November 2013

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who have successfully completed their high school education. The Graduation Evening was inspirational with many students achieving not only gold certificates, but bronze, silver, gold and platinum medallions—the most we have achieved for any Year 12 groups. A huge thank you to their Year Adviser Mr Fryirs and Assistant Year Adviser Mr Thompson who have guided and supported Year 12 over the years and all staff for their dedication to ensure Year 12 achieved their best in their exams. The HSC is now over and I am sure the students are looking forward to the future. Many thanks to our P&C who provided funds so that our students could look their best in their graduation gowns.

Our Years 9 & 10 students have been through a training program for Peer Support. One of their first responsibilities is to support the incoming Year 7 from our partner primary schools. Well done for the students in being part of this important program. Year 6 Orientation Day will provide the opportunity to test their skills.

Thank you to staff and students who worked hard to raise over $2,500 for bushfire relief.

Natalie Brookton
Principal
Blake Stevens—Martial Arts

Blake Stevens competed at the Australian Haidong Gumdo (Korean Sword Martial Art) Championships in Brisbane in October. He also presented for his Black Belt (1st Dan) in Sword, at the same time, in front of Grand Master Jung Il Oh and Grand Master Li from Korea to which he past with flying colours.

In the Championships he competed in Gumbup Poomsae (Patterns) and in the technique of Paper Cutting to which he won gold medals in both and is now the Australian Junior Champion in both categories. He is now eligible to compete as Australian Champion at the Martial Arts Olympics in Sydney next year.

Writers Festival

The Annual Writers Festival was held this term with Year 7 students from Glenmore Park High and Years 5 & 6 from the primary schools working on a creative writing task. Thank you to Mr Bartolo who guided the students to produce some outstanding work. This was the fourth year since its establishment and has become a valuable event in the school calendar. Students selected this year were Chloe Shaw, Caleb Pawlutschenko, Layla Rae, Jordan Kambanis and Brooke Fyffe.

Rebecca Johnson
Teacher Librarian (Rel.)
Stephen Cuff Takes Gold!

At the NSW Junior Metropolitan Road Championships

Stephen Cuff is a member of Penrith Cycling Club and the Racing Kangaroos. He competed in the under 15 NSW Junior Metropolitan Road Championships held at Sutherland recently. Stephen’s commitment to training has paid off, when he won a Gold medal. He knows it’s a long way to the top in cycling but says he has a dream, and he knows he has to work at it. He also has just returned from competing in New Zealand.

Stephen has now been awarded a scholarship with the Western Sydney Academy of Sport for cycling for 2013/14. Congratulations Stephen on your outstanding success!

G’Day USA

Any students still interested in going to America in January 2015, it’s not too late! You must be aged between 14 and 19 at the time of travel (2015). Siblings and friends attending other schools are welcome to join us. Any student interested must have a $500 deposit cheque/money order, made out to EWT as soon as possible to secure your place on this exciting trip of a life time. Imagine travelling to the USA for 20 days visiting Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm and going skiing, staying with an American family and attending an American school.

For more information, please see Ms Leonard in the kitchen or call Glenmore Park High School on 4733 0155.
Teenagers International Photographic Prize

The SNAPSHOT Teenagers International Photographic Prize is an annual, open photographic competition which provides a unique forum for the exhibition of images made by teens from around the globe.

Sophie Schenk of Year 11 submitted a successful entry for the prize, which was based on the theme of *Transformation / Metamorphosis*. Her image is currently on display at the Penrith Regional Gallery and Lewers Bequest. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sophie on this outstanding achievement!

*Kim Smith*
*Creative and Performing Arts*

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**Fundraising for Year 10 Formal**

This term Year 10 will be running fundraising activities to go towards their Formal at the end of the year.

In week 4 the Year 10 Formal Committee provided a cake stall during recess. Several students showed their culinary skills by baking cakes, muffins and cookies. It was a great success; both students and teachers enjoyed the food being offered.

The next major fundraiser will be in week 7 where year 10 students will be washing teachers’ cars.

*Greg Hebblewhite*
*Year 10 Adviser*
Year 7 Geography Excursion

On 9th September, 48 year 7 students had the opportunity to visit the Blue Mountains World Heritage Site with Ms. Salvia and our very own Geography expert Mr. Fryirs. On the day the students looked at the importance of preserving our Australian heritage, and the significance of the Blue Mountains area to the unique Australian environment. The students learnt about the geographical location, the value of the flora and fauna and of course they got to visit some of the various breathtaking sites that make up the Blue Mountains. All the students who attended had a wonderful time despite the very windy conditions, all while learning some important geography skills. They also had the opportunity to take some of their very own pictures to include in their World Heritage site assignment.

