Principal's Desk

Kindergarten Orientation Days
Next Wednesday 19 November the school will be holding its first Orientation Day for Kindergarten 2015. It is a very exciting day for these students as they work with this year’s Kindergarten teachers and get a little insight into big school. The following week the students will meet their buddies and receive a bag of goodies. If you are aware of any neighbours or friends who are planning on attending Glenhaven next year and have not enrolled, could you please encourage them to do so as we are busy forming classes and wish to be as accurate as possible.

Overdue Accounts
Last week overdue account reminders were sent out from our lovely office ladies. At this stage there are still dance fees that have not been paid with the concert approaching next week. The school does not subsidise this program as it is an extracurricular program. At no time does the school wish to embarrass any child or family that is experiencing financial difficulty by stopping a student from performing in the concert or participating in an excursion, however the School Office Manager, Nicole Tuite, must be made aware of any special circumstance for non payment so an arrangement can be made. Accounts must be paid before students attend any set activity or excursion or perform in the concert.

Lost Property
Our collection of lost property is continuing to grow and unfortunately sometimes smell. There is an array of lost clothing, lunch boxes, raincoats and much more. We are looking at trying to relocate this pile as it does not look at all appealing. Please feel free to come and have a look. You may find something you thought was lost years ago, just like a treasure hunt!

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To all Year 6 students - make sure you thank your parents for all of the effort that is going on behind the scenes to make your farewell amazing!!
Thanks muchly!!
Regards
David Reid
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Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2016 Government Schools

Attention Year 5 Parents

A few weeks ago, your child should have brought home a note regarding the application process for 2016 Selective High Schools. Now is the time when you need to think carefully about your child attempting to gain entry into a Selective High School. If they have shown interest in attending a Selective High School you will need to return the bottom section of the original note that went home weeks ago (to the front Office) and start the application process online.

All applications MUST be made online - no paper applications are accepted.

The site for applications is www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Some important dates to note:

17 November 2014 - online applications close.
12 March 2015 - All applicants must sit the Selective High School Placement Test
July 2015 - Outcome of placement advice will be sent.

NOTE APPLICATIONS CLOSE 17 NOVEMBER AND LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Thank you.

Regards,

David Reid
Assistant Principal

P & C – Canteen Capers

Look out for the Big Red Spot Special this week, on the blackboard daily.

Unfortunately the popular fruit stack ice creams better known as “Lifesavers” have been discontinued. Please give your children extra money to purchase another treat as stock is low.

Nearing their last stint for the year are:-

Tuesday 11th - Denise Maistry, Cindy Edwards
Wednesday 12th - Lilly Tsigounis, Lisa Broome
Thursday 13th - Fran Etherington, Keli Roberts-Frost, Jasmin Dowdeswell, Deanna Elcham
Friday 14th - Donna Lowe, Alicia Wood, Simone Ridley, Nicole Matalavea
Monday 17th - Angela Bevan

Big Red
What is Instagram?
Instagram is a photo-sharing app which allows users to take photos, apply a filter and share content with either followers or the general public. Users are able to ‘like’ and comment on photos as well as send these images directly to individual followers. Instagram also allows users to post short videos.

What is the age classification for Instagram?
Instagram is recommended for users aged 13 years and above, however there are many underage users.

How are young people using Instagram?
Instagram is being used by young people to share photos, occasions and situations with their friends. The ability to like and comment on photos provides a useful communication function for young people as they explore and express their personality.

Should I be worried if my child is using Instagram?
Any application when used incorrectly, has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you openly communicate with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. They also need to be aware of the dangers of communicating with people they don’t know via any mobile application.

What are the privacy settings on Instagram?
Accounts on Instagram can be shared with anyone, or with those you approve as followers only. This can be done via the Instagram app on your mobile device. First select the Profile option on the lower right-hand side of the screen. In the Edit Your Profile section scroll to the bottom of the screen and ensure Photos Are Private is in the On position and select Save.

