Welcome back to our final term for the year. As with all terms in 2014 it promises to be busy, exciting and hopefully rewarding for all. I sincerely hope all our Glenhaven families had an enjoyable break and enjoyed the superb weather. As this term is extremely important I would encourage all families to read all of our communication.

Technology Update

I would like to clarify some misinformation that has been brought to my attention in regards to the school’s implementation of iPads. It is the aim of the school to continually look at ways to engage all students in quality teaching and learning activities to ensure that they all achieve maximum outcomes across all levels of ability. Many years ago Interactive Whiteboards were introduced by the Department and are now an integral part of the classroom environment. iPads have been used in nearly all our surrounding schools as yet another tool to provide students with an engaging and creative way to learn. When I went to school we all used the same text book and completed page by page whether we were at that level or understood the concepts. Now teaching and learning caters for all abilities with activities being differentiated to cater for this. iPads will be used in a variety of ways, such as a small group during a literacy session or maths groups or as an extension group in other curriculum areas. Students will still be writing and reading as we have always done. We are extremely lucky that several of our new staff have been instrumental at their previous schools utilizing these programs and therefore bring along with them a myriad of examples and ways to effectively integrate this technology into the classroom. I am aware of how excited the students are about this with many Year 6 students being disappointed that they have “missed the boat”, however they will be embracing these tools at high school.

The school is not looking at the introduction of students bringing their own devices to school due to the many prospective issues such as control of what Apps are contained on personal ipads and of course security.

This term all staff will be engaged in Teacher Professional Learning to learn effective ways of integrating these devices into class lessons, with many sharing and training sessions occurring during the term.

K-2 Grass Area

As most of us would have noticed over the holidays, our K-2 playground area has been transformed from a large piece of dusty hard dirt to a green oasis. This beautiful wonderland is due to the hard work and labour of Mrs Hodkinson and her wonderful husband. All turf, base and soil was laid by them during the holidays, as well as always being at school with sprinklers going. As we want this turf to really develop some strength, we have moved Year 2 students to the back playground near the 2W demountable. We are proposing this new structure will be in place for about 5 weeks, depending on the weather. On behalf of myself and the school community I would like to say a huge thank you to the Hodkinson family.

School Accounts

All families would have received their final accounts for the year. Unlike most businesses, schools have rollover or end of the school financial year at the end of November. A sincere thank you to the numerous families who have already made these payments. There are however still outstanding fees due for services, books and excursions that the school has paid for in good faith. This includes our Dance Program. These payments need to be made as soon as possible before any other excursions or activities can be provided. At all times the school has offered that if a family is experiencing financial difficulty to please contact Nicole Tuite, School Administration Manager, in the Office and a payment plan can be organised. At no time do we want to embarrass any family or student but these programs cannot run without payment.

PSSA SUMMER SPORT - Round 9

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School Accounts
Also a reminder that dance fees must be paid immediately as costumes are being prepared and Mrs Wilson needs to know exact numbers of students that will be performing in the actual concert.

Year 6 Excursion
Last Thursday I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 6 on an excursion to the Disability Sports Expo at Homebush Bay. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students, their teachers, and parents on what wonderful role models of superb behaviour they were. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and made this old Principal feel very proud!

2015 Planning
The school is in the process of not only planning for 2015 but also preparing for the DEC’s new 5P Planning for the next three years. This process involves looking at developing strategic directions and a vision for the school over these upcoming years. There will be surveys coming up to give families an opportunity to contribute opinions in regards to what they envisage the school looking like in 2018 and what they value as important components of this development. At the P and C meeting this Tuesday I will be showing a brief video on these new procedures and what these new electronic plans will look like and involve.
Also as part of next year’s planning I urgently request that any family who is not returning in 2015 to please let the Office or myself know in writing. Also if you have not enrolled your child in Kindergarten for next year or know of someone else who has not and is interested, could you please do this as soon as possible. Class formations and staffing are always directed by numbers and these need to be as accurate as possible to ensure the usual smooth transition at the beginning of Term 1, 2015.

OOSH
Just a quick update to inform the community that I have been relentless in chasing up our OOSH situation. The process is still at a legal level however I am hoping that soon I will be able to give an estimate of when this service will be available.
Have a wonderful week and enjoy the sunshine while it lasts as forecasts for later in the week do not look very pleasant.

Kerry Maxwell
Principal

Year 6 Sport Excursion

On Thursday the 9th of October, Year 6 went to FX Zone and The Sports Centre in Homebush. We went on trampolines as well as learning how to play disabled sports which was a great experience.

Our first part of the excursion was visiting FX Zone which is a massive trampoline experience. Year 6 had a thrilling time bouncing around in three different trampoline activities: Free Trampolining, Foam Pit & Dodgeball - Trampoline style. To conclude our time at FX Zone every Year 6 student plus Mrs Maxwell, Mr Reid & Miss Sharpe jumped into the foam pit for a final picture of our FX Zone experience. Although the best bit was everyone crawling over each other struggling to get out.

We walked over to the Sports Centre & stopped for morning tea and lunch on the way. At the Sports Centre we got to experience many different sport activities people less fortunate than us play such as indoor soccer, wheel chair rugby, boccia, wheel chair tennis, gymnastics & table tennis. Lots of us felt sympathy as we saw both kids and adults with missing arms or legs. By the end of the day all Year 6 left thinking they had conquered the wheel chair (although the truth is very few did). As we left we were given a small bag containing a drink bottle & some notes telling us about what we can do to help those less fortunate people.

In the end, the day was magnificent & it reached our very high standards. Only now do we realise how lucky we are to be healthy and stable. It was a long trip home on the bus because the boys at the back wouldn’t stop mucking around 😊

By Annabelle Kitto 6R & Stephanie Bebonis 6S
P&C Update

Movie Under The Stars

Proudly sponsored by Century 21 Castle Hill, our inaugural Movie Under the Stars will be held on Friday, 31 October 2014 starting at 6.30pm. We will be screening Hotel Transylvania, there will be food and drinks available and even a prize for best costume! Pre-paid tickets are only $10 each. So, come along in your scariest Halloween outfit for what is going to be a fabulous night!

Jack O’Lantern Competition

To get into the spirit of our inaugural Halloween Movie Under the Stars, we are hosting a Jack O’Lantern competition. To enter, simply carve out your Jack O’Lantern and bring it with you to Movie Under the Stars. This competition is not a fundraising activity for the school. It is just to have some fun!! For more details, take a look at the flier attached to this email.

125 Years Of Excellence Commemorative Paving Project

The personalised pavers have been ordered and we are now looking for support from a landscaper to co-ordinate the laying of the pavers on the school grounds near the bell on the weekends of 6 – 7 December and 13-14 December 2014. Once completed, there will be approximately 7 sq. meters of paving. We are aiming to have a 125 year celebration event, which will include the unveiling of the paving, as part of the last week of school. Do you know anyone who would be willing to help lay the pavers? Please let us know at glenhavenpublicschoolpandc@gamil.com

Future Of Fundraising Survey

The results of the survey and the future of our fundraising efforts will be discussed at the next P&C meeting on Tuesday, 14 October, 2014 at 7pm. We would love for you to join us to be part of the discussion and the decision on the best way to proceed.

Kath Dalla Fontana
President
P&C Association

P & C – Canteen Capers

Due to our Pizza Meal Deal tomorrow all new specials will commence next week. Sushi will be available on Wednesday and Pasta Bolognese on Friday. Sour Suckers will be in this week and all other stock is available to purchase. I will be selling Party Pies and Sausage Rolls over the counter on and off for the next few weeks depending on the weather.

Our wonderful volunteers this week are:

Tuesday 14th - Denise Maistry, Lisa Buckingham
Wednesday 15th - Anne Andrew, Linda Edwards
Thursday 16th - Gail Cobb, Keli Roberts-Frost, Robyn Woodhouse, Anne Andrew, Anita Rose
Friday 17th - Kirsty D’Bais, Viv Zacher, Alicia Wood
Monday 20th - Angela Bevan, Sue Nichols

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