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*Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.*

Henry Ford

Term 3, Week 8 2014

NEWSLETTER

From the desk of the Principal



If you are one of the parents that follow the school on Twitter you would have been most impressed with all the great things that have been posted over the last fortnight. One parent of a Year 5 student commented that she felt so connected with what was happening in Canberra thanks to the regular posts. Through Twitter we were also able to spread the great news of the positive comments our Stage 3 students received from staff at the War Memorial and Questacon. Well done to all our Stage 3 tourers. You represented our school so well and had a fantastic time whilst doing it. Thank you also to Mrs Menne, Miss Nyhan and Mrs Watkins for giving up their own time to escort the students. We all appreciate you very much.



Thanks to Twitter we were also able to spread the great news from Saturday morning when Tristan, Adam, Olivia and Cassie went to Hurlstone Agricultural High School to participate in the Young Farmer Challenge competition run by the University of Western Sydney. They competed against two other schools in their heat and had to work as a team to successfully complete five farming challenges. They won their heat and had to compete against the winners from the second heat in the final. Interestingly, the winners from the second heat were a community team consisting of four other students from Glenwood Public School – Rowan, Kevin, Myron and Ben. Both teams competed hard for the champion title and worked very well as a team. Congratulations to Tristan, Adam, Olivia and Cassie for taking out first place and to our community team for providing them with outstanding competition as runners up.

Next week I shall be on long service leave for two weeks. Miss Harper will be relieving in the role of Principal in my absence and Mr Adams is returning to teach 3H during that time. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe break.

Anne Webb

Young Farmers Challenge

On the weekend we got to compete in the Young Farmer Challenge at Hurlstone Agricultural High School. Our first challenge was to squeeze oranges until a beaker had 200ml of juice inside. Next we had to throw 6 raw eggs and catch them without breaking them. In the final, two eggs exploded in Adam's hands! The third challenge was to find an ear tag in a bag of hay without tipping it out. Then we had to put three big blocks of hay in a wheelbarrow and run them to a check point. The final challenge was the hardest, but we did it. We had to match different jobs, like a butcher or cheese maker, with the corresponding food group on a food chart.



We won our first heat and went up against another Glenwood team in the final. We got to compete against Rowan, Kevin, Myron and Ben. It was a close competition but our team ended up winning! We received a blue ribbon each, a small trophy to take back to school and the name Glenwood will be engraved on a special trophy to keep in the office. Rowan, Kevin, Myron and Ben got a red ribbon for coming second.



We enjoyed the competition and had a great day at the Spring Fair. We saw and patted cows, milked a fake cow and cracked some whips. It was great fun.

Tristan, Adam, Oliver and Cassie.

Reminder – all notes, money and permissions need to be placed in the silver letter box in the front office.

Kidmeet Update

3H and 4W are busy preparing their presentations of learning for their Kidmeet day next term. This week they are participating in another video conference with Ingleburn PS and Mt Pritchard East PS. All students involved are also getting to know each other through the Kidmeet Edmodo group. We also attended a Teachmeet on Friday afternoon, so that we could experience this fun sharing initiative.



Me to 3H 2014

I thought KidMeet was...

Terrible 0 vote(s)

Boring 0 vote(s)

Ok 7.69%, 1 vote(s)

Good 7.69%, 1 vote(s)

Awesome 84.62%, 11 vote(s)

Kate Weeitch and Charmaine Harper

Parliament at School

Last week, students from Years 5 and 6 got a real insight into the machinations of government by participating in a series of Parliament role-plays. The students followed the process from election (with real voting booths!) to debate in the House. The bill was on whether students should do homework. After voting, students took their seats in the **House of Representatives** under the supervision of the speaker, debated the bill, passed it on to the **Senate** where it then went to **Committee**. The hot jobs were the Speaker, the President of the Senate and the chairperson of the committee because these people got to sit in the cool chair! It was great hearing the quality of the debate and that students do value homework, contrary to what you might expect! It's all down to the great experiences we have at Glenwood! At lunchtime students ran an election for the children at Chillout to experience and Peter Griffin and Scooby Doo were the winners!



Thomas Gough

Apologies

We would like to thank Eddie from Donut King – Glenquarie Town Centre for supplying the yummy donuts for our Athletics Carnival last term.

The donuts were a very popular sell on the day and on behalf of the P&C and Glenwood Public School we would like to acknowledge Eddie and Donut King's generosity.

Relationships between schools and local businesses are important for the local community and we apologise for the late response.

P&C Meeting – Wednesday 3rd September

Our last meeting for Term 4 will be held this evening in the school library @ 7pm.

Father's Day Stall – Thursday 4th September



**It's on again –
the Glenwood P&C
Fathers' Day Stall**

**Thursday 4th September
8:30–9:00 AM
Outside the school hall
All gifts still only \$5**



P&C Bunnings BBQ – Sunday 14th September

Our annual external fundraiser will be on Sunday 14th September from 8am-4pm.

Don't forget to come and visit us @ Bunnings Casula and purchase one or ten of our yummy sausage sandwiches.

