From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to Glenhaven Public School for 2014! I hope all families had a really enjoyable break and wonderful family time where you were not dictated by a clock. I must admit the time flew by extremely fast.

During the holidays the school was still a hive of activity. Due to our WONDERFUL P and C, all demountables were painted internally. They are now an absolute delight to see with the colour scheme being matched throughout all 6.

Also during this break our “dirt bowl” has been renovated into a quiet area where students can walk through. I am looking forward to when the creepers commence climbing the poles and the plants become even more established, creating a lovely sensory garden.

We were very fortunate in forming classes on day one and when I walked around the school on Thursday all rooms were quietly working away with happy students and happy teachers. I know that there are many local schools that are still waiting to form classes. Even though I would like to take the credit for having these organised day one, it really does rely on numbers and parents informing the school of their intentions. Many thanks to our community who kept me informed, even when their child was sick the first day back. This enabled me to know exact enrolment numbers and to therefore commence 2014 classes.

Playground Changes

This year I have made some changes to both bell times and playground areas. These times will not affect drop off or pick up hours, only the time spent in the playground. At recess students will now have 20 minutes break and at lunch time they will have 40 minutes plus 10 minutes eating time.

In the morning K-2 will gather in the same place as usual, the upper quadrangle. However, Years 3-6 will be in the lower undercover area. The same routine will take place at recess. It is hoped that by these changes supervision will be easier and when the bell does go for students to return to class, there is a smooth transition back to the rooms.

Information Nights

Information nights will be held next week where parents will be given the opportunity to meet their child’s 2014 class teacher and receive an overview of the class routines, expectations and events. A note regarding the exact times and day will be sent home very soon once these have been finalised with all staff.

Staffing

In the last week of the holidays I received permission to go to advertisement for filling the Assistant Principal position left by our wonderful Mrs Gosman. This is great news as her role is quite specific and will need a very talented person to fill, however it is yet another panel. The panel met last Thursday afternoon and the position should be advertised in this week’s schedule. Mrs Fishpool is presently filling this position for at least Term 1, with Miss Sharpe filling the role of Assistant Principal.
I have also been given “permission” to publically congratulate Mrs Schultz and her husband on the news that they are expecting a “little Schultz” later in the year. Congratulations!

**Swimming Carnival**
This Thursday the school will be holding its Annual Swimming Carnival. I would like to point out that this event will not be on the Term 1 invoice and therefore must be paid for before Thursday. Last year there were many issues with students not attending or being incorrectly invoiced.

A note regarding financial structure and protocols for the year will be sent out very soon. I would like to point out that the school at no time wants to embarrass any family or child, however payments will need to be made for students to attend any extracurricular activities.

There are many more pieces of information to come over the next week, so I would encourage parents to read all forms of communication carefully.

I am about to go outside and welcome our new Kindergartens to the school who all look extremely cute and excited. At this stage no tears apart from a few parents.

Have a great week,
Kerry Maxwell.

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**School News**

**WANT JOIN GLENHAVEN SCHOOL BAND?**

Just a reminder that it is not too late for children to join our band and learn to play a musical instrument. If you would like your child to play an instrument please visit our website www.teachingservices.com.au download the enrolment form and you can enrol online.

If you need any further information please don’t hesitate to contact the Band Director via email - lucia@teachingservices.com.au

Mrs Bichara and Mr Masman are both looking forward to another great year at Glenhaven Public School.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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School Banking News

Commonwealth Bank School Banking is starting again on Tuesday 11th February (week 3)

One of the many opportunities offered at our wonderful school is school banking with the Commonwealth Bank. The School Banking program is designed to encourage regular deposits rather than size of deposits and saving skills that kids learn early on, can establish a practice that can last their whole lives. Every Tuesday you can send your child’s deposit book and money/cheques to school and we will deposit this into their account for you. As well as being convenient for parents, it’s also a great way to teach children to save and the school receives a small commission (5% of every deposit) for acting on behalf of the Commonwealth Bank. Last year 2013 our school received approximately $700.00 in commission, thank you to all students who deposited their money through us.

We will reward our top 25 bankers for 2013 with a small prize which will be presented to them at the school assembly. Below are the top 8 bankers for 2013. Congratulations and remember to keep those deposit books coming in each Tuesday.

1. Beth Abbott 35
2. Allegra Maddy 35
3. Daniel Paino 35
4. Alexandra Paino 35
5. Leon Maddy 34
6. George Abbott 33
7. Emily Lowe 33
8. Christian Paino 33
9. Thomas Abbott 33
10. Harrison Lowe 32
11. Brianna Moog 32
12. Summer White 31
13. Grace Moog 31
14. Harrison White 30
15. Alicia Tucker 28
16. Sam Woodhouse 26
If you would like your child to learn some basic money skills and have a Commonwealth Youthsaver account, you can open an account at any Commonwealth Bank branch or online through Netbank, or by filling out a form, which can be downloaded at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking, and when your child makes their first deposit through our school banking program, our school receives $5.

We are also happy to bank for siblings who do not attend Glenhaven Public School but we can only deposit to ‘Youthsaver’ accounts.

Please note we can only deposit on your behalf, at no time can we see your child’s bank balance/or any other personal information /or other banking transactions such as withdrawals.

If you have any queries, please leave your name and number at the school office and we will be happy to help you/answer any of your questions.

Jo, Sally and Kate (Parent Volunteers)

Canteen Capers

All classes have been updated on Flexischools so please change your child’s class when you next order. Most stock is available now and don’t forget Sushi on Wednesday.

Look out for a Valentine’s Day Treat - 14th February – Jelly Cup with Heart Lollipop!

Canteen is still open for those not going to the Swimming Carnival on Thursday.