Maria Salvia  
HSIE Faculty
Welcome to our two new staff members

Ellen Richardson has just returned from three years teaching as the sole English teacher in Brewarrina, in remote NSW. Ms. Richardson loves sci-fi and fantasy, and hopes to inspire a love of literature in her students. Above all, she endeavours to create a rapport with her students and to help them to become discerning citizens, by developing their critical thinking and analysis skills.

Chris Liauw has joined our TAS Faculty from Hills Sports High School. He enjoys a range of sports, video games and cars. He is an enthusiastic teacher whose area of expertise is computing.
Teachers’ Crazy Hat Day

Building our new Sandstone Wall

Years 9 & 10 students worked hard to build seating for the students who travel by bus.
On Tuesday 29.11.13 Ms Bryant, Ms McCormick, Ms Vella and Mrs O'Loughlan took a lovely group of students from Year 7, 9, 10 and 11 to the Jewish Museum.

We were privileged to hear from Yvonne, a child survivor of the Holocaust, who recounted her experiences as a young 14 year old girl being taken from her family in Czechoslovakia in the cattle trains to the notorious concentration camp Auschwitz in Poland.

Yvonne, now 84, described what it was like: being transported across Europe in the cattle trains; being separated from her parents, never to see them again; being marched into the gas chamber where she was forced to wait overnight in the dark and naked only to be released next morning because the gas cylinders in the chamber malfunctioned; and the living conditions she had to endure while she worked in the camp at the hands of brutal SS soldiers who routinely bashed her, permanently damaging her right ear. Yvonne impressed us with her strength and her undying "faith" that got her through.

Our students were brilliant throughout the day. The level of maturity and respect they showed as they moved through the museum and as they listened to their guides. Their thought provoking and intelligent questions to Yvonne were mature and demonstrated a detailed understanding of the Nazi regime and the Holocaust.

The students comported themselves exceptionally well throughout the whole excursion and we were proud they represented the school well at all times.

At the end of Term 3, the school invested $5000 in the MutliLit (Making up for lost time in Literacy) package to assist our students experiencing difficulty in Literacy. The program is an international recognised, research based program designed by Macquarie University that is designed to assist those who have struggled to “crack the alphabetic code” in reading usually due to deficits in phonological processing skills and who tend to rely instead on compensatory visual and contextual strategies.

Thank you to our qualified trainer, Ms Small (LaST 9-10) for running several professional learning sessions for many of our mainstream and the support unit teachers and student support staff in how to administer this excellent program.

If you have any questions about MultiLit please refer to the parent fact sheet available at http://www.multilit.com/help/faqs/parents-faqs.

Kaylene McCormick
Head Teacher, Teaching & Learning
During the first week of the September school holidays 24 Performing Arts students and 6 teachers from Western Sydney travelled to China to perform several concerts. Glenmore Park High student Blake Stevens was chosen to be a part of this Cultural Exchange. He was a member of an instrumental ensemble that accompanied a dance troupe and vocalists.

During the trip Blake experienced school life in another country, attending an introduction to Chinese lessons.

The main performance was held in Ningbo where both Australian and Chinese students presented a concert to Graham Kahabka, Relieving Executive Director, and Jason Miezis, Director Educational Services as well as the Directors of Education from Ningbo.

After all the official performances were over the group headed to Beijing and enjoyed visiting The Great Wall, Forbidden City, Summer Palace and Tiananmen Square.

The trip was a great success and will be an experience that Blake will never forget.
Inspired by and featuring the songs of Elvis Presley
Book by Joe DiPietro
By Arrangement with ORiGiN Theatrical on behalf of Theatrical Rights Worldwide

Evening Performance
Tues 17th December, 2013
Time: 7 - 9 pm

Venue: Glenmore Park High School Hall

Adult - $20
Child (17 and under) - $10
Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) - $40

Tickets available on the Glenmore Park High School website
Peer Support

Training
As part of our Improving Literacy National Partnership Project, the whole staff embarked on the first session of a 36 hour intensive professional learning course called Focus on Reading. It was a big undertaking having over 40 staff in the one place at the one time to complete the first of fifteen 2 hour modules afterschool.

The Focus on Reading program will enhance staff knowledge on how to explicitly teach literacy skills, especially comprehension using the Super Six, to students across all curriculum areas. Staff will also embark on a Lesson Study Action Research Project, where they work will a colleague to refine and enhance this knowledge from this training.

