT Science and Social Sciences
Last week Year meetings were held in place of our weekly assembly. A group of dedicated and friendly senior students gave up their time to come and work with the Year 7 group, focusing on team building games and working together. The Year 7 students had an absolute ball learning to work positively and cooperatively with their peers and they got a thrill out of working with the elder students of the school. I am very proud of our senior students who demonstrated their leadership skills with great delight.

Thankyou on behalf of year 7!
Katie Gill (Year 7 Advisor)
It started off as a normal fun filled day at GPHS. However, it soon changed as the serenity of the classrooms were soon interrupted by the thundering sounds of the blades from an army Black Hawk helicopter as it slowly descended on to the school grounds. Students were given the opportunity to closely inspect the Black Hawk with the specific instructions not to touch any red buttons. Under the watchful eyes of the crew, our students obtained a greater understanding of the Black Hawk and its crew. GPHS would like thank the Army for the opportunity to gain an insight into the exciting life of Australia’s Armed Forces.
Careers

Year 12 - will not be involved in a Career Development Day this year as I have been utilising the time on a Thursday before assembly. During the 20 minute period, Year 12 have been working on recording employability skills and goal setting. Students have been asked to email their completed resume notes to me for feedback. The first guest speaker to assist them with leaving school has been scheduled for Week 9. All Year 12 must attend these sessions as this is the only way we can provide them with all the information they need to make informed career decisions. It also means students will not be missing valuable class time.

**Important Dates - Year 12**

23rd July  
Nepean Careers Market – notes due now

Year 11 - this term were invited to attend the University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown to experience a day in the life of a university student. The event will again be run in November at Penrith for anyone not able to attend last week. Year 11 may attend Try a Trade (see Year 9 update for details). They are also invited to attend the Nepean Careers Market. See Mrs Cornish for a note or download one from the school website.

Year 10 - I have started to withdraw Year 10 to prepare them for the subject selection process. During this time students are able to complete a survey to assist them with the selection of possible career pathways. All of Year 10 will receive a Job Guide containing relevant career information and I have also handed them paperwork containing useful websites. They must now complete a detailed job investigation, as well as spending time with a parent/guardian discussing which subjects they should select. Next, students will be given their subject selection booklet and they will be taught how to select subjects. Once they hand in their subject selection sheet, your child will be interviewed by a member of staff specifically trained to assist your child to choose the appropriate pattern of study. The subjects selected will then be placed on-line and after the school holidays students will again be interviewed by a Careers Adviser. This will be timed to occur after they attend the Careers Market. At this interview we will be able to confirm the final selection or to rechoose, if a timetable clash occurs. This year we hope to interview Year 10 twice to ensure the student has selected subjects based on detailed research. Please contact me at school if you require more information.

**Important Dates - Year 10**

22-23rd June  
Subject Selection Interviews

23rd July  
Nepean Careers Market – Excursion notes due now

Year 9 - The Try a Trade excursion has been organised for interested Year 9 students, to allow them to start thinking about future careers. This day allows students to try, “hands on”, a variety of trades, through interactive activities such as planting seeds, welding or painting nails. A note to attend this event was handed out to interested students.

**Important Dates - Year 9**

28th June  
Try a Trade Excursion

Angelika Cornish  
Careers Adviser
On Monday 31st May, Year 8 participated in a History Incursion facilitated by the performance group “Back in Time”. The students listened to the group explain the uses of the various weapons and armour. They watched a simulated combat scene and were involved in various other activities. Many of the students had an entertaining time trying on the chain mail and an assortment of helmets.
Lots Happening at GPHS

Music Class

Under 16’s Boys Futsal

TAFE Community Services Day

Early Morning Breakfast Club

Ms Cornish and students on Marine Expo Excursion

Under 14’s Girls Futsal
Lots Happening at GPHS

- Working towards the HSC
- Using the new COLA
- Trade Training Centre begins to take shape
- Busy at Art
- Talented Artist
- New Library corner
Performing Arts

Our Wot Opera project is well underway. Our 20 very excited students have created the libretto and the music with the help of their teachers from the Australian Opera. They are now furiously learning the parts for their performance at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre on Thursday 24th June. Tickets are $10.00 each and are available from the box office. Don’t miss out on a great night.

20 dancers were very privileged to take part in the Australian Ballet Workshop that was held on Friday 4th June. Our dancers participated in contemporary and ballet classes, taught by performers from the Australian Ballet Company. Congratulations to all our students on your great work.

On Thursday 9th June our dancers, musicians and singers auditioned over one hour’s worth of music and dance items for the Penrith Valley Festival which will be held in August. Good luck to all our performers.

The GPHS dance ensemble performed at the matinee for the Sydney West Dance festival on Wednesday 9th June and in the evening on Thursday 10th June. Congratulations to all dancers for their fine performance.

On May 4th and June 3rd, schools from all over NSW competed in the 2010 Theatre Sports Challenge. Our team consisted of Amalia Dacosta, Abi Kesby-St Clair, Tarlee Leckie, Gemma Courtney, Jayde Mackie, Kayla Mackie and Kianah Harman. Our team was successful in Round 1 (by coming 1st) and with a slight change in team members, we were ready for Round 2 (unfortunately we were unsuccessful).

The girls would like to thank everyone (including teachers) who came to support their team. Hopefully next year we will be more successful, but well done anyway!

Heidi Caws
HT Creative and Performing Arts

Jessica Elliott

During the school holidays Jessica Elliott from Year 9 represented the Australian Under 15’s FUTSAL team for a tour across England and Wales and was selected to captain her team throughout the tour.

Jessica’s Australian team played sides from both England and Wales. They were undefeated in all their FUTSAL games, with Jessica scoring lots of goals. At the end of the tour Jessica was named ‘Player of the Tour’ by Australian official and coaches.

Jessica would like to thank Mr. Safadi for helping her raise funds to go on the trip.

Jessica is to be congratulated on her fine efforts; she has successfully represented Glenmore Park High School and Australia on her international tour. Well done Jessica!
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