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Wednesday, 11 March 2009

Diary Dates

Term 1 Diary Dates 2009.

Wednesday 11th March – “Do You Want to Play”

Twilight Picnic 5.00 – 7.00pm

Tuesday 17th March – School Photos

Friday 3rd April – Last day of Term 1

Monday 20th April – Back to school for Term 2

Friday 15th May – Grandparents’ Day

Term Dates for 2009

Term 1: 2nd February to 3rd April

Term 2: 20th April to 26th June

Term 3: 13th July to 18 September

Term 4: 5th October to 18th December

Message from the Principal

Last night the 2009 School Council met and elections were held. Congratulations to: Tony Glover President, Helen Bartley – Vice President, Dianne Semmens – Treasurer, Sue Horn (P&F) and Jacqueline Crocaris - Secretary. All were re-elected to their previous positions. I thank them for their valuable contribution in the past and look forward to working with them in the future. I would like to welcome John Pescutto a new member. I would like to thank retiring member Mark Beaumont for his contribution during his time on School Council and his work on the Buildings and Grounds and Publicity and Marketing sub-committee. Mark was a major contributor to having the communication survey sent out to parents and a great support in the Better Schools project which has been completed and is ready for use. Thanks also to Judy for her work with the communication survey.

School Council members for 2009:

Parents:

Tony Glover – President – Father of Peter (5/6C), Andrew (4P) and Paris (1T)

Helen Bartley – Vice-President – mother of Georgina (4T)

Dianne Semmens – Treasurer – mother of Jackson (3N)

Jacqueline Crocaris – Secretary – mother of Verity (3N) and Lysander (Prep W)

Sue Horn – Parent’s and Friends – mother of Laura (5/6C) and Emma (3M)

Libby McFarland – mother of Annika (4P)

John Pescutto – father of Chiara (2B) and Aurelia (PC)

Joe Luppino – Seceded Community rep

Teacher Reps:

David Quinn – Assistant Principal

Jo Allerton – 1A

Carly Walker – Prep W

Meetings of School council are open to all interested members of the school community. The dates of the meetings will be published in the Gazette and on the web page. Visitors attend the meeting in the capacity of an “observer”. Visitors do not have voting rights and can only speak at the invitation of the School Council

President. A member of the school community who is not a member of School Council can raise matters of interest through their elected representatives. However, we encourage any member of the community to agenda an item via a letter to the School Council President. Also agenda items can be added by notifying the Principal no later than seven days prior to the next meeting.

The Library and class rooms will be operational from Monday 23rd March. Thanks to all members of School Council for their support in getting this funding and completing the project.

Through the Building the Education Revolution funding GPS qualifies for \$2,500,000 and \$150,000 based on our enrolment of 310.

Round 1 Timeline: March – Project concept identified and submitted to Region

10th April Final opportunity for submitting lists to the Commonwealth

June – Commencement of projects

Dec 2010 projects completed.

After speaking to Jeremy Beard (Regional Network Leader) I think we would have a good chance of being put forward in Round 1 because we have identified our project, our other building works are finished and the project would not be disruptive to the curriculum implementation. A meeting will be held this Friday to complete the application.

Some major decisions were discussed and motions passed at our first meeting:

Motion: That GPS apply in Round 1 (as per the building the Education Revolution guidelines) for construction of a multipurpose facility. That we demolish the GOSH building and use the land to build a multipurpose facility.

Motion: That GPS apply in Round 1 for the funds of \$150,000 to participate in the National School Pride Program for the upgrade of the administrative offices. Refurbish Room 1 (4T) and make it the entrance to the school and office space for the Business Manager, Principal and Assistant Principal. Present office space can then be used for meeting rooms and visiting staff.

The rain has been timely in helping to fill our 5 tanks (25,000 litres) installed to harness the water from our new building and portables. They are already half full. They have been installed behind the portables and at present are connected to our sprinkler system which will need repairing. This was paid for by our “Green Vouchers” funding of \$50,000 from the Commonwealth government. The next project will be the underpinning for the Manningtree Rd building for which we were funded.

The new GPS WEB page is now live. Please access all information including the newsletter from the website. We thank you for support fundraising for GPS each time you use our website.

Class rep nominations are now due.

Well done to Annika 4P, Kate 4T, Maddy 5/6T, Natasha 5/6T, Betsy 5/6D, and Will 5/6T for ably representing

Glenferrie at the Kooyong swimming event at Bialik. Natasha qualified to the next level and is doing a great job!

School Council Committees

School Council comprises a number of committees that are open for parents to join.

If you have an interest, or want to be involved in any of the following committees, please contact the office.

Buildings and Grounds

Education

Finance

Publicity and Marketing

Parents and Friends

I will see you all tonight at the Twilight Picnic.

Marlene Laurent

Musical Instruments for Bush Fire Areas

Do you have any musical instruments that you no longer need or use? Many families have lost theirs as a result of the bushfires and would like to replace them. I have a contact who can distribute them to those in this position. If you have something to donate please leave them at the office and I will collect them from there. Many thanks.

Kate Kerr

Life Saving Victoria Junior State Titles

LSV held their Junior State Titles over Saturday and Sunday of the long weekend at Sandridge, Port Melbourne. CONGRATULATIONS to the following students from GPS who represented their clubs at the competition. Peter 5/6C, Andrew 4P and Aileish 5/6C represented Lorne SLSC, James 5/6C, Eliza 4P, Madeleine 5/6T and Will 3M represented Fairhaven SLSC and Alec 3M who represented South Melbourne SLSC. Competition was strong and some outstanding personal and team efforts were achieved.



