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125 Years of Education in Glenorie
You would have received a yellow note last week outlining the program for next Tuesday. The students are encouraged to wear period costume; (suggestion: cap, shorts and vest for boys, bonnet, long skirt and apron for girls) as they visit the Glenorie Community hall for activities which was the original school site in 1888. Join us for our special assembly at 9:45 am or for a good old fashioned sausage sizzle at 1:00pm. Students will only be required to bring their recess on the day.

Clean Up Our Environment
Schools Clean-up Day enables our schools to take action to improve their local environments and school communities. We will be part of the school clean-up program tomorrow, Friday, 1st March. Students can bring gardening gloves and gardening tools and we will wear sports uniform to do our activities between recess and lunch.

School Photos and Uniforms
As you would be aware, on the 14th March individual, class and whole-school photos will be taken as well as family photos. Please ensure students are dressed in full school uniform. In case you are unsure, our expectation is that ALL students wear full school uniforms each day (including school shoes and school hats). We ask that the only jewellery worn is sleepers or studs for ears and only necklaces/bracelets for religious or medical reasons and school badges. Our school has also had a fine reputation for high standards of dress; this year we intend to strengthen that reputation...thanks for your support... Sports Captains are required to bring their sports uniform on the day for special photos.

All about Apostrophes
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership

Communication
We want to keep you informed. Because we are learning together, newsletters will be sent home on a weekly basis and they are also posted on the school website. Please continue to read the information in the newsletters on a regular basis. We will also inform you about specific class expectations (units of work, homework expectations, and so on) on our other site - http://glenorie.weebly.com. This is still under construction. Also refer to the front notice board for whole-school events and use the School App for all newsletters and notes.

All schools have issues. We like to resolve them as quickly as possible. Please talk to your child’s classroom teacher whenever you have any questions/concerns/issues. Please do not take matters into your own hands and approach other students in the playground or in the classroom to sort the issue out for yourself. Parents are also not allowed to enter the classroom in the morning if the teacher is not present. Child Protection has specific guidelines that we must adhere to for the safety of all our students. If your child’s teacher can’t help, speak to a member of the school executive or to me. We like to have a harmonious school.

P&C Meeting
P&C met this week for the first time this year. We thank the P&C for their ongoing support for our students. They have agreed to purchase 50 notebooks for the stage 2 students as well as sponsoring the gymnastics program in Term 4 2013. The canteen will resume business on
Monday 11th March. The canteen under a voluntary roster will now only open on Monday and Friday at this point to make the canteen viable. A new menu, new equipment, including a slushie machine has been supported by the P&C. Mr Chris Norton is leading the Trivia Night Committee and is seeking members to run the trivia night on 27th July. Please see further details in this bulletin.

**Studyladder**
Studyladder is a highly effective, logically organised, Mathematics and Literacy program. It has been developed by experienced educators to inspire and motivate learning. It is suitable for Primary and Junior High School students and is very easy to use - students simply login with a username and password to access all the learning materials. Glenorie PS has registered for this free for schools program. During Term 1 students will be given a password and user name and your child may access this site at home for activities set by the teacher.


**Multiplication Times Tables**

**Sorting Fact from Fiction**
Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one. Find out more:

**Back to School Expenses**
The first Schoolkids Bonus instalment of $205 for each primary student and $410 for each secondary student has been paid to eligible families to help lighten the load of back-to-school expenses. If you didn’t receive the payment by 31 January, but think you’re eligible, contact Centrelink to discuss your personal circumstances. To avoid the phone queues, check by going to http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-payments/schoolkids-bonus

Please note that families who receive their Family Tax Benefit as a lump sum will receive their Schoolkids Bonus payment after their Family Tax Benefit claim is assessed. If preferred, families can change from a lump sum to fortnightly payment and receive the Schoolkids Bonus sooner. This can be done through Centrelink Online Services.

**Become involved in your child’s education.**
Lyn Pearce
Principal

**Junior Choir Update**
The Junior Choir meets Monday afternoons for practice session, during school time. This year’s Year 3 students have begun work on their first piece for the year and will be making their debut appearance at the 125th Anniversary of Glenorie School celebrations on Tuesday 5th March. Please come along and support our brand new crop of singers.

**Senior Choir Update**
The Senior Choir has been accepted to form part of the Arts North Combined Choir which will perform at the Opera House in September. Preparation for this exciting event will include rehearsal excursions to Chatswood High School and the Opera House. Further information, and final costing per student, will be sent home and published in the school newsletter closer to the event. The Senior Choir is open to all Year 4, 5 and 6 students who are interested in singing. There are limited positions still available if any student wants to join, but is undecided. Members of the choir practice on Tuesdays, during the first half of lunch, after eating time. Practice sessions are held in Mrs Bellamy’s room.

**Glee-norie Drama Club**
The Glee-norie Drama Club is off to a great start with some very talented students taking up the opportunity to be more involved with drama and music in a fun way. The Glee-norie Drama Club is open to all Year 3 – 6 students. Rehearsal and workshop sessions are held on Thursday, during first half of lunch, after eating time. The students are working on skills they will use in our inaugural major performance to be held in Term 4. Watch this space! Any students still wanting to be involved are welcome, just pop down and check out what we are up to. The Glee-norie Drama Club meet in Mrs Harmon’s room. Big thanks to Mrs Perry for her additional support.

