Principal’s Desk
Bathurst Camp
What a totally brilliant, amazing and fantastic camp! Approximately 120 happy and excited students (and parents!) left for our three day adventure on Wednesday morning at 7.30 am. From this time on we did not stop with visits to the Katoomba Scenic Railway and the Three Sisters, panning for gold at Hill End, exploring through an old mine and then climbing 7 ladders to get out! And of course my favourite Jenolan Caves. I personally hadn’t been to the caves since I was about 6 and have no memories, however I was overwhelmed at what a brilliant natural world wonder we have literally on our back door.

During the nights students were involved in a Bush Dance and the on the final night a games night organised by the staff. Competitiveness definitely runs deeply through our population, including a certain father who thought I had a target on my jumper as he batted balls at me instead of the goals.

Sleep was not on the priority list, but hey as they say it is overrated. On a personal note I think the rooster that slept outside my bedroom needed to realise that 3.00am is NOT sunrise!

Not surprisingly our student behaviour was faultless with thank you’s being given even when they were told they could not do something.

These wonderful experiences can only occur when staff and parents give up their personal time from families, some of whom are very young, and spend countless hours also with the organisation. I would like to thank our wonderful parents, Mr Edwards, Mr Hall, Mr McManus, Ms Hayton and Mrs Woodhouse. A special thanks also to our staff Mrs Barton, Miss Sharpe, Mr Moran, Mr Reid and Mrs Woods.

Trivia Night
Another brilliant night was held last night in the Community Centre. Devils were seen everywhere, as were large black and white spotted dogs. At no time were we ever going to be in danger as the room was also filled with many “men and women in blue”. Thankfully the questions were a lot easier this year with some people being so excited that they actually called the answer out. The band was again wonderful with people hitting the dance floor in an array of styles. I am aware that this is one of our wonderful P and C’s fundraisers, but most importantly it is a great community event.

Sincere thanks must go to all involved, but especially Michelle White for the countless hours spent on this night and the brilliant running of the actual night. I think a ‘sleep in’ is well deserved.

Quality Teaching Rounds Research Project
Expressions of interest were called recently from the Director General of the Department for schools to be involved in a State Research Project in regards to Quality Teaching Rounds. This two year project is to study the Quality Teaching Framework and its use and impact on teacher quality and student outcomes. Quality teaching rounds involve teachers working in small and highly focused professional learning communities, each teaching a lesson observed by other members of their learning community. The quality teaching model and materials will guide observations, coding, feedback and discussion. The emphasis is on the conversations teachers have about teaching and learning.

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MCDonalds Performing Arts Challenge - Dance

Principal's Desk - Continued
Quality Teaching Rounds Research Project - Continued

Only 24 schools were selected across the State from over 250 applications and Glenhaven Public School will be one of these schools. The benefits of being selected to be in this project will include giving the school opportunities to learn more about teacher professional development that genuinely supports improvements to teaching practice and student outcomes.

It will also provide an opportunity to put in place tangible practices in the school that will improve the quality of teaching in the school.

In order to apply for this project 8 members of staff had to consent to be involved. This of course is quite a commitment and with our size school means approximately half of our staff. However 8 staff have volunteered highlighting their genuine passion to improve student outcomes and to continue to drive their own professional development as teachers. At a time of constant change I would like to sincerely thank these staff: Mrs Reedman, Mr Reid, Miss Sharpe, Mrs Zucconi, Mrs Sammut, Mrs Sundfeld, Mrs Burns and Mrs Hodkinson.

Even though there are only two weeks left of term things are still extremely busy and I would again encourage our community to thoroughly read our newsletters and if unsure of anything, copies of the newsletter can be located on the school website.

Have a great week.

Kerry Maxwell
Principal

Athletics Carnival Payments

Students in Years 3-6 and any students in Year 2 that will be turning eight this year and would like to participate in the Athletics Carnival for 2014, need to return to the School Office a completed permission note and payment of $10.00. Please note that the Term 2 invoice did not include the Athletics Carnival cost of $10.00 per student. This was on a separate invoice.

As the Athletics Carnival is this Wednesday 18 June please ensure all payments and permission notes are back by Tuesday 17 June.

Athletics Carnival - Sausage Sizzle

A sausage sizzle will be running at the Athletics Carnival at a cost of $3.00 each. The money raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell.

David Reid
Assistant Principal Stage 3

Stage 3 Camp

Camp started to feel real when we were on the bus. We stopped halfway at Katoomba to savour the scenery. From the lookout we had a perfect view of the Three Sisters and kilometres of cloud below us. After a short drive we entered Scenic World and experienced the sheer terror of the Scenic Railway. After arriving at the bottom we enjoyed a tour of the exotic rainforest of the Blue Mountains. To get back to the top we were lucky enough to ride the Scenic Cableway where the bus was waiting for us. After another hour and a half of driving we finally arrived at Mt Panorama. We took an unfortunately slow drive around the racetrack and experienced all the sights from the top of the mountain. To get back to the main road, the bus drivers got a little bit competitive and decided to race down the rest of the way. Bus three was the real winner.