Tues 4th – Kathryn Dalla Fontana, Amanda Mullin
Wed 5th – Linda Edwards, Anne Andrew
Thurs 6th – Swimming Carnival – Volunteers not required
Fri 7th - Volunteers Wanted

Thanks,
Big Red
This meeting will start at 7.00 pm in the new school hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

As always 2014 will be a time for change at the school and it is important that Glenhaven continues to have a strong, dedicated and focused group of parents on the P&C. I have attached a list of positions that will need to be voted on during this meeting.

If you are interested in a position or have any queries, please contact me (Narelle Browne) on 0409 463 820 or narelle.brownwithane@gmail.com (please state which role you are interested in).

If there are several people interested in the president’s role, they will be required to make a short one minute speech outlining their view on the role for the coming year.

President: This person chairs the monthly meetings. They would be expected to be welcoming and provide a forum for parents to discuss issues and impartially guide discussions towards productive conclusions. They will be a signatory on the bank account. They will work closely with the Principal and staff to enable the P&C to assist with school needs and activities. Communicate with the school community through periodic bulletins, and be asked to represent the P&C at some school events.

Vice President: This person works closely with the president and will chair meetings in his/her absence. They will be a signatory on the bank account. There is no obligation to attend every meeting or be involved in every activity.

Treasurer: This person is required to have some skills in bookkeeping or have an accounting background. The treasurer attends meetings and presents a monthly reconciliation of the P&C accounts and ensures the books are reviewed independently once a year. They will be a signatory on the bank account and responsible for banking money and drawing cheques when required.

Secretary: This person attends meetings and records all business discussed. Some typing/computer skill is needed as minutes must be available for the following meeting. May need to type and send an occasional letter. This could be a shared position between two people alternating attendance at meetings.

Correspondence Secretary: This person collects P&C mail from the pigeonhole in the teacher’s staffroom. Presents mail at the meetings. May need to type and send an occasional letter. This could be a shared position between two people alternating attendance at meetings.

Class Representative: A parent to represent each class. Collect and collate information from parents for things such as class contact list. Attend P&C meetings when able. Organise a few simple social events during the year (eg morning tea, dinner). Be used as a class contact person for the Spring Fair committee. This role could be shared between two people.
ALSO

Fund Raising Committee – this year we would like to put together several people to work out how we will go about raising the money to fund the school’s “Wish List”. If you would like to be part of this committee making these decisions we would love to have you on board. No experience needed!

The Spring Fair committee
The Spring Fair is the main fundraiser during the year. It is a great day of memories for the children and everyone involved. Our school is incredibly lucky to have these funds used for updating and purchasing resources for our children. IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO HAVE A SPRING FAIR THIS YEAR..THEN GET INVOLVED!!!

Ideally, we are looking for 3 – 5 people to make up the committee. The more, the merrier. Lots of the work has already been done, with notes, databases and outlines saved for future committees to use and update if required.

Main co-ordinators: Needs 2-3 people to oversee at the top level. Includes running meetings, ordering rides/furniture/tents, etc for the fair, planning fair layout and co-ordinating with other committee members.

Sponsorship/Advertising: Needs 2 people to use database and files to send out sponsorship requests and organise various advertising requirements. Also includes picking up donations from various sponsors (as required) prior to the fair. Liaising with sponsors as required. A lot of this role can be done from home on the computer or by phone.

Stall holder co-ordinators: Ideally there should be 2 people in this role. Will need to liaise between the stall holders and the Spring Fair committee. Keep up to date with stall holders needs and requirements (ie any purchases needed, volunteer issues). A lot of this role can be done from home on the computer or by phone.

SO

Please consider whether you could attend the P&C meetings on the second Tuesday of each month or whether you are able to be part of the Fundraising or Spring Fair committee.

The more people the easier the workload and we can continue to keep Glenhaven ‘THE PLACE TO BE’

Remember to let me know if you are interested in any of the above positions or have any queries.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM

P & C 2013 Wrap-Up Meeting 7pm Tuesday 11th February

2014 AGM 7pm Tuesday 18th February

ALL POSITIONS OPEN ( in the school hall)

Need – Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

This position requires 2-3 hours of time per week. You can open whichever day suits you or can share the job with someone else.

Volunteers already working and the whole system is now computerised point of sale.

Narelle Browne
Uniform Shop is open Fridays– 8:30am to 10:30am

Unfortunately I have had to cease being the Uniform Shop Coordinator as I have taken a full-time job, so my BIGGEST thanks to Kristie Finn who has graciously stepped in at the very last minute to take this role on. Many of you may know Kristie as she was the previous Uniform Shop Coordinator, and did a fantastic job, and has been very kind in agreeing to take over the reins again for Term 1.

Thank you to all my volunteers who ably assisted me over the last year. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist in the Uniform Shop, please leave your details at the front office for Kristie to contact you as volunteers are always welcome, or head into the Uniform Shop on a Friday morning and see Kristie yourself.

Thank you to the whole school community for your support whilst I was Uniform Shop Coordinator over the last year and a bit. I thoroughly enjoyed it and will miss it.

Farewell for now.

Nicole Moog
Outgoing Uniform Shop Coordinator

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Welcome back to all returning families and a very big welcome to all new families.

If you weren’t aware, Glenhaven Public School operates a Second Hand Uniform Shop. It is open once a term, and this year, as it was last year, will be the last Friday of each term from 8.30 until 9.30. It will be located outside the Uniform Shop.

If however you would be interested in seeing what is available outside of this time, please feel free to contact me. Also, if you have any uniforms that you would like to donate, please bring them in to the ladies at the office. Remember to save your rags for cleaning your car!

Thanks,
Michelle White
0414652234
Community News

PLEASE SUPPORT BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

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- Tap
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- Ages 3 to Adults

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