Principal’s Desk

Easter Plays
At the conclusion of last term, when most of us were starting to slow down, our wonderful Librarians were giving up their lunch times to plan, organise, practice and entertain the students by producing and performing two Easter Plays for our students in Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2. They provided a wonderful play that had their audience totally enthralled and in fits of laughter. Well done to the Librarians for working so well as a team and acting as fantastic role models for our infant's students. Tremendous school leadership! Congratulations Adam Richardson, Austin Caie, Summer White, Julia Pollock, Natasha Stanbridge, Jade Smerdon, Harriet Bevan and Sophie Zacher.

Year 6 Gift
I would like to invite parents to have a quick look into our hall when next at the school, to see our new banners that have been completed and are now hanging. These very impressive banners were a gift from 2013 Year 6 students and show the school's crest as well as our values. Parents will also start to notice that our Super Effort Awards have been slightly modified to enable staff to indicate what values the students have been awarded the certificate for.

Invoice Payments
Many thanks to the large number of parents who have been so prompt in making payments for our Term 2 Accounts. I have also been informed that there are many parents that are also making use of the Online Payment Option that has been introduced.

Kerry Maxwell
Principal

TERM 2, WEEK 2

Dates for your diary

| Monday 5 May |
| Tuesday 6 May |
| Wednesday 7 May |
| Thursday 8 May |
| Friday 9 May |

Peer Support Starts
Mother’s Day Stall Entertainment Books home

NAPLAN

| Monday 12 May |
| Tuesday 13 May |
| Wednesday 14 May |
| Thursday 15 May |
| Friday 16 May |

Frog Club Stage 1
NAPLAN
NAPLAN

| Monday 19 May |
| Tuesday 20 May |
| Wednesday 21 May |
| Thursday 22 May |
| Friday 23 May |

Calmsley Hill City Farm - Kindy
UNSW - Computer Skills Test
Sock/Stocking/Tie Day
Grandparents Day

No Scripture

| Monday 26 May |
| Tuesday 27 May |

Winter PSSA Round 4
Winter PSSA Round 5
Winter PSSA Round 6

PSSA SUMMER SPORT

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Boys Hip Hop Workshop (Year's 4-6)

Last week our Boys Hip Hop Troupe set off bright and early to a dance studio in Lewisham for a two day workshop organised by the DET Arts Unit. Over 70 students from all across NSW attended. At the workshop the boys were taught by 3 professional choreographers in the field of Hip Hop and learnt all different styles and moves. One of the choreographers has just recently been on So You Think You Can Dance.

This is the first time the DET have offered such a program for just boys and it was a great success. I would like to congratulate the boys on their behaviour and willingness to try new moves outside their comfort zone.

Janine Wilson
Performing Arts Coordinator

Stage 1 Excursion

We have organised an excursion in Week 5 to Australiana Pioneer Village at Wilberforce for all students in Stage 1. We would like all the students to come dressed in old fashioned pioneer clothing to get into the spirit of the day. So start searching for the perfect outfit! The permission note says to wear sports uniform which is incorrect. Sorry for the confusion.

Janine Wilson
Assistant Principal Stage 1
On Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 June the 72nd *MindQuest* program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over **36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program.** They include courses in Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Drama, Lego Robotics and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and student’s evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience.

*The cost of the weekend is $175.00 (including GST)*

Glenwood HS is in the Baulkham Hills area close to the M7 and is easy to get to from most parts of Sydney. 20 mins Beecroft, 35 min North Sydney, 25 mins Strathfield, 30 mins Richmond, Penrith and Hornsby.

Contact your school for a brochure or call Shelagh 02 4232 2494
Closing Date: Friday 16 May

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**P&C UPDATE**

**Grandparents Day**
Please see attached Grandparents Day Invite and map of the school.

**Grandparents Day Helpers Required**
Grandparents Day has been scheduled for **Thursday, 22 May 2014.** The day will begin at 8.30 am and finish around 11.30am. The morning’s events will include visits to the Library and classrooms, a Showcase Assembly and special morning tea with students. As part of the program for the morning there will be the opportunity when visiting the Library to purchase a book to donate to the school.