The Focus on Reading Program will also enhance our connections with our feeder primary schools in the Glenmore Park Learning Alliance: Glenmore Park Public, Regentville Public and Surveyors Creek public and make the transition for our students from primary school smoother because the primary schools have completed training in Focus on Reading too.

A big thank you to Ms Bryant, Ms Coelho, Ms Quiney and Ms McCormick, the Focus on Reading trainers for making the afternoon a success! Also a big thank you to Mr Bartolo and Mr Wallington for the meticulous and time consuming work you did preparing the timetables for the Lesson Study Action Research Project.

Kaylene McCormick
Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning

The last few weeks have been busy for our Improving Literacy National Partnership Comprehension Team as we work through the extensive data we have collected throughout the project to identify the target students for project and analyse the 2013 Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN data.

The targeted Year 7 and 8 students will either undertake a personalised tuition program using the MultiLit program or small group tuition specifically targeted at one or more of the 12 main comprehension skills using the CARS and STARS program (Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies and . Some students with participate in both MultiLit and the CARS and STARS Program.

The workshops will assist students to refine their comprehension skills immediately while the staff completes the modules of Focus on Reading and Lesson Study Action Research between now and the end of Term 2 2014. Student’s participation in these workshops will be dependent upon their level of progress.
Presentation Day 2013

Presentation Day this year will be held on Thursday December 12\textsuperscript{th} at midday. Due to the increasing number of gold awards students are achieving, the gold awards will be presented at Year Meetings rather than the Presentation Day Assembly. Parents wishing to attend the year meetings to see their child receiving a gold award can contact the school.

Please encourage your child to bring in all their bronze and silver certificates before November 1\textsuperscript{st}, to be given to their Year Advisers, so that, if any student has reached Medallion level, then these medallions can be presented at Presentation Day.

\textit{Neil Guinery}  
\textit{Presentation Day Coordinator}

Toys & Tucker Christmas Drive

Glenmore Park High School’s Junior Leadership team will be supporting a Toys and Tucker Christmas Drive on behalf of Anglicare. We are asking families to help those in need.

Toys are expected to be new—they cannot be second hand. Food needs to be packed and durable, so that they can be kept for a couple of months.

All donations can be given to Mrs Payne or handed into the office. Donations will be collected until the beginning of December.

For every donation, a raffle ticket will be given to go into a draw to win a $15 iTunes card. The PBL class which has brought in the most donations will win a pizza party.

Please help support this wonderful initiative.

\textit{Carley Payne}  
\textit{Junior Leadership Team Coordinator}
Through our Improving Literacy National Partnership Project, the school has purchased a site license for the excellent ABC Reading Eggspress program aimed at 7-13 year olds. Like its little sister Reading Eggs, Reading Eggspress makes reading real books, improving spelling skills and building reading comprehension highly engaging for 7 – 13 year olds.

The site is packed full of hundreds of great online activities, books and games and program’s library contains over 1400 fiction and informational texts. Teachers even have access to the program’s resources that explicitly teach grammar, spelling and comprehension activities linked to the program’s resources.

This year all students in Year 7 and 8 will be issued with a complimentary login and password shortly. The students will have opportunities through their English Classes and at home to use the program. In late 2014, we will be asking our Year 7 and Year 8 for a small contribution to maintain our subscription. If you have other children who might benefit or enjoy this program, ABC is currently offering a free trial subscription. Go to http://readingeggspress.com/ for further details.

In an effort to extend the reading skills of our Year 7 and Year 8 students, they will be spending fifteen minutes in each English lesson completing sustained silent reading. Ms Woodrow and Ms Johnson of Reading and Comprehension teachers have been busy buying $4000 worth of new literary and non-fiction texts for the students to access in class during this time. Students of Year 7 and 8 were instrumental in compiling the shopping list and hopefully our new book boxes will have something for everyone. Students are welcome to bring their own texts from home for these sessions!

Kaylene McCormick
Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning

Migrant Experience—Year 10 Geography

Year 10 Australian Geography students are currently studying the Migration and the Migrant experience through the “Go Back To Where You Came From!” SBS series. To complement their work in this unit and to satisfy their mandatory site study requirements, Ms Salvia, Ms Kupresak, Mr Forwood and Mr Fryirs’ classes would like to take their classes on an excursion to the National Maritime Museum, where the students will be given the opportunity to examine artefacts from the museum’s collection relating to the migrant experience. The first fifty eligible students to pay for the excursion by the due date and to have returned their signed permission notes will be able to attend. A letter will be sent home shortly with your child.
Outstanding Assessment Tasks

Assessment is not just about assessing their skills it is about teaching the students to deal with time and stress management, working under pressure to meet deadlines, working in group situations, developing their skills in word processing and using software packages and effective communication. It is also about developing their work ethic. These are all skills that critical for success in the 21st century workplace.