**Canteen News**
The P & C has approved the new canteen menu and the **first day of operation will be Monday 11th March.** Thanks to the parents who volunteered to be helpers in our canteen. We are able to open on Monday and Friday for recess and
lunch. We still need more help. Keep an eye on the bulletin for the new roster and see if you could help out for an hour or two!

To trial our new Menu we will be having a ‘Tasting Day’ where the children are able to sample small portions of new foods that we will be selling in the canteen. This will be on Wednesday 6th March. The children won’t need any money on this day.

All the new volunteers and co-ordinators are working together to make a positive and smooth transition for our canteen and we would appreciate your support in this new venture.

PS. Stay tuned for the menu…. Slushies and Sushi are on the menu!
The Canteen Committee

Calling all Year 6 Parents!

Year 6 Farewell Committee for 2013

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 12th March at 3:30pm in Mrs Black’s room.

There are many things to discuss such as fundraising and the theme for 2013. The Year 6 Farewell is organised by Year 6 parents and overseen by Mrs Black and Mrs Bellamy. Please come and join us so that we can start the ball rolling!!!! If you cannot make this date then please let us know if you are interested so that we can include you in the committee.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.
Mrs Black and Mrs Bellamy
Year 6 Teachers

Changes to Sending Out the Bulletin

Please choose whether you would prefer to get the Bulletin as a hard copy sent home on Thursdays with your eldest child or electronically to your email address. If you choose to have an electronic version of the bulletin, please send your response of ‘yes to electronic version’ to: glenorie-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Be sure to include your eldest child’s name and class. No hard copy will then be sent home and those that do not respond will continue to receive a hard copy as usual.

Parramatta Eels Visit!

On Monday 25th February, students in Years 3-6 were star struck by 2 members of the Parramatta Eels. Ben Smith and Kaysa Pritchard came to talk to the students about getting involved with a local Rugby League team. Matthew Clark-Donaldson could barely control his excitement... 2 famous players from his favourite team... here in Glenorie! Bowen Copeland brought in his pyjamas for them to sign and was worried that the signatures might rub off during the night... they didn’t!

The students also watched a short video about bullying and how it affects everyone. Students learnt about “The String Movement” which involves wearing a piece of string around their wrist to show that they will not tolerate bullying. “TIE IT, TELL IT, YELL IT!”

It was a great session and thank-you to Ms Karen Hugo for organising it.

The Easter Bunny will be Coming to Glenorie Early this Year

As Easter will be here very soon, we will be holding our annual Easter Egg Raffle on Thursday, 28th March. We want to have the best raffle ever. For our raffle to be a success, we need to collect as many Easter Eggs as possible. We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs in all shapes and sizes. We also need donations of baskets to put the eggs into. The donations can go to the classroom or straight to the office. Closer to the day, Mrs Young will pack the eggs into the baskets for us.

As we get closer to the date the SRC will sell the raffle tickets at school. The money raised from this sale will be donated to Stewart House School. Stewart House is the school’s main charity. Stewart House is a holiday home/school for needy primary school children.

We thank our parents and friends for their generous donations.

Signora Lo Grasso (Charity Co-ordinator)
A meeting will be held at the Glenorie RSL Club on Thursday, 7th March at 7.30 pm to start organising the Glenorie Public School Trivia Night.

If you are unable to attend, but wish to contribute, please contact Chris Norton on 0400 037 576.

Thank you
Galston Netball Club

Galston Netball Club is looking for new players for our 7, 8 and 9 year old teams. No prior experience is necessary and coaching will be provided. Training sessions are held weekly at Galston and all games will be played on a Friday evening at Pennant Hills Park.

If you are born in 2004, 2005 or 2006 and interested in joining our girls please contact Susie Barker on 0418 477 882 or 9653 3090 urgently as registrations will be closing shortly.
Outdoor Movie at Galston Public School
Saturday, 23rd March
Madagascar 3 Europe’s Most Wanted
Come and join our school community and the crazy crew from Madagascar 3!
Gates open at 5:30pm and the movie begins at 7pm.
There will be hot food, drinks, tea & coffee, chips, choc tops, popcorn, and glow sticks available to purchase on the night.
Tickets can be pre-paid by visiting the website: galstonmovienight.com or at the gate.
Family of four $20 additional or individual adults $7.50 & children $5. Gate ticket prices: Family of four $25, additional or individual adults $8.50 & children $6.
Children under 3 are free with either payment method.
Alcohol and smoking are not permitted on the school grounds.
Time to do your Times Tables

Finding a pain-free, nag-free method of learning times tables is the quest of every parent. It is essential for your child to know their times tables before they start high school but how can you help?

Since every child learns differently, you need to find the method that suits your child. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Learning by rote: old fashioned but still good!
- Put up posters around the house or get your child to write out their tables.
- Search the internet for the times tables set to music or online games.
- Flash cards: write the question on the front and the answer on the back.

And remember: practice, practice, practice. Real fluency needs a child to practice regularly over at least 6 weeks. As a rule of thumb, your child should be able to answer any multiplication up to 12 x 12 in a few seconds.

With a little effort every day, learning their times tables will mean the world to your child, teaching them persistence, resilience and building confidence.