What could be revealed through an image?
A concern with photos which are taken and shared via a mobile device is that they may contain location information. Geotagging refers to the embedding of location data, such as GPS coordinates, in images taken on smartphones and some digital cameras. When these images are shared online, the location data is often also shared. This may allow others who have access to the file to determine where the image was created, potentially revealing your home address.

How can my child limit geolocation information?
It is important for your child and you to know how to disable the geolocation function for the camera on the smartphone or mobile device your child utilises. For iOS devices, this can be disabled by accessing Settings > Privacy > Locations and disabling for Camera. On Android devices, users need to open the Camera app, access Settings and disable GPS tagging. If you are unsure how to do this on your device, please access the online user guide for the model of device. It is also useful to discourage children and young people from using the Photo Map function on Instagram. This capability plots users’ photos on an interactive map and could reveal sensitive location information.

What are the potential problems with Instagram?
It is important that young people only allow people they know and trust to access their photos and learn how to block and report inappropriate users. You can block users via the Instagram app on your mobile device. Open the profile page of the offensive user and select the Further Options icon on the upper right-hand side of the screen. Select the Block User option and when prompted by the dialog box, select Yes, I’m sure.

Sharing images that are nude, offensive or sexualised can see young people in breach of State and Commonwealth legislation that carry serious legal consequences. Ethically, young people need to be aware of the impact that their online behaviour has on others as well as their own reputation.

How can I delete my child’s account?
If after talking with your child about the ethical use of Instagram and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete the Instagram account.

To delete an Instagram account log into the account at instagram.com, click the account username in the top right and select Edit Profile, click I'd like to delete my account in the bottom right.

Note: Accounts can not be reactivated and photos may be lost.

Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child's usage underground where there are fewer opportunities for you to support them.

For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au
CYBER BULLYING

Did you know that social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube all ban cyber bullying? Or that cyber bullying can be illegal? If you have been bullied online, have seen bullying online or are worried that you may have bullied someone else online and you don’t know what to do next, you can get free, confidential legal advice from www.lawstuff.org.au

What is bullying?
Bullying generally includes behaviour that:

- is meant to be hurtful;
- targets a certain person or group of people;
- happens more than once;
- embarrasses, threatens or intimidates the person being bullied.

For example, repeatedly touching someone against their will, leaving them threatening messages or spreading nasty rumours about them are all examples of bullying.

Is cyber bullying a crime?
Cyber bullying is defined by most social networking websites and can be a crime. Website administrators can remove pages with offensive, harassing or intimidating messages and photos and may also ban cyber bullies from using the site in future.

Cyber bullies may also be charged and have to go to court depending on the seriousness of the bullying. For example, it is illegal to use mobiles or the internet in a way that is menacing, harassing or offensive. A ‘menacing’ use would be threatening to harm someone. (Threats are illegal under a number of laws, and can even be considered assault.) A ‘harassing’ use would be bothering someone over and over again. An ‘offensive’ use is harder to define. There is a thin line between actions that are hurtful and actions that are illegal. If you use your mobile or the internet in a way that is likely to really hurt or anger a typical person, you may be committing a crime. The penalty for menacing, harassing or offensive cyber bullying is up to 3 years in gaol.

Example
A teenager in NSW made a Facebook page called “All XXX Police Are Corrupt”. The page had the names of some police officers from XXX. The page has been taken down now but the teenager has been charged with harassing and offensive use of the internet.

Bullying at school
All schools in New South Wales have anti-bullying plans in place to deal with bullying and cyber bullying. Schools are responsible for making sure students know what their anti-bullying plan is and teachers are responsible for making sure the plan is followed.

If you are being bullied at school or you think someone else is being bullied, it’s important to report it to your teachers or an adult you trust so they can look into it. Your teachers won’t always know when bullying is going on, especially if it’s happening online or via text message.
While different schools have different ways of dealing with cyber bullying, it is always taken very seriously. Students who bully other students (or teachers) can be suspended and in some cases expelled. The school may also call the police if they think a crime has been committed. For instance, in New South Wales, it is a crime to assault, stalk, harass or intimidate someone (students, teachers or other school staff) while they are at school. This includes cyber bullying. If you use the internet at school to cyber bully there is a maximum penalty of 7 years in prison.