Back on the main road, we continued the drive to the Bathurst Sheep and Cattle Drome. The owner treated us to an animal show where we learnt about different types of agriculture. Then we had dinner, a bush dance and bed.

The next day we experienced some real gold panning at History Hill and got a tour of the gold museum also at History Hill. Unfortunately the biggest pieces of gold found were only specks and therefore not worth anything. We also had to climb 7 ladders to get to the top of an ancient gold mine. We then returned to the Drome and played some games before hitting the hay.

On the last day we said our goodbyes to the Sheep and Cattle Drome staff and thanked them for the wonderful accommodation before departing and beginning our journey to the magnificent Jenolan caves. The cave we visited first was Lucas Cave and saw many stalagmites and stalactites. The most amazing formations were the Curtain, the Broken Column and the Rhino. After a satisfying lunch and a quick trip to the Gift Shop, we continued on our journey up the winding roads and out of the valley. A couple of hours and a snack stop later we entered the school grounds where our loving parents were waiting for us. And it can be guaranteed that everyone had a good long sleep that night.

By: Blake Greuter, Hayden Miller and the fantastic Grace Napoli.
Stage 3 Camp Photos
Trivia Night Wrap-Up

Well, don’t we all know how to have a good time!! What a sensational night we all had on Saturday night. A very sincere and heat-felt thank you to everybody who came and supported our school. The effort that everybody put into their costumes was outstanding to say the least. I just love how our community gets behind this great school and really get involved.

I would like to mention a few people who I know will not want to be mentioned but here I go anyway. First and foremost – Cate Hayton – the hard work and dedication that Cate puts into our school is nothing short of incredible. Cate organised all of the sponsorship prizes for the night.

All of the wonderful helpers on the night. Firstly – Tim Tucker, who kept the night running smoothly and whose hilarious jokes kept us very well entertained throughout the night. Lee Hodkinson who made the T-shirts for us and who worked tirelessly all night as a runner. Nan Sadsad who also did not stop running around all night. Kim De Belle – marker extraordinaire! Nicole Moog – who never ceases to amaze me…thank you so much to you all. You helped out happily and with a smile on your face the whole time. The night would not have been such a success if it wasn't for you all.

The BAND! Wow – didn’t they rock?! They had us all up dancing (and singing!) for hours.

To Linda Edwards and Lil Georgescu who helped wrap all of the prizes for the night. It is all really appreciated!

A special thank you to Linda Edwards, Brooke McDarmont, Erin Shields, Nicole Moog and Jaclyn Moxham – for helping me setup the hall.

To Kerry Maxwell who supports this P&C event and who had been at camp with Stage 3 during the week and was operating on about 3 hours of sleep – you are a trooper!! Plus all of the teachers who came along and got into the night. You all work so hard during the week – I am not sure where you get your energy from.

To all on the P & C who also support this event. Sometimes it is good to stop and not focus on fundraising for a while and let our hair down and have a good time. It is always a great way to bring everyone together and have a great time with friends.

To all of our incredible SPONSORS! There will be a list published very soon to mention you all. A huge thank you to them all. I would like to mention a few now – The Hindmarsh Family along with The Tuckshop, Jaz Dowdeswell, Heidi Woodward from West Pennant Hills Pilates, Glenhaven Cellars and Glenhaven Pizza and Pasta. Thank you all so much.

Just to note, there were a few items left behind on the evening. If you have found anything from the night please drop it into the School Office.

Again – thanks to all who came. I think we have all been left with some pretty great memories.

Until next year,

Michelle White
Trivia Night Co-ordinator
P & C Update

Trivia Night
Oh, what a great night! It was fantastic to see so many families come together for a night of frivolity, laughter and truly getting into the spirit of the evening with their amazing costumes. A huge thanks to everyone who helped make the night such a success.

Spring Fair Theme Day – PJ DAY
In the lead up to this year’s Spring Fair, we will be hosting a series of 4 theme days. These theme days aim to create a sense of excitement leading up to Spring Fair as well as assist with spreading the cost of donations over a four month period.

Our second theme day will be held on Thursday, 26 June 2014. The theme will be your favourite, most comfy pyjamas. Get those onesies ready!!!

We will be requesting a $5 donation from each child who wishes to participate in the day, but this will be capped at $10 for each family. Donations will be collected at the school gate. If you are available to help with the collection please call Kim Old on 0404 226 300 or email her at glenhavenpublicspringfair@gmail.com.

Just a reminder that this year, the funds raised at the Spring Fair will be directly reinvested into our school by taking it into 21st Century learning. This will be seen through the provision of new smart boards (as they are starting to need replacement) and going ‘wireless’ where we are aiming to enrich our students learning by introducing new contents and technology such as iPads into our classrooms.

Kath Dalla Fontana
President
P&C Association

Entertainment Books

All money and books must be returned by Thursday 19th June.

The new Entertainment Book has now started so get in quick with your payment so you can begin to reap the rewards. You can pay online, cash, credit card or cheque. The sooner you pay the sooner you can enjoy all the benefits: - one family already has saved $380 on their July holidays with the Entertainment Book. You can too!

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