Twilight Picnic

We are looking forward to seeing lots of families at the Twilight Picnic tonight from 5.00 to 7.00pm. Please set your picnic up with your youngest child's grade – signs will indicate locations for each year level. The aim of the picnic is to meet as many new families as you can. The Parent Coordinators will run the Treasure Hunt again this year to test your knowledge of the school and to help you get to know other families. We hope you have a great time.

Parents are responsible for their children at all times and no alcohol is permitted.

Diana van de Geer

Our New Website

Just a quick reminder that our new school website is up and running. One of the things you could do now to help get our web visits up is to turn your computer's home page to that of the school. You may never have thought much about your homepage or how to change it, but doing so is very easy. On our web site you'll notice a big orange button in the top right hand corner, 'Make this my home page' – just press it and your homepage will become that of the school's.

Our goal is to see if we can increase web visits to our site by providing information of a broader nature than what has been traditionally presented and make better use of new and emerging technology. We hope that you find value in the new information and will visit the site often. At this stage the website is in its infancy and more content will be continually added. If we can raise the number of visits, the school's website becomes an attractive communication vehicle for sponsors and we could see a steady stream of funds become available to the school for what will be very little effort on our part. One of the things you could do now to help get our web visits up is to turn your computer's internet browser's home page to that of the school. You will find instructions on how to do this on the top right hand corner of the new website.

We recognise that some parents may not have access to the internet but with a large percentage of families having access at home and most of the remaining having access to the internet through work we felt this was a good time to 'Go Live' with The Glenferrie Gazette. Hard copies will still be printed for the time being and phased out during Term 1. A small number of hard copies will always be available from the office or upon request.

To access the Glenferrie Gazette please log on to the school's website and click on the links that will take you to the newsletter. There are obvious benefits to this approach but it will take a little change in the way we go about communicating. There is an expectation that parents will actually log on to the website to read the Gazette. We have started putting the Gazette online already, so have a look and get used to the steps required to access the Gazette

We thank you for your support of this initiative and the environment.

<http://www.glenferriepps.vic.edu.au>

Email Alerts

If you would like email alerts when new items appear on the website or to be notified when the Gazette is upload and ready for viewing please visit the school website and register your email address and details.

<http://www.glenferriepps.vic.edu.au>

Physical Education News

Sports Bags are now in the classrooms. Children will need to bring tennis balls from home if they wish to play with them.

5/6 Sport:

We had a wash out last Friday. We will replay the match against Canterbury on Fri 27th March.

This Friday we play at home against Auburn Sth Primary. 9.20am - 10.45am.

Rounders & Bat Tennis at school.

Softball, Cricket & Kanga Cricket at Fairview Park.

Parents are welcome to watch and walk with us to Fairview.

Eastern Zone Swimming:

Well done to Natasha 5/6T for a great swim on Friday. She came 5th in the 11 year old breaststroke final.

Alex Johnson

Entertainment books

If you are interested in purchasing an Entertainment Book this year (\$65 per book with GPS receiving \$13 for every book sold), please leave your name at the office by 27th March 2009. Please note that we will only be proceeding with the order if we get more than 10 requests.

Helen Bartley

East Kew Panthers Junior Football (soccer) Club

Calling all under 11's (born 1998) to kick off the new junior soccer club for 2009! Sunday competition, training on Wednesday evenings. Playing at Willsmere Park, Willow Grove Kew East. Enrolments Sunday March 15th 10am – 12pm at Willsmere Park. For further details call Vange on 0417 363 435.

HAWTHORN SECONDARY COLLEGE

www.hawthornsc.vic.edu.au

Hawthorn Secondary College invites Parents and Guardians to an Open School night on April 30th at 6:30pm. Prospective families will be able to tour the school. There will be an opportunity to meet and chat with students, teachers and the Principal/Assistant Principal about the many programs and VCE study options offered at our College. *New students are supported with a comprehensive transition, pastoral and orientation program to ensure that they feel happy and confident. Bursaries are now available to all Year 7 students from 2010.* Tours of the school are held Mon – Fri at 10:00am by appointment only. Alternative times can be arranged. Please reply to the Assistant Principal, Virginia Murray, on 9804 6307 by April 24th.

Boroondara Gifted Network

Join us for an interesting and informal evening exploring various strategies and programs that others found successful in keeping these bright minds stimulated. Bring along your queries and concerns, others may well have the same issues and even some answers! In addition we will be looking at both in-school and weekend/holiday activities for the gifted child so if you have suggestions or information for other parents/teachers bring them along and we will endeavour to build a resources list. There is no charge for this meeting however a small donation to cover refreshments costs would be appreciated. RSVP By Tuesday March 24th to Dinah Waldie 9885 2559 or preferably e-mail to waldie.dinah.d@edumail.vic.gov.au. Thursday March 26th, 7.00pm Ashburton School, Melway 60 E9

Boroondara Bushfire Relief

Working Bee at Chum Creek Primary School

Friday 20th March (afternoon/evening). To assist this school in our Eastern Region schools from Boroondara are getting together to attend a special working bee to help reinstate the playground at CCPS which was badly affected by the recent bush fires. All parents will be

bussed up and back and all materials and equipment will be supplied. Some food and refreshments will be provided. Leave Hawthorn West PS at 1pm and Return to Hawthorn West PS at 7pm Email RSVP to Robert Webb, PRINCIPAL at webb.rob.r@edumail.vic.gov.au.

WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE

My name is Courtney. I am in grade 5/6T I'm supporting the "World's Greatest Shave" on 12-14 March by colouring my hair either PINK or RED or GREEN or BLUE.

You can vote for a colour when you make a donation.

I would love if you could support me. Please see me before/after school or at lunchtime.

VIOLIN FOR SALE



Half size, second hand Stentor Violin including bow and case, for sale, \$150. Please contact the office for contact details.