**Example**
A group of young people created a “Root-Rater” page on Facebook. The page asked Facebook users from local schools to send in information about the people they had sex with, including descriptions of their bodies and scores for their sexual performance. The page then posted this information for all its friends to see. The page was taken down, but local schools threatened to expel students who were involved, and NSW Police said that “Root-Rater” and other gossip pages could lead to criminal charges for the girls and boys who participated.

**Stalking & Intimidation**
Stalking is when someone gets repeated attention that intimidates or frightens them. Stalking is a crime and penalties include up to 5 years in prison and fines up to $5,500.

Stalking doesn’t only happen in person. In some cases, cyber bullying can be stalking. For example, if a bully sends lots of messages or uses the internet to find out where someone is, this might amount to stalking. Stalkers sometimes pretend to be someone else online, so it’s important to be careful about giving away personal information (such as your address or phone number). It’s also important to think about who can see your profile or newsfeed before posting your plans or checking in at a place.

If you feel intimidated or scared by something someone has posted online or sent to you on your phone, keep copies of what they have said and report it to police. Courts are able to make special ‘Apprehended Violence Orders’ (AVOs) to protect you from people who are stalking or bullying you. The exact orders will depend on the individual case, but will usually state how close a person is allowed to come to you or your house and if they are allowed to contact you (including by phone or on the internet). If you are accused of stalking, there may be long term effects. For instance, if an AVO is taken out against you by someone under the age of 16, you will be placed in a database that may make it difficult for you to work in jobs where you come into contact with children.

If you’ve been bullied or called a bully, you have the right to information, advocacy, advice and support.

**Some good online habits**
- Keep your profile settings private;
- Only add people you actually know;
- If you’re being bullied by someone online, block them from contacting you and consider reporting them to the website administrator or to a trusted adult;
- Keep your log-in details private;
- Only send pictures or personal information to people you know and trust.

**Finally, be careful about what you write and what you say.**
If you are having issues with your friends or someone else, whether it be at school or in other places, try not to react to them via email, text or social networking sites. It’s easy to say something hurtful when you’re feeling angry or upset, but if it’s written down or posted online, it’s permanent. Nothing online is ever private, even after you delete it!

That said, you should always respect other people’s requests to take down things you’ve posted about them. Even though online posts and photos can never truly be erased, you can help stop the spread and lessen the damage by taking the post down quickly.

If you are questioned or arrested by the police in relation to cyber bullying, you should give your correct name, age and address, but you have the right to remain silent for any other questions. Try to stay calm, and politely ask to get legal advice before you give them any other information.

**Useful links and contacts**

If you want legal advice or information over the phone, you can call the Youth Hotline on 1800 10 18 10. The Hotline provides legal advice and information to young people under 18, and operates from 9am to midnight on weekdays, with a 24-hour service from Friday at 9am to Sunday at midnight and also on public holidays.

If you want to talk to someone, you can call the Kids helpline on 1800 55 1800.
Here are some great websites with information on bullying:

This information was last reviewed on 10 April 2012. This factsheet provides information about the law in NSW. It does not provide legal advice. If you need advice, or if you would like information about the law in a state or territory other than NSW, please send us a Lawmail at [http://www.lawstuff.org.au](http://www.lawstuff.org.au)
Community Notice

Glenhaven Drive Netball Club is now accepting 2015 Registrations for new and returning players.

Registration is open to players turning 7 years & over in 2015. i.e. born 2008 or before.

Our club has Junior and Senior teams. Everyone is welcome!

GAME VENUE: We play on Saturday at Kuyilba Netball Complex, Wilgate Ave KELLYVILLE.

Season commences March/April 2015 concludes August 2015 [Finals]

TRAINING: Our Junior teams train once a week at Glenhaven Public School, Castle Hill.

COST: $215.00 per player 14 years and under in 2015

$255.00 per player 15 years and over in 2015.

TO REGISTER: please contact Zoe Nicholls on 0484 4868/0407 236 436 or email sdcn_engie@yahoo.com.au

Come and join us for a fun netball season in 2015!

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