Principal’s Desk

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Last week the school held its first information session for the community. It was an extremely valuable session in regards to Cyber and Internet Safety with parents and visitors having an opportunity to ask questions and join in very valuable discussions. Sincere thanks to our guest speaker from this organisation, Mr Neil Sinclair. All who attended have commented what a wonderful session it was and how it equipped parents with safety methods to utilise and improved their own knowledge in regards to issues with social media, cyber grooming and many other important matters. Our next information session will cover NAPLAN, where examples and explanations will be provided to show parents the structure and style of assessments. This session is not just for those in Years 3 and 5 but other grades as well, to demystify the process.

Bus Bay Etiquette

It has come to my attention that there have been some issues at Bus Bay, particularly in the morning. The process for this area is for cars to pick up or drop off students from the front of the line and then drive off. There have been numerous cases reported where some parents have come from Glenhaven Road and cut illegally into the front of the line. I am aware that we are all in a hurry however our student’s safety is paramount at all times. There are many occasions where the police attend this area with fines being quite large. Parents must only leave their car to help their child put the school bag into the car or to assist with a seatbelt or car seat. Finally please discuss with your child the importance of coming directly to Bus Bay after the bell at the end of the school day, as fines for remaining in the line for too long can also be quite large.

Leadership Assembly

Last Thursday the school held its Leadership Assembly where all students who have been selected for these roles received their badge and took the School Pledge. I am confident that they will all be wonderful ambassadors for our school. Sincere thanks to Mr Reid for his organisation of this special day.

ANZAC DAY Launch

Recently I had the pleasure of accompanying our Captains and Mr Reid to Castle Hill RSL ANZAC Day launch. Being the Centenary of ANZAC this year, an educational kit has been developed for this special occasion which students had the opportunity to interact with.

District Swimming Carnival

Tomorrow I have the pleasure of time keeping at the Castle Hill PSSA District Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all the students who will be representing our school. This is the first year where there will not be a finals night, with times being taken from the heats.

School Invoices

Many thanks to the families who have been prompt with payment of Term 1 invoices despite a few hiccups with certain grades. Sincere thanks must also go to families that have also paid our Technology Contributions which has enabled the school to purchase another 25 iPads which will go towards setting up grade sets as well as the structures required for charging and syncing these devices.

Funds from this contribution have also been allocated for replacements and repairs of our current Interactive Whiteboards.

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Talented Sports Program At The Hills Sports High School Seven Hills

Please find attached the Talented Sports Program Application 2016 form for The Hills Sports High School, Seven Hills.

The information afternoon is this Wednesday 3.30 pm to 6pm with an information session in the library by the Director of Sports Mr Hawkes at 5pm.

The Talented Sports Program Information evening is Monday 4th May, 2015 in the school hall at 6.30pm.

Finally, the closing dates for excursions are on all permission notes. All permission notes are on the school website [http://www.glenhaven-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.glenhaven-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). There are many companies that require pre-payment or final numbers prior to the event which means late payments cannot be accepted. It also avoids a manic rush at the Office on the morning of the excursion. At all times please contact our lovely ladies in the Office if experiencing financial difficulty and a payment plan can be developed.

Kerry Maxwell
Principal

Grandparents Day and Book Fair

Just a reminder for Grandparents about the upcoming Book Fair on Grandparents Day, where you are able to purchase books and donate them to the School Library on your grandchild’s behalf. The library has been purchasing books for the Book Fair that is needed in our library collection. There will be a range of books suitable for all years that will be on sale, with an emphasis this year on chapter books for developing readers. Our library is trying to increase our collection of chapter books as opposed to purchasing more picture books of which we have plenty in our collection.

We look forward to seeing you on the day in the library. Library staff will be available in the library for the Book Fair from 8.30am, so please come to the library and donate a book.

Regards
Mrs Jane Egginton
Teacher Librarian

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH AD/HD?

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR POSITIVE STRATEGIES TO HELP MANAGE YOUR CHILD’S BEHAVIOUR?

Is your child between 6 and 12 years old?

You are invited FREE OF CHARGE to attend a well-known parenting program at Macquarie University.

The program is designed to assist parents to manage challenging behaviour and build a positive relationship with their child.

The program is part of an evaluation study and participants will be asked to attend evening sessions and to fill in questionnaires (anonymously).

For more information or to express interest in this study please contact:

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