It is disappointing to see the enormous number of N Award notifications being sent out by staff for students who are failing to submit their assessment tasks. This is a costly process for the school and a time consuming process for the teaching staff.

**Please be aware that students in all years especially Years 10-12 who fail to redeem their outstanding N Awards may not be eligible for a Record of School Achievement (ROSA) or be eligible to commence studies in Preliminary courses or HSC courses or from attending the Year 10 Formal.**

At the beginning of the year all students were issued with a complimentary hard copy of their respective assessment handbook outlining when their assessment tasks are due for each subject. A digital copy of each handbook is available from the school’s website. From 2014, students who misplace their copy will be able to purchase a replacement hard copy for $5.00 from the front office.

Mobile Phones Policy

OFF AND OUT OF SIGHT!

October saw the launch of our new Mobile phone policy “Off and Out of Sight”. Some students continue to violate this policy by continuing to use their phones in class. Please remind your children that they must abide by the policy or face having their phones confiscated by staff for the period or by the deputy for the day. Students who continually violate this policy will face stricter sanctions for persistent disobedience or defiance.

Dropping off/Picking up Students

There is an allocated public car park at the front of the school (Town Centre soccer fields) and the first car park at the back of the school that can be used when dropping off and picking up students before and after school. It would be appreciated if parents/carers do not do U-turns in the driveways, or stop in the middle of the school carparks to drop students off as it is a very dangerous practice.
Back to Basics last trading day will be Thursday 19 December 2013 and will reopen for business on Wednesday 8 January 2014.

Back to Basics will have extended hours in January to accommodate all parents before the school year in 2014 as follows:

- Monday to Friday 8.00am—5.00pm from 8th January to 31st January 2014

Back to Basics will open the following Saturdays from 9.00am—3.00pm

- 11/01, 18/01, 25/01 and 01/02 (from 9.00am—12.00pm)

Back to Basics will open the following Sundays from 10.00am—1.00pm

- 12/01 & 19/01/2014

They will not be trading on Australia Day (26/01/2014) but will be open on the Public Holiday Monday 27/01/2014 from 9.00am—3.00pm.

Normal business hours of 8.00am—4.30pm will resume Monday 3rd February 2014.
Support our school and get yourself a discounts and benefits!!!

Recently Amart Sports opened up an exciting new store in Penrith. It is located at the Henry Lawson Centre on Henry Street, right next to the Good Guys.

The Store has all your sports needs in one location with great brands, best prices and the ultimate service.

Glenmore Park High School has been selected to participate for an Initiative called the “Amart Community Kickbacks Program”. Under this program, members receive great benefits such as;

- Exclusive Sale Prices, discounts and promotions
- % off shopping days in store
- Opportunity for exclusive competitions that money can’t buy
- The school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as instore credit to spend on our school sports programs.

These benefits are available to staff, students and the families of students at Glenmore Park High School. Simply quote our schools name to get your membership card and you will start reaping the benefits of being an Amart Sports Member

All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You'll receive access to great member prices and other initiatives and the school will receive a 5% credit.

For more information:

See Mr. T. Safadi (School Sports organiser)

or visit the Amart Sports Website: amartsports.com.au or Call them 47222100

Thanks for your support.
Core Rules
Student discipline in NSW Government Schools

All students in NSW
Government schools are expected to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school’s uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.

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Short term foster carers needed for Barnardos Australia.

The Penrith centre are urgently recruiting carers who can provide a safe and loving home to a child on a short term basis.

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We pay our crisis foster carers up to $60 per child.

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Natalie Brookton

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
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(Yrs 8,10,12)
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Jessica Campbell
Liam Hantos

COORDINATOR
Tiarra Timmins

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
Teaching & Learning Ms K McCormick
Science Mr K Radley
Support Unit Mr B Fox
Technological and Applied Studies Mr J Newham
Welfare Ms A Quiney

Careers Adviser Ms A Cornish
Librarian Ms J Dengate
Learning and Support Teachers Ms A Crawshaw/Ms J Small
School Counsellor Ms S Begg/Mr T Simms
School Administration Manager Ms Y Lees (Rel.)
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