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Diary Dates 2009

TERM 2

Friday 8th May – House Cross Country

Thursday 7th – Friday 8th – Mother's Day Pamper

Mornings. 8.00am

Monday 11th May – School Council Meeting, 7.00pm

Tuesday 12th May – Thursday 14th May – Naplan

Testing

Friday 15th May – Grandparent's Day

Friday 15th May – Walk Safely to School Day

Monday 18th May – 22nd May – Education Week

Wednesday 20th May – Open Day

Thursday 21st May – Thursday 28th May – Book Fair

Thursday 28th May – Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 10.40 – 11.40am

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

Welcome to the following student teachers who are at Glenferrie for two weeks.

Stephanie Freeman visiting Prep K, Annabel Kelly visiting 5/6 T, James Forrester and Catherine Embury visiting 4 T.

Nude Food Thursday

Starting next week we will be having Nude Food Day each Thursday. The class with the most "rubbish free" lunches will get a trophy to have in their class for the week. This will be presented to the winning class each Monday morning at assembly. This starts on May 14th. Further information from Mr Clyde will be in the newsletter this week. Thanks to Mr Clyde for organising this event.

Extra curricular activities at GPS this week:

Level 4 students went on an excursion to Sovereign Hill on Monday. Cross country is this Friday as well as Interschool sports. Grade 6 will be at Fairview Park in the morning and will stay for the Cross country. Other Year levels will join them once sports are completed. All welcome. Preps are going to visit their local community in Glenferrie Rd this week.

Now that the better schools project is completed we are looking ahead to plans for the following grants from the Federal government as part of the economic stimulus package:

National Schools Pride program – GPS will be funded **\$150,000** to improve the entrance to the school and provide more office space. Room 1 (near the Art room) will become the main office entrance, the Principal and AP's office. This will free up the present office space for meetings with staff and parents, use by the Guidance officer and Speech pathologist and for making phone calls. This has been an area of need for quite a while having been well under entitlement. The timeline for this project is for it to be completed by the end of the year.

Building the Education Revolution funding is based on enrolments. As GPS has an enrolment over 300 we are entitled to put in a plan to the cost of **\$2,500,000**. The plan is to demolish the GOSH building and use the land to build a multipurpose facility that will cater for PE with a gym, Before and After School Care and an Arts Area. The project is at planning stage and has been designed and costed. This project should be completed by 2010.

MUSICORP will provide a make-up lesson for this Monday (absent due to illness) sometime this term. Don't forget the Mother's Day pampering this Thursday and Friday. Thanks to Karissa Marston for organising this.

Well done to Dominic T, 4T and Zephyr H, 4P (SRC reps) for running assembly when Level 4 students were away on an excursion. Top job boys!

Marlene Laurent

School Matters

Read All About It Nude Food Begins at Glenferrie Primary School.

Every Thursday lunchtime starting from May 14th each classes lunch rubbish/ packaging(not morning tea) will be checked and the class with the least amount of packaging will win a trophy at Monday's Assembly. The reason this will be done is to reduce the amount of rubbish in the yard and to educate our children that we as individuals can make a difference to our environment. Anything that you use for your child's lunch needs to be able to reused to be counted. Sandwich bags or plastic containers are a good example to use instead of gladwrap. *Stewart Clyde*



May is National Family Reading month and our school is hosting a Jurassic Book Fair to celebrate. Our school's Book Fair is a great way to get your child reading- and we need your help!!

During May our school is hosting a family Reading Challenge, where we encourage families to read with their child for 15 minutes every day of the month of May! Your child will bring home your family reading challenge booklet which opens out to a family reading challenge poster, so that you can track your family's reading progress. At the end of May your family will be acknowledged on our reading family's honour roll.

I look forward to seeing you at our Jurassic Book Fair. It's a great place to find exciting new books to read for your Family reading challenge! **Helpers needed**, please see Natalie if you are able to offer assistance. Thank you
Natalie Benson

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge Update

We hope you have started reading and recording your books for the Reading Challenge. When you have received your username and password from your teacher, go to the website www.education.vic.gov.au/prc and log in using your personal details. You can then record the details of all the books you've read this school year. You may log in to the website to update your reading details as many times as you like during the challenge. The website also includes lots of information as well as book lists for each year level. The challenge will continue until August, so keep reading and have a great time! Remember that books read can be recorded for both the Reading Challenge and the MS Readathon at the same time. Happy reading!

Tansy Lewis-Lyons



Students are being invited to join in the celebrations of the 30th year of the MS Readathon by registering to take part in the June reading event. Since 1979 schools and children across Australia have read to help people with multiple sclerosis (MS).

Students, parents and grandparents can get involved, here's how...

Click online for free registration and receive an MS Readathon wristband

Flick through books from 1-30 June (you can count books from other reading programs too)

Collect sponsorship donations from family and friends and collect some terrific rewards

Visit www.msreadathon.org.au or call **1300 677 323** for more details.

Bonus! Once 20 students from our school register online for the MS Readathon, the school will receive a Penguin book pack for the library- it's free to register online, just check with mum or dad first.

MUSICORP

Your child can learn a musical instrument at school. Learning a musical instrument brings many benefits to your child's overall academic and emotional development. Please take advantage of the opportunity that now exists for your child to participate in our school's instrumental music program.

To enroll your child please call,

MUSICORP AUSTRALIA

9830 7655

Glenferrie Sports News

Physical Education News

House Cross Country Years 3-6

Is this Friday from 11am to 12.30pm at Fairview Park. Children will be instructed and reminded during PE on how to run the course. Please ensure your child had appropriate footwear and clothing for the day. We shall still run even if it is raining so wet weather attire may be necessary.

Zone Netball

Maddy B, 5/6C competed today in the Eastern Zone Netball Trials in Waverley. A fantastic achievement to make it this far and we wish her well.

Year 6 Sport

Begins this Friday morning against Camberwell Primary, 9am - 10.45am. Netball x 2 is at school. Tee Ball and Soccer are to be played at Fairview Park.

Please note those children who are competing at Fairview will stay at the park for Cross Country

Any Parents that can help walk with the soccer and netball team need to inform Mrs. Jill Trumble or myself. We will require at least 3 parents. Thank you.

Alex Johnson

Parents and Friends

P&F News – Term 2

Your Parents and Friends Group has several activities planned for this term.

Currently we are:

- Taking expressions of interest in **Student Report Folders**. This is a new fundraiser. We have designed special elegant GPS glossy folders with tabs to keep school reports, pupil of the week certificates, and all the other special certificates and photos that our children receive whilst at GPS and that many of us cannot think how to store. The folders will be great keepsakes for our children's time at GPS. The value of the folders is obviously recognised by parents of the older children. Orders in years 5&6 have been strong. For prep and Grade 1 parents, perhaps you may wish to imagine the pile of special papers that your child is likely to accumulate during their 7 years at GPS. We need about another 20 orders to proceed to a print run. This is a once off opportunity so get your orders in by Friday. Thank you to Louise Hodgkinson for thinking of the idea and co-ordinating.
- **Mothers' Day Pamper Mornings** will be held on Thursday and Friday this week. We apologise for the confusion caused by the first notice that went home which was obviously a draft! Please could you return the second form that went home last week with the right money (\$5 for every mother attending and \$2 for each child attending)? Please note that children whose mothers are not able to attend are of course welcome to come and receive a gift for mum and make something special for her also (again \$2 per child). We need a couple of parents (we suggest Dads) to assist children to make something special for their mum whilst mum enjoys a cuppa. If any Dads can help out please call Karissa Marston on 0438 943686. Thanks Karissa for organising.
- **Mothers Day Pamper Morning**
- Due to an overwhelming response **DOORS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8AM**. Each student needs to pay \$2 if they wish to take a gift home for mum. Payments can be made on the day. Helpers still wanted, contact Karissa if you are able to help or have any queries.
- **Grandparents Day** is coming up on 15 May. The P&F group co-ordinates morning tea for this fabulous morning. A notice is up on the junior school notice board, please sign up to bring a plate! Thank you to Juliette Robson and Prue McKay for co-ordinating.

Coming soon this term are:

- **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**
Our school has elected to take part in *Australia's Biggest Morning Tea*, a fundraising initiative of *The Cancer Council*. This event gives community groups all over Australia the opportunity to raise money for people living with cancer. We hope that you can attend with other parents and staff, on **Thursday, 28th May, from 10:40 am till 11:40 am** in the school hall. A lovely morning tea will be provided. Cost is a gold coin (minimum donation) to *The Cancer Council*. If you can join us please complete and return the relevant part of the flyer which will be sent home shortly. If you are unable to come but wish to donate, please send your donation in a labeled envelope to Jeannie or leave it with her in the collection box at the school office.
Thanks to Kirsten Tarry-Smith, Sarah Dobbins, Karissa Marston and Vesna Simic for organizing.
- **Boscastle Pie drive**. Order forms will come home later in the term for this fundraiser. It's great to be able to take a pie out of the freezer as a quick meal for those cold winter nights. If there is a parent who would like

to learn the ropes for organising this event for next year please call Luci Roney on 0425 752 200 . Thanks to Lucy for organising.

- **School Disco (date to be advised)** Is one of the main social events on your kids' calendar. We need a couple of parents from the junior school to assist in organising the event this year and to take on the organising next year. It's a fun event to organise. If you can help please call Kathryn Lockhart on 0438 253 816. Thanks for organising the event this year Kathryn.

And of course the school production is coming up; many hands are required to make costumes and props. Please keep a look out for requests for assistance.

Finally thank you to:

- Phiona Masterson for organising the hot cross bun drive at very short notice last term. It raised over \$100; and
- Lisa Scully and Sarah Dobbin for organising the Glenferrie Rd Festival GPS Cake Stall and to all parents who baked fabulous goodies for sale and/or helped on the day. Despite the dreadful weather they raised over \$1,100.00

Please support the P&F to organise social events and raise funds for the school! Our next meeting is at 2.30pm on Friday 22 May in the staffroom, all welcome!

Cheers

Sue Horn

School Community News

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every Monday afternoon between 3.15 – 3.45pm. If you are unable to come at this time leave and order at the office. Your order will be filled (provided stock is available) within 2 days and then can be collected by you or your child from the office. Order forms with current prices are available from the stand outside the office. We have had some difficulty in obtaining stock, in particular the navy short-sleeved polo shirt, but this should be available soon. We will notify you in the newsletter when the stock has arrived. Thank you for your co-operation, Wendy Mattschoss and Caroline Harris.

Grade 2 Coffee Morning

A grade 2 coffee morning will be held at Rococo (formerly Isa Brown), 797 Glenferrie Rd, straight after school drop off on Tuesday the 19th of May. Younger siblings welcome. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Emma Tinsley (2B) and Kirsten Tarry-Smith (2L).

Entertainment Books

If you have ordered an Entertainment Book they are now available for collection from the office

National Walk Safely to School Day

Friday May 15th is Walk Safely to School Day. Parents and carers are encouraged to walk their children all or part of the way to school. The walk can be combined with public transport or park the car a good distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way. The aim of the day is to promote active and healthy kids, reduce hazardous traffic congestion and teach healthy habits from a young age.

Pupil of the Week

Class	Student	For
OC	Emmanuelle C Claire R	Wonderful listening when the Fire Fighters came to talk about fire safety. Settling into our classroom so well.
OK	Philipp R Jake W	For 'having a go' at writing unknown words. Well done Philipp! For his fantastic writing about when the fire fighters came to visit GPS. Well done Jake!
1T	Lucas T Josh J	Fantastic work in Maths. What a treasure! Finishing his work. What a delight!
2B	Ollie B Deanna L	Writing an interesting story including his best friend as the main character. Demonstrating fantastic listening skills when learning new Maths concepts!

2L	Lottie R Rory Mc	Putting a great effort into her writing tasks – pages and pages of work! Being very diligent and putting an excellent effort into his homework each week.
3N	Ryan Lavinia	His wonderful attitude in the classroom. Well done! Being such an enthusiastic Diary monitor. Well done!
4P	Cole Kasey	The wonderful effort he puts into his work and for his improvement in Maths and English For his enthusiastic approach when learning
ART	Sophie 4T, Nick 3M, Amelia Prep K, Louise 56C, Akasha 4T, Millicent 1V, Mackenzie 56D, Bella 2B, Sarah 1A, Flynn 2B. Beccy 3N	For having artwork displayed at the Victorian Principals' Association. Congratulations.