From the Principal’s Desk

I hope everyone has been enjoying the wet weekend. I am aware that students may be disappointed that their activities may have been postponed but I have also heard sighs of relief from parents as it means a weekend of the taxi sign being switched off.

Bus Bay/Kiss and Drop Zone

As parents will be aware the school’s new security fence has nearly been completed with many parents commenting to me that it looks better than they first thought it would. I originally chose green being the school’s colours however I was then encouraged to change to black under the notion that you can actually see through it better. I am happy to say that I am glad that I swapped. This fencing however has highlighted the big “crush” in the afternoon exiting the school near our bus bay. I am aware that staff, including myself, find it very challenging to get students quickly into their respective cars to allow the line to proceed. I am also aware that with the number of students in this area, parents also find it difficult to get prams and other younger siblings through this area. Therefore it has been proposed that we open the gate near the KS classroom in the afternoon only. It is requested that all parents and students exit through this gate UNLESS they are catching a bus or using the Kiss and Drop zone. This will mean that there will be no through traffic in the Bus Zone covered area and consequently the monitoring of these students will be easier and therefore safer. For the next few weeks there will be two staff in the area to direct the community to the correct exit. Your support in trialling this new approach is greatly appreciated.

We have also been informed that the police will be coming this week to visit our Kiss and Drop area. I would like to remind our parents it is a very expensive fine and that to park in this area will attract this unwanted bill. Students will be encouraged at assembly to avoid taking the scenic route and to get to the seated area as soon as possible.

Finally, staff are on duty in this area from 2.55pm until 3.15pm. Any student not collected by this time will proceed to the office so contact can be made with relevant guardians. By following this routine parents who may have been caught up in traffic will know whether to go to the Office or bus bay.

Survey

Throughout this week you will be emailed links to two surveys. One is in regard to School Culture which is part of the Department mandatory evaluation process and the other is in regards to the School award structures. Your support is greatly appreciated in completing these quick surveys to give the school a “community” vision to add to the opinions or views held by our staff and students.
Welcome to the new P and C

My sincere apologies for not welcoming our new P and C Executive last week. A sincere thank you to all of the following people who have happily volunteered to take on these roles with the aim of continuing to work toward making sure that Glenhaven remains the “Only Place To Be’.

P and C President  Kath Dalla Fontana
Vice Presidents  Kim Old and Cate Hayton
Secretary  Michelle White
Treasurer  Richard Hutchinson

I have already seen their plans and excited faces as they organise many wonderful activities and fundraisers for our great school.

Assistant Principals

At Glenhaven Public School, we have four wonderful Assistant Principals. Each one of these staff members have a responsibility in regards to supervising a Stage (group of classes) within the school. If you have a concern in regards to your child or an incident at school it is important that you contact the classroom teacher initially. They have the ability to deal with things immediately and also have relevant background on many issues and the like. If this is not suitable, parents should make contact with the appropriate supervisor and arrange for an interview. Again they are aware of the grade activities, issues or concerns as these are discussed at weekly grade meetings. Parents met these supervisors at the Information Nights however they are also listed in the Staff Directory on our school web site.

Office Routines

I have spoken about the many new staff that have joined our great school this year and of cause with these staff come extra experiences or skills which will continue to develop our school routines. Part of the Office routine is that all money and notes go directly to the Office in the red box near the office window. If a child attempts to hand these items to the teacher they will be directed to the Office. The aim of this structure is to avoid numerous staff having to handle any money therefore lowering the risk of loss or confusion and also to allow staff to proceed with their key business, teaching and learning.

OOSH

As promised I am trying to keep our community up to date with the progress of the tender process for an onsite service by an outside provider. Assets Department have informed me over the weekend that the process has been approved by my “boss” and that the next step in the process has begun.

Holidays

Some of the community may be aware that there has been a lot of media discussion in regards to the Department’s statements over the weekend in regards to students taking holidays during the school term. I would like to point out that a Principal can only grant a formal exemption from school if the student is visiting relatives overseas due to a variety of reasons, such as illness. In all other cases the days absent are recorded as absent: leave. I would also like to remind parents that if students do go on a holiday that the school suggests keeping a journal and reading every night. It is not feasible to "package up” work or stencils for students to take with them, as all lessons are planned and evaluated on previous activities and are mostly teacher directed.

Have a great week.

Kerry Maxwell
School News

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Canteen Capers

Don’t let your luck run out!

Get in early so your lucky little leprechaun will be dancing a jig when you order our next Treat Day.

Look out for the St Patrick’s Day Treat on Monday the 17th March. The Canteen is offering a recess meal deal of a Double Shamrock Cookie and drink.

Look on Flexischools for all the details and place your order now!!

Start selling your chocolates fast. There are extra boxes available to sell and lots of fantastic prizes for the best sellers this year.

The lucky volunteers for this week are:

Tues 4th – Kath Dalla Fontana
Wed 5th – Anne Andrew, Linda Edwards
Thurs 6th – Sally Hall, Suzanne Gray, Anita Rose, Milly Fragale
Fri 7th – Sandra Blake, Kim Caie, Susie Ferreira, Skye Tesoriero
Mon 10th – Sally Hall

Thanks,
Big Red
Community News

YOUTH WEEK 2014

Friday 4 – Sunday 13 April 2014

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Seniors Rock

Friday, 21st March 2014
11.30am to 3.00pm at Northmead Bowling Club
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- Lunch - your choice from a selection of four meals
- Hot rods, classic cars and special interest cars on display
- Rock & Roll dance lesson and fun from ‘Born to Boogie’
- Entertainment by the ‘Remixes’
- Photobooth by Bright Light Photography
- Drinks can be purchased at the bar. Tea/coffee & cake available for $2.50.

SPECIAL GUEST - Clr Dr Michelle Byrnes

TICKETS $5 per person
Tickets must be purchased in advance from Hills Community Aid or Northmead Bowling Club

For more information, phone
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