Recently our School Captain, Nicholas Hawkins, was one of 125 Year 11 and 12 students selected from around 4,000 students to investigate “Australian Federalism: a Question of Balance”, at the 17th National Schools’ Constitutional Convention held at Old Parliament House in Canberra.

Students were provided with the opportunity to explore current issues around Commonwealth powers. They participated in panel discussions and working groups to explore the principles that inform the division of powers between the respective levels of government in Australia.

Nicholas thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet students from throughout Australia and was impressed with the wide range of discussion generated around the issues being addressed.

“I was really proud to have been chosen to represent Western Sydney High Schools and especially my own school. It was a great opportunity to participate and to network with Student Leaders from across Australia and I would recommend any student provided with this opportunity in the future to accept it.” (Nicholas Hawkins).

Ms L Gorick
Deputy Principal
Welcome back to a very busy term 2. We have a wide range of events coming up over the next few weeks including our Zone Cross Country Carnival, Athletics Carnival and NAPLAN examinations. We are also entering our assessment period for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and then our reporting period at the end of term. I wish all students well during this time.

Uniform:
Students and parents are reminded that Glenmore Park High School is a uniform school. During the cooler months, students must wear the official school jackets and jumpers. These are available from the “Back to Basics” store that supplies all of our school uniform. Assorted sports jumpers and “hoodies” are not acceptable and uniform detentions run at each lunchtime for non-compliance. If uniform is not able to be worn for any reason, parents are required to provide a note that will be marked off by their roll call teacher. The school appreciates your support on this issue.

Mobile Phones:
All schools are faced with the challenge of coping with the use and misuse of mobile phones. The school has a mobile phone policy that is on our website. Put simply, phones need to be switched off and out of sight during class time. Parents are discouraged from calling their children directly at school. Any parental contact should be directed through the school office where any necessary arrangements can be made. Similarly, if students need to have contact with their parents, it should be through the school office. I am sure that parents will understand and respect the difficulty of managing issues within the school where communication occurs outside of official channels. It is also timely to remind parents and students that the school does not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage of mobile phones. They are brought to school at the owner’s personal risk.

Arriving and Leaving:
Our school is a central part of our community. As a result, all students have a responsibility to be respectful to members of their community and their property. All students need to be aware that they are expected to use their morning and afternoon time to go about their business in a way that does not impact on others in a negative way. This means using the appropriate walkways and using language and behaviour that is expected by our community.

I wish everyone well over the few weeks and encourage all students to do their best in whatever challenge that they set their mind to!

Mr Harvie
Deputy Principal
Update of Students Medical Records

The school is currently updating student medical records and request that you:

1. Download the form ‘Student Medical Condition Update’ from the school website
2. Complete the required details
3. Return it to the front office as soon as possible

We are particularly concerned with students who have asthma, allergies, diabetes, anaphylaxis and epilepsy.

If you have any concerns, please contact the school.

Annette Quiney  
HT Welfare

Hunger Busters

The Support Unit undertook a project—”Opening A Restaurant For A Day” - as part of their Authentic Learning.

They produced a flyer to advertise their restaurant “Hunger Busters”. Their menu was 3 course and consisted of Devon Rolls, Spring Rolls or Chicken Nuggets as an entrée. Mains were either Salad, Pasta, Spaghetti Bolognaise or a Spanish Omelette. Dessert was Choc Nut Iced Delight or Choc Sundae.

To help with their planning, they visited a nearby restaurant. They then shopped, cooked and catered for 30 of their fellow students.

It was an enjoyable and authentic learning experience.

Susan Kali  
Support Unit

Trivia Night

On Friday 24th August a Trivia Night will be held at the High School to help raise funds for airconditioning. Tickets are $10 per person or $100 per table of 10 and can be purchased at the office. Any donations or prizes will be gratefully received.

P&C

Next meeting for the P&C will be held on Monday 21st May in the School Library at 6.30pm. All welcome.
It is a requirement that **ALL** absence(s) from school be explained. There are 3 ways this can be done:
1. Replying to the SMS you receive.
2. Contacting the school by phone or fax on the day of or within a few days after absence.
3. Providing your child with a note to give to their roll call teacher.

