



Glengarry News



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REMINDERS

Thursday 11 December

Friday 12 December

Monday 15 December

Wednesday 17 December

Thursday 18 December

Monday 2 February

REPORTS HOME

After school sport finishes

5.30 p.m. Christmas Assembly – Rooms 5 & 6

Year 7 Transition Day at Duncraig SHS

9.00 a.m. Year 7 Graduation

8.50 a.m. Final Assembly

Term 1, 2009 commences for students

Your child will be bringing home the **second semester report**. If you require an interview, please organise a time with your child's teacher.

Our last remaining **demountable classroom** will be removed during the school holidays. We have been fortunate to keep it this long but now the Department of Education and Training are desperate for classrooms in other schools. Our brick kindergarten can adequately cope with the kindergarten classes at Glengarry.

A reminder that the school grounds are off limits during the school holidays while the amphitheatre is removed. The date is **Monday the 12 January – Friday 16 January**.

Congratulations to Martin Ramshaw for being our latest member on the school Council. I would also like to thank Martin for running the Science Club on Wednesday afternoons this year. The students who attended were engaged in scientific investigations that covered the many areas of science.

Yesterday we farewelled Miss Catherine Kerr. Miss Kerr has been teaching in Room 12 this year. On behalf of the community we thanked her for her contribution to the education of the children at Glengarry and we wished her all the best for her future endeavours.

Our last newsletter will be on the 18 December, the last day of school for 2008.

I am advising you of the availability of the Learning Area Grade Report which provides you with written information that clearly shows your child's achievement in the subjects studied compared to that of other children in your child's peer group at Glengarry Primary School. This information shows you the number of students in each of the achievement levels A – E.

If you would like this additional report, please fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to the office no later than next Tuesday 16th December, 2008.

Congratulations to the following students for achieving their 100 tokens – Mikayla, Emily,

Aimee, Bella and Jack.

They will be presented with their awards at the Christmas Assembly on 12th December.

Janet Iacomella, Principal

Jack – Year 3, Room 5, Dampier





Bella– Year 3, Room 8, Sturt



Mikayla– Year 3, Room 8, Sturt



Emily– Year 3, Room 8, Dampier



Aimee– Year 1, Room 12, Forrest

ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year we are collecting “goodies” for the **Anglicare Christmas Giving Program.**

We would like a range of packaged food items that families in need may not usually have and would be a Christmas treat. These items can be brought to school and left in the library under the Christmas tree until next Thursday 18 December. Thank you for your generosity.

PARENT HELPERS/VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

We would like to thank all our wonderful parent helpers and volunteers that support us in many ways throughout the school during the year. A reminder that this “thank you” morning tea is tomorrow, Friday 12 December in the Library at 10.00am. Hope to see you there.

GRADUATION ASSEMBLY WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER – HELP REQUIRED

We require some Dads to assist our gardener Frank Mottolini erect the stage for Graduation on Wednesday morning. You would need to be at school at 7am and it should only take about half an hour of your time.

If you are able to assist, could you please contact me at the Office. Many thanks

Caroline Markey, Deputy Principal.

DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van at Glendale Primary School will be closed from 19/12/08 – 30/1/09.

Emergencies:

19/12/08 p.m. only	Ocean Reef Dental Therapy Centre	9307 4775	
22/12/08	Halidon Dental Therapy Centre	9409 6362	
23/12/08 - 23/1/09	Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre	9313 0555	8.15-4.30 (Mon-Fri only)
27/1/09 – 30/1/09	Halidon	9409 6362	

PREMIER'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2008-09

Get your child clued-in on reading!

If you would like your children to improve their reading skills during the summer holidays while having the chance to win one of hundreds of great mystery prizes, then why not encourage them to enter the **Premier's Summer Reading Challenge**.

For the first time this year, the Challenge has been extended to include mums and dads. We are inviting parents to set a good example to their children by reading for 15 hours during the Challenge period. Not only will you be rewarded with plenty of quiet time, you will also be entered into a special prize draw for your efforts!

The Challenge is FREE and runs from 11 December 2008 to 9 February 2009. Children in Kindergarten to Year 2 can complete the Challenge by reading for a minimum of 10 hours and students in Year 4 to Year 7 must read for a minimum of 15 hours. For every 5 hours your child reads they can pick up a sticker and mystery prize from the local library.

By entering your child you are also ensuring that our school is in with a chance of winning a \$5000 prize which will be awarded to the school with most entries (based on school population).

For more information check out the website at det.wa.edu.au/readingchallenge

P & C NEWS

The P&C would like to invite everyone to stay after our Christmas assembly tomorrow for a casual get-together. We will have BBQ's set up for you to have a cook-up. We also have the Peters ice cream van, glow sticks, face painting & hamper raffles, plus a great band to listen to. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Steph Garcia, Social Co-ordinator

BUMPER HAMPER RAFFLE

A HUGE thank you to all families who have donated items for the raffle, we have had a great response. Tickets will be sold at Friday's evening assembly, \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Join in and you may go home with some great surprise Christmas gifts!

Jane Scott, P&C Treasurer

FAB FOOD

I would like to thank the following people for assisting me with Fab food this last term. It is been greatly appreciated by the whole school community – Debbie Howe, Chiquