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Diary Dates 2009

TERM 2

Monday 18th May – 22nd May – Education Week
Wednesday 20th May – Open Day
Thursday 21st May – Thursday 28th May – Book Fair
Friday 22nd May – Parents & Friends Meeting, 2.30pm, Staff Room
Monday 25th May – Level 3 Excursion to Healesville
Tuesday 26th May – Prep walk to Glenferrie Road
Thursday 28th May – Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 10.40 – 11.40am, School Hall
Friday 5th June – Zone X-Country
Monday 8th June – Queen's Birthday holiday
Wednesday 10th June – Year 1 & 3 Parents Dinner
Friday 12th June – Curriculum Day
Friday 19th June –GPS Disco, 6.15 – 8.15pm

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

Today was Education Week Open Day for Glenferrie. Thanks to Grade 6 students who toured visitors around the school during the morning. P-2 performed their item they did for Grandparent's Day. Juniors also participated in a maths incursion on the day. The book fair will be at the school this Thursday. It is always a great time to view new books and purchase some for your children as well as fundraising for the school.

Thanks to Rachel Gill, Caroline Harris and Sandra Buckley for giving out stickers encouraging students to get fit and walk to school last Friday. Well done students who walked.

All students in Year 3 and 5 participated in the NAPLAN testing schedule. All parents will receive a report in Term 3 about their child's results. Thanks to Mr Quinn for coordinating this.

Thanks to Juliette Robson and Prue McKay for coordinating the Grandparent's morning tea and to all who contributed on the day by serving and to those who provided a delicious morning tea. Grade 6 helpers were fantastic! Congratulations to Mrs Kavanagh and the Level 1 and 2 staff on a great morning.

The education sub-committee of School Council is presently reviewing the Student Code of Conduct at Glenferrie. This will be aligned with the DEECD recent publication "Effective Schools are Engaging Schools".

Congratulations to 3N for being the very first class to win the nude food trophy. Great effort!

Congratulations to Schrader for coming first in the cross country run at zone. Well done to all students who represented the school. We are very proud of your efforts. Good luck to those going on to zone.

On Thursday 28th May we will be having a fundraising morning tea. Come along and enjoy a delicious morning tea whilst fundraising for cancer research. Banking will start again this Thursday.

Welcome back Annika from 4P! It's wonderful to have you back at Glenferrie
Marlene Laurent

Glenferrie Sports News

Physical Education News

Kooyong District Cross Country

The district cross country was held last Friday at Victoria Park in Kew. We had much success with 8 of our students going through to Zone/Region Cross Country on the 3rd June at Yarra Valley Racecourse.

They are: Dom T, 4T (5th), Domi E, 5/6T (4th), Zoe G, 5/6D (6th), Maddy J, 5/6T (9th), Alasdair H, 5/6T (4th), Michael S, 5/6C (10th), Maddy B 5/6C (5th) & our champion of the day Schrader McL, 5/6T who ran a perfect cross country race to win her age group by a good 200m. Well done!

GPS Junior School Cross Country

This is a fun filled run at school. I am currently training the prep's, 1's and 2's for the big race, which won't be until the end of term 2. More information to follow.

Year 6 Sport

This Friday we are away at Deepdene Primary. Teeball & Netball are at Deepdene and Soccer is at the nearby Reservoir Reserve near the Traffic School. 9.15 - 10.45am.

Year 5 Gala Day

The year 5's will be involved in a sporting Gala Day at Kew Primary on the 11th June for the whole day. They will also be playing a friendly sporting match this Friday morning with Erasmus at Fairview Park.

Alex Johnson

School Matters

Musicorp Band

Due to the Years 3 and 4 excursion on Monday 25th May band practice has been cancelled for that morning

David Quinn

Active After Care Program

After School Care is once again offering a variety of exciting free programs. On Mondays we have Softball, Wednesdays are Martial Arts / Karate and on Thursdays gymnastics. Everyone is welcome. Just give Jodie a call on 9819 4291 to book in. Normal After Care fees apply.

Jodie Gouldthorpe

Italian Update

Ciao A Tutti (Hi everyone)!

What's Happening in Italian this Term©

Competition News:

The annual state-wide Dante Alighieri Society Poster Competition is happening and Glenferrie Primary School will be entering again. We have experienced success over the last four years receiving Honourable Mentions, Finalists and many prize winners in the State for various year levels. I am hoping that we will have more students entering this year and hopefully receive some more awards!©

All Glenferrie Primary School students will be given the opportunity to enter this competition. All students will be working on the competition theme in class and will be encouraged to enter. All students who choose to enter will have their entry submitted and all those who choose not to enter, will have their poster displayed at school.

The competition theme is divided into two categories:

Grades Prep to Grade 2 = Guarda! Nel pozzo ho pescato..... (Look! In the well I caught.....). All entries must have a minimum of 5 words not including the beginning sentence.

Grades 3 to 6 = Una Settimana di Pianete (A Week of Planets). All posters must contain the picture and the message entirely on the front of the A3 sheet. It must also include 5 sentences in Italian.

The entry is to be completed **individually** and on **A3 size** paper (that is, two A4 sheets of paper put together). No 3D entries will be accepted. The form of presentation is up to the student.

Competition prizes:

All prize winners will be required to attend a presentation evening at The University of Melbourne in late September (date unknown at this stage), with family and friends welcome. There will be a **trophy, certificate and prize awarded** to all first, second and third prize winners in **each year level**. Each year level will compete against students in the same year level, eg. Grade 3 will be competing against other Grade 3 students in Victoria. All prize winners will have their photo taken for the Italian Newspaper 'Il Globo'.

Due Date: **THURSDAY June 18th** -no later.

This all sounds exciting! I wish all of our students the very best of fortuna (luck).

But wait, there's more....

Year Prep students have started the 'Ecco Pinocchio' series and are enjoying every moment of it! They are currently learning to sing 'Geppetto's Song' with the actions! We will soon start the competition work and we will learn to design and label our posters in Italian!

In Year 1/2, the students have started learning about The Days of The Week and where these names come from. They are associating these days in Italian to the Planets and they are having fun trying to learn these off by heart! Soon, we will start on the competition work and we will learn to design a poster in Italian, learn to use the Italian/English dictionary and then produce a final copy of our poster, all labelled in the Italian language!

In Years 3/4, we are currently completing comic strips in Italian from last term. It has been a long process but the final results speak for themselves. The students have had to learn greeting terms and use these to create a comic. We have started working on the competition theme on The Days of The Week and associating these to the Planets.

In Year 5/6, we are in the process of writing greetings scripts and we will be videotaping the performances. The students have worked hard on these. The results so far are very good! We will focus on the competition theme and learning more about the days of the week and the planets in coming weeks!

Italian Student Committee Si, there will be a committee this year. Applications from Grade 5 and 6 students are now open and will CLOSE FRIDAY JUNE 12th. Students are asked to write a letter to me expressing why they would like to be part of this year's Committee. Letters are to be given to me beginning from this week. Results will be known by FRIDAY June 19th.

If you have any queries about the Italian Program here at Glenferrie Primary, please feel free to see me at school on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. ☺

Grazie mille (many thanks) for your continuing support,
Signorina Paladino., Italian Teacher and Coordinator.

Nude Food Day

Thank you to all the families who made an effort to reduce our environmental footprint by participating in last week's Nude Food Day. The winning class was 3N. 3M was second and Prep C third.

Stewart Clyde

Student Year 6 Sports Report

Over the past few weeks year 6 have participated in the Kooyong district interschool sports and cross country. Approximately 60 students have represented the school at district. This year for interschool sport we are playing soccer, netball girls and boys teams and Tball. Last week we competed against Camberwell Primary School. In soccer the score was 6 to 1 in their favour and special mentions go to Alisdair and Sam for playing so well last week, Sam blocked 20 shots for goal and Alisdair played really well around the field as well as kicking our only goal. Netball girl's team, special mentions go to Schrader and Jennifer for playing well around the field. In the netball boy's team, special mentions go to Michael for being a really great player. Tball team special mentions go to Jorge, Dylan and Betsy for being good sports. Thank you. *Damian S and Katie T. House Sports Captains - Martin*

Student Banking

Student banking will commence this Thursday and continue each week. A percentage of total deposits are returned to the school as a commission. Bank application forms are available from the office.

A group of parents process the banking at school and transmit it to the bank. We are in need of helpers so if you are able to help with the student banking, please contact Jane James. Training is provided and only a very basic knowledge of computer is required

Jane James

Parents and Friends



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 has been sent home last week. If you are unable to come but wish to donate, please send your donation in a labeled envelope to Jeannie or leave it in the collection box at the school office.

GPS students also have the opportunity to take part in the Biggest Morning Tea. Brumbys are kindly donating mini apple muffins for morning tea on the 28th of May. The muffins will cost \$1 and there is a limit of 1 muffin per child. All proceeds will go to The Cancer Council. A form will be sent home shortly. Please return it by Thursday 21st of May together with payment. Thank you.

Please direct any enquiries to Kirsten Tarry-Smith, Sarah Dobbins, Karissa Marston and Vesna Simic. Thank you.

Parents and Friends Committee

DISCO - Helpers Needed

The GPS Disco will take place on Friday 19 June. On the night we'll have a roster of helpers, but at the moment I am looking for a couple of people to help in the lead up to the disco. I would especially like someone with creative ideas for the decorations, who might be able to get together a team of people to make the hall look fantastic on the night. I'd also like to hear from someone who would be prepared to assist me with organising food for the night. If you are able to volunteer, leave a message at the office or speak to me at drop off or pick up times. Many thanks.

Kathryn Lockhart (Florrie Mc (3N) Mum).

\$\$\$ IGA DOCKETS \$\$\$

Remember to save your dockets from IGA Hawthorn or Burwood and put them in the box above the Pigeon holes outside the Office. You can also ask family and friends to save dockets too. If you have the time to flatten your dockets and put in a staple, paper clip or even just fold them in half as a bundle that all helps with the speed of getting them totalled. Remember a % of the totals we add up is donated straight to the school, great for buying new resources. *Cheers Libby Glover*

School Community News

Grandparent's Day

Yet again due to the fabulous efforts of all those parents who donated delicious food and valuable time Grandparent's Day was a huge success. This really is the Glenferrie Grandparent's Spectacular!

Thank you to the following for helping out on the day, Libby Glover, Prue McKay, Jane Haswell, Diana Tyson, Jacqui McCall, Rachel Gill, Rohaida Shaudin, Wendy Mattschoss, Cherie Mitchell and Juliette Robson.

And a special thank you to Sam and David from the Sandwich Platter for their gorgeous cakes and sandwiches and to Panache for donating the beautiful flowers.

Juliette Robson and Pru McKay

Parents Victoria Online Conference

18-24 May 2009

Parents of primary and secondary students, in all locations, are warmly invited to take part in the third online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 6am Monday 18 May to midnight Sunday 24 May. No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions will be very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate will be provided. Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

Register online at no cost

The Parents Victoria Online Conference 2009 website will open from 6am on 18 May at:

http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv1_09/ but please register yourself online first at <http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv09.htm>

Pupil of the Week

OC	Jessica S Molly K	Always doing her best with her class work. Showing fantastic improvement with her handwriting. Her letter formation is looking good.
OK	Charlotte C.	Her excellent effort during our Grandparents' day rehearsals. Well done Charlotte!
	Rex B	His excellent effort during our Grandparents' Day rehearsals. Well done Rex!
1A	Oscar R	His fantastic contributions in class and working very diligently. You're a star Oscar!
	Maddie M-B	A fantastic effort in writing her Hippo story. Wonderful Maddie!
1T	Sapphire C Stella N	A great work in time activities. What a treasure! Wonderful work with her story writing. What a delight!
2L	Hannah C	Always being organised, helpful and enthusiastic. Super, Hannah!
	Alexa M	Always putting in a super effort with her homework. Well done, Alexa!
3M	Azfar F Nikki F	Achieving great progress in reading and spelling. I am very proud, Azfar. Being such a great helper to a new student. Thanks, Nikki.
3N	Harry G Meg G	Being an awesome 'message' monitor! Being an awesome 'message' monitor!
4P	Sean M	His wonderful maths and reading skills in following recipes
	Zephyr H	His honest and mature reflection on his "Personal Learning Skills"
4T	Kate T	Being an excellent morning monitor and for consistently excellent work with homework tasks. Good on you, Kate!
	Charlie Z	Excellent artistic work and interesting chatterboxing presentations. Well done, Charlie!
5/6D	Kiara T	Her empathy and her support of others. Your caring help to make our class an even happier one. Thanks Kiara!
	Mary P	Continuing to always try your best in all your school work. Your positive attitude is great to see Mary!
5/6T	Addison P Chris B	Thinking ahead to prepare for his Naplan Maths test Completing his work to a very high standard- congratulations
Art Award	Georgina B, 4T Kate T, 4T	A beautifully presented workbook. Fantastic. A beautifully illustrated workbook. Fantastic.
Phys. Ed Award	Maddy B 5/6C	Her outstanding achievement in Netball. Well done on playing through to the Regional Trials. We wish you well!
Principal's Award	Hosanna M, 5/6C Tan T, 5/6C Jorge P, 5/6T Dylan S, 5/6T Betsy R, 5/6D Olivia N, 5/6D	Helping on Grandparent's Day.