**It’s not OK to stay away!**

Did you know…?

An attendance of just 85% equates to:
- An average of **7.4 days** per term absent from school.
- 5 lessons a day x 7.4 days = **37 lessons** lost each term.
- 7.4 days x 4 school terms = **30 days** (ie: 6 weeks) per year absent.
- 30 days per year x 5 lessons a day = **150 lessons** (more than 150 hours) lost each year.

Annette Quiney  
Head Teacher Welfare

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**FROM THE OFFICE**

All elective fees/subject fees e.g. Food Technology, Electronics, need to be paid before students can attend any extra-curricular activities such as excursions and camps. If there are any extenuating circumstances, please contact the Principal.

**Replying to SMS messages**

When replying to SMS messages please state the students name, year, date of absence and reason.  *This reply is a free message.*

**Change of Details**

It is a Departmental requirement that student details and emergency contacts are current. Change of Details forms can be picked up from the office or downloaded from the website at [www.glenmorepk-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/faculties/administration](http://www.glenmorepk-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/faculties/administration).
As reported in last term’s newsletter Glenmore Park High School had a group of students who showed their talents in the water and made it through to Zone, Regional and the State levels of representation for swimming. These students were Tiffany Calland, Nicholas Hawkins, Lachlan Quayle and Abbi Williams. All of our students are to be commended on their fine efforts as athletes and role models for Glenmore Park High School, Nepean Zone and Sydney West School Sport.

It was a case of the experienced making way for the up and coming when School Captain, Nicholas Hawkins and Tiffany Calland from Year 12 represented GPHS for the last time at the Sydney West Swimming Meet mid-March. Nicholas watched proudly as Abbi Williams and Lachlan Quayle, both from Year 7, swam into State selection for some of their events. Nicholas was quoted as saying: “I’m leaving swimming in good hands with Abbi and Lachlan.” Nicholas has led this young group and competed in the 100m Breast Stroke and 100m Freestyle events, where he placed highly just missing out on a spot to the next level at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships. Nicholas has had a long history of swimming and sporting success at Glenmore Park High School and has been a great leader for the younger students to look up to. We wish him all the best in his School, State and National campaigns.

Tiffany Calland and Lachlan Quayle also respectively placed well at the NSW CHS Carnival which is a wonderful achievement.
Abbi Williams has gone one step further and has now qualified for the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships which will be held at SOPAC, Homebush in May. From this event, a State squad is selected for the School Sport Australia Championships which are held later in each year. Abbi was also named 13 yr Girls Sydney West Age Champion for 2012. We wish Abbi all the best for the 50m Backstroke event she will be competing in at these Championships.

Taher Safadi
PDHPE
AFL Report

Friday 30th March saw the Sydney West AFL Championships held at Grantham Reserve.

Nepean Zone presented with 20 students—GPHS sent Jack Noble, Chris Vineburg, Alex Marzano, Corbin Baikie, and Jordan Bingham. Jack Noble was selected for the Sydney West Team.

Congratulations to all the boys who attended—they were at all times courteous and displayed good sportsmanship. It was a pleasure to take them.

Taher Safadi
PDHPE

Year 12 ‘Cosi’ Excursion

Late last term a group of Year 12 students were rallied together to make the journey to Riverside Theatre, Parramatta to see their HSC Module B: Close Study play ‘Cosi’ on stage. The play, set in the 1970s, details a young director’s experiences when directing a play for a range of patients in a mental institution. The characters—wonderful and eclectic, tell a story of oddity and joy and they are so affected by their stage performance that they are never the same again.

The students found many aspects of the stage production amusing and hopefully experiencing the text brought to life will assist them in their HSC English studies this term. A big thank you to all the students who attended for their wonderful behaviour and positive attitude, they made the day a pleasure to be a part of.

Kira Bryant
English
**World’s Greatest Shave**

On Friday, March 16th, the Senior Leadership Team coordinated the annual World’s Greatest Shave at Glenmore Park High School. The school assisted in raising much needed funds for the charity by not only collecting sponsorships from those who volunteered to shave their heads, but by also offering hair colouring for a gold coin donation, as well as selling a barbeque lunch.

There was plenty of enthusiasm from everyone, with the school raising **almost $1000** to go to the Leukaemia Foundation. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event your contribution was much appreciated.

*Senior Leadership Team*

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**Leaving a Legacy**

At the end of Term 1, the Senior Leadership Team participated in a workshop to enhance their leadership skills. The workshop included talks from Principal, Natalie Brookton and Deputy Principal, Stuart Harvie, as well as team building exercises and discussions on how the team could ‘Leave a Legacy’. The team came up with some great ideas on how to try and further improve the school environment in plenty of different ways. The Captains, Vice Captains and Coordinator remained behind, developing a constitution for the Senior Leadership Team to follow. This created a set of rules and regulations to guide the efforts and functioning of current and future teams. Everyone had a great day, with all the members leaving with more confidence in their leadership skills and the knowledge that moving forward is now within our reach.
HUNGER
The Debating Club has come back in 2012 stronger than ever. Over 20 students from Years 7-10 took part in two incursions, the first on Wednesday the 28th of March and the second Tuesday 1st May. We saw lots of debaters return after their successes in 2011, as well as lots of new faces, arrive ready to learn what debating is all about.

Ms. Bryant and Ms. Langham created a training program that ran for the first half of the day. This covered the basics of debating as well as some of the finer details and tactics. The second half of the day saw Year 9 and 10 students take on the role of coaches to help students in Years 7 and 8 put some of their new skills into practice. The support of these coaches and the amount of assistance they offered their peers and teachers was commendable!

Those who attended the training day were attentive, interested and perceptive. They worked with people they'd never met before, including students older or younger than themselves. The sense of community, as well as the exhibition of higher order
Glenmore Park High subscribes to a careers service that 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. This means emails will be sent directly to an email address of your choosing. 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 “How to use this website”. Have a look at the News Pages and Events Calendar and browse through the many other useful careers pages.

I will still use your child’s DEC email account to inform them of school specific information that I feel is relevant. Information on excursions and in house career activities will be advertised in this way. I will also use the careers section on the schools website to post this information. In this way no one will miss out on any vital information.

Career Excursion

Interested student’s can now register for an excursion to Nepean Hospital on 17th May 2012 to find out about the various career opportunities available with such a large employer. Students can either email me or register in the careers room at recess or lunch. Careers on the day will be as varied as nursing to security guard or painter.

Career programs:
1. IEA program – Apprenticeship Club – ran for 6 weeks last term and was a great success with students currently participating in work experience.
2. Year 10 will be selecting their senior subjects this term. To assist students with this process could you start discussing with your child what they are aiming for next year, as well as the types of subjects that may best suit them next year. If they are looking at leaving school could they register with me as soon as possible.

Other Programs available:
Information on all services provided at the school such as work experience, tax file number applications and templates for resumes or links to useful websites are all located on the school website under the Careers Faculty tab.

Important Dates for your Diary
17th May: Nepean Hospital Health Wise Expo
5th June: UWS Open Day Campbelltown Excursion (Years 10, 11 and 12)
25th June: Try a Trade Years 9 and 10 (Parents welcome to join us at venue).
20th July: Nepean Career Market Excursion – all Years 10 and 12 (Year 11 are also invited) to attend. Parents welcome to join us at the Venue.
4th September: Penrith Apprenticeship Expo (Parents and child attend after school at Panthers).

Angelika Cornish
Careers Adviser
Western Sydney's Largest Try’a Trade is on again in 2012 at Kevin Betts Stadium, Mt Druitt on 25th & 26th June and the partners have been busy planning on taking this year’s event to another level. With the addition of a new partner, PVS WORKFIND, new ideas and initiatives will ensure this is an event not to be missed.

Try’a Trade is a hands-on experience, which provides students with the opportunity to meet and greet professional trade representatives from a variety of skilled careers as well as the opportunity to experience what it feels like to handle the tools used by tradies every day in the field.

So come and try .... Automotive, Beauty Care, Bricklaying, Carpentry, Childcare, Cookery, Design, Electrical, Hairdressing, Panel Beating, Plumbing, Spray Painting, Welding and much more... a wide range of trades, professions and skills are on offer as well as expert advice to help you make informed decisions about YOUR job of the future.

This year Western Sydney Try’a Trade team is hoping to see lots of parents come along to walk alongside their child as they embark on this journey of discovery.

See your School Careers Adviser or organisation supervisor for more information as bookings are made in groups.

Student thoughts on the day's experience.

“I want to become a chef, but thought it would be good to come here and get some experience. That way, if I find out that I don’t like it, at least I’ve had the experience and can find something else to try.” Morgan Bailey, 15

“The expo gives us a good opportunity to learn things that are out of our comfort zone and interact with other people. We get to try different things we wouldn’t get a chance to in a classroom.” Amanda James, 16
PARENTING TEENAGERS

GATEWAY FAMILY SERVICES
An activity of Blaxland Uniting Church/Uniting Care
FAMILY LINKS PROJECT

Starting Tuesday, 22nd May 2012

- Developing self esteem and closer relationships
- Communication – hearing and being heard
- Boundaries and discipline - helping kids develop self-responsibility
- Emotions, anger and violence
- Drugs and Alcohol presented by a trainer from substance.org
- What works – supports, strategies & looking after yourself

Group Facilitator: Peter Hurley BA(Psych), M.Couns

Peter is the Co-ordinator of Lower Mountains Family and Adolescent Counselling at Winmalee. He is a father of four and a very experienced counsellor and trainer who has facilitated many parenting groups for Gateway Family Services, including – Parenting Teens, Parenting Kids with ADHD, Fathering, and other courses, including - Helping Kids Cope with Separation and Divorce, Bullying, and Rejecting Violence within Ourselves, Our Families and Our Communities.

WHEN: Tuesdays from 22nd May. (22/5, 29/5, 5/6, 12/6, 19/6, 26/6)
TIME: 10 am – 12 noon
WHERE: Blaxland Uniting Church Hall, (opposite Blaxland Public school), 70 Old Bathurst Rd, East Blaxland, 2774
COST: $60 - includes morning tea, 147 sheet e/workshop notes package, drug and alcohol information handouts & 6 sessions
For non-waged, or low income earners - arrangements can be made re cost.

CHILD-CARE: Child minding is not available for these sessions.
REGISTRATION: Bookings essential, Phone - 4739-5963

If on answering service, please leave your name, the course (parenting teenagers) and a phone number. An e/mail address is also very helpful.
Career Workshops

Always wanted to do something else? Uncover real options and the knowledge of how to pursue them.

Great people face resume rejection every day because they use traditional job search methods, rather than answering ‘WIIFM?’ Our straightforward steps will give your resume WOW and convert your interviews to job offers. With our tools you will be able to prepare well, every time.

We’re about to run a short series of workshops in Glenmore Park. We also offer 1:1 coaching, we can craft a resume for you, have DIY options and even a FREE 10-DAY RESUME BOOSTER COURSE via email.

Contact Catherine for more info on 0414 905 006 or visit our website www.cnconsulting.com.au
10% discount when you mention this notice

G’DAY USA 2013

Opportunities still exist for students to take part in a cultural exchange trip to the USA in January 2013 school holidays.

Destinations include: Disneyland, Universal Studios, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco.

Cost is $5195.00—this includes airfares, transfers, accommodation, travel insurance breakfasts and admission to attractions.

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

Hurry—Spaces filling fast

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Ms Lisette Gorick

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Nicholas Hawkins

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Estelle Vallett
Jonathan Zingle

COORDINATOR
Shannon Du Plessis

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Year 7      Ms J Drew          Ms A Elford
Year 8      Ms C Payne         Dr D Rae
Year 9      Mr G Hebblewhite   Ms K Smith
Year 10     Mr J Newham        Ms J Bishop
Year 11     Mr S Fryirs        Mr J Thompson
Year 12     Dr K Herath        Ms K White

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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 J Newham (Rel.)
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/Ms A Babinard
School Administration Manager Ms K Kearney
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