Thank you to the volunteers that have signed up already to help on the day.

We are still looking for some volunteers from 12pm onwards.

If you can spare an hour or two please let me know – amelia@sparkie.com.au

School Disco – Tuesday 16th September

Our last event for the term will be the school disco held for the first time during school hours.

Our talented DJ Altif will be there as well as our canteen being open to purchase refreshments and snacks.

Note: Pizzas or pizza slices will NOT BE SOLD on the day.

K-2 11:10 - 12:30

Entry Fee \$3.00 which comes with a free popper.

3-6 1:00 - 2:30

Glow sticks available to purchase for 50c each.

DRESS THEMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

Stage 3 Camp report

Students from Stage 3 recently returned from an educational tour of our national capital. They were given the opportunity to participate in a range of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of the Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education rebate program towards those costs. This rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and was factored into the costings at the beginning of camp.

Students visited many different places during the excursion. At the National Capital Exhibition they learned about the foundation of Canberra. Students were mesmerised by the works of Sidney Nolan and Monet (amongst others) at the National Gallery. They learned about how our coins are created at the Royal Australian Mint. Students stood at the tomb of the unknown soldier at the War Memorial and explored the halls that housed memories of the fallen. At the Electoral Education Centre they learned about voting and took place in their own election. Students toured the Australian Institute of Sport and participated in the Sportex program. At Parliament House, they formed their own government and opposition, watched parliament (both in the House of Representatives and the Senate) and met our local member for Werriwa, Mr Laurie Ferguson. Students also experienced science in a fun manner at Questacon. There was so much to do!

On a personal note, I would like to thank Miss Nyhan for her wonderful organisation and Mrs Watkins for her support during camp. It was my first with Glenwood and I really enjoyed getting to know the students better.

Here are some of the comments from our stage 3 students:

"I liked Questacon because we got to do mind benders!" (Natalia)

"The 'Drop' at Questacon was scary but fun" (Dylan)

"My favourite painting in the National Gallery was Jackson Pollack's "Blue poles" – it was huge!!!
Much larger than I expected." (Chantelle)

"At the war memorial we saw the names of all the people who have given their lives in war to give us our freedom. We stood in the tomb of the unknown soldier and learned how it symbolises all those who were not identified and did not return." (Rowan)

"I liked spending time with my friends and enjoying the picturesque sights" (Aditi)

"I liked the War Memorial because I learned new things about the history of our people" (Bryce V)

"My favourite experience was Parliament house because I learned new things about how our country is taken care of" (Teawanui)

"We all enjoyed camp very much. Some of the best places we went were the Royal Australian Mint, Questacon, Parliament, the Electoral Commission and the War Memorial. We all had great fun and hope to do it again" (Darina, Rafin & Sarab)

Smiles
Mrs Menne

Sing Out Loud Together

It is hard to believe that next week we will hold our sixth and final Sing Out Loud Together concert featuring The Belmont Buddies. Whilst we will not be continuing the program be rest assured that we will maintain our connections with The Whiddon Group and organise our own activities with the students and the clients in the aged care facility. Be sure to catch the concert on Tuesday at 10:15 in our school hall.



A Note to Early Arrivers

Supervision by staff is provided from 8.30 am each day. It is not safe for students to be on the premises before this time as they are not supervised. Before and After School Care is available for students who need to come to school earlier. Interested parents should contact the YMCA on 9618 3480 for more information or click the link from our school's website.

Taking pride in our uniform

School policy, determined by the school community, is that the children should wear school uniforms. We are extremely proud of our students and our school. Wearing school uniform fosters pride in the school and assists in the development of good tone and conduct. The P & C Uniform Shop is open each Monday and Friday morning from 8.30am until 9.30am.

Summer Uniform (Term 1&4)

Girls	Boys
Brown check A line uniform, white socks, black shoes & school hat	School polo shirt, brown shorts, white socks, black shoes & school hat.

Winter Uniform (Terms 2&3)

Girls and Boys

School polo shirt, brown track pants, zip jacket or sloppy joe, black shoes, white socks & school hat.



In the interests of health, children are required to have a school hat when playing in the playground, at sport or on an excursion. Our school's policy is "No hat, play in the shade".

Multicultural Day

All food being brought in can be taken to classrooms/wet areas in the morning. Please place the label provided on your food or fill out a blank card provided. All visitors are welcome to take part in classroom activities in the morning, food taste testing at lunch followed by an assembly showcasing our many talented students. We greatly appreciate your contribution to making our Multicultural Day 2014 a memorable one.

Term 3, 2014

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	1 Sept		Footsteps	Fathers Day Stall Multicultural Day	
9	8 Sept	Sing Out Loud Together Concert	Footsteps	KE assembly	Footsteps final payments due Stewart House bags due back at school
10	15 Sept		Footsteps	Bike Education Day	Footsteps (make up lesson)

Term 4, 2014

1	6 Oct Public Holiday	Students return to school		Year one visit to Australian Museum 56W Assembly	
2	13 Oct Kidsmeet 3H & 4W Living eggs in Kindy			KB Assembly	
3	20 Oct			3H Assembly	