There are two spots available for helpers to assist with receipting book sales in the library. **It would be greatly appreciated if you could volunteer your time.** Please contact Kathryn Dalla Fontana at kathrynm@pacificbuild.com.au.

*Kath Dalla Fontana*
President
P&C Association

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**P & C – Canteen Capers**
The new menu will start soon, though party pies and sausage rolls are available to purchase at Recess for 80c each.

Our yummy winter specials are coming so keep an eye out for them. I am now having difficulty purchasing the Gluten Free Pies. As soon as they are available I will let you know.

All stock should be in by Wednesday this week.

In or out of jail this week are:

| Monday 5th | · Gail Cobb |
| Tuesday 6th | · Kaths Mum (Julie) |
| Wednesday 7th | · Anne Andrew, Linda Edwards |
| Thursday 8th | · Fran Etherington, Keli Roberts-Frost, Jaz Dowdeswell |
| Friday 9th | · Donna Lowe, Rachel Hanigan, Simone Ridley, Nicole Ingersole |
| Monday 12th | · Angela Bevan, Sue Nichols |

*Big Red*
Entertainment Books

Information was sent home regarding the Entertainment Books last week. The books will come home with students this **Wednesday the 7th May**.

$13.00 from every book sold will go to the school. This is a popular fundraiser which benefits both the school and all families that purchase this book containing discounts for so many different places including shops, restaurants and activities.

**Big Red**

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**WESLEY GIANT GARAGE SALE**

Where: **In the Wesley Uniting Church grounds at 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill.**

Dates/Times:  **Friday May 9th 2014** (operating from 8:00am to 3:00pm) and  **Saturday May 10th 2014** (operating from 8:00am to 1:00pm)

Sale items/Stalls will include Books, Records, CDs, DVDs, Clothing, Electrical, Plants, Toys, Furniture, Manchester, White Elephant, Fine Art and China etc.

We will also be providing tea and coffee during sale hours, together with a Sausage Sizzle for lunch on both days, and Bacon and Egg rolls for breakfast on Saturday morning.

Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and pick up a bargain (or two) knowing you are helping those families who need help within the Hills District, through the Hills Family Centre.

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Many thanks in anticipation,
Brian Wigg

On behalf of the Wesley Church Garage Sale Committee

Phone: 02 9871 3497

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**A special request from a local Netball club:**

**Due to injuries and an unexpected move interstate, Glenhaven Netball Club requires two or three girls aged 11 or 12 to join their U12 lower grade teams urgently. There will be a discounted registration fee as you will be helping the girls already registered continue to play with enough team members for the remainder of the season (the competition is only up to Round 3 on 3 May and has 14 rounds in total).**

**Please contact our registrar Michele Chadwick on 0425 208 796 ASAP**

Hope you can help or know someone who might.
TALENT IDENTIFICATION TRIALS

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

YEAR 7 IN 2015

The Hills Sports High School is one of Australia’s leading specialist sports schools offering Talented Sports Program in sixteen sports in 2014 – AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Cheerleading, Cricket, Football, Golf, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Rugby 7s (Girls), Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Touch Football (Girls) and Water Polo.

Talented students with a strong interest in a sport are encouraged to apply. Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Talented Sports Program MUST also apply.

The Hills Sports High is a co-educational High School that values academic excellence and provides a progressive education in a dynamic and caring educational environment. An extremely wide junior and senior curriculum is taught by highly qualified specialist teachers to provide all students with an unrivalled opportunity to achieve their full educational and sporting potential.

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The Hills Sports High again achieved outstanding results on the sporting field in 2013 taking out many NSW and Australian Championships across a wide range of sports.

- A TSP Information Night for parents and students seeking 2015 enrolment will be conducted in The Hills Sports High Assembly Hall on Monday, 12th May, 2014 at 6.30 p.m.
- Talent Identification Trials for 2014 Enrolment will be conducted between 19th May and 6th June, 2014.
- Application Forms can be downloaded from our school website (hillssport-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
- Closing Date for the Return of Application Forms 16th May, 2014.

Enquiries: Robert Hawkes, (Director of Sport) 0425 288 481.

Yours faithfully,

Mitchell Struyve
Principal
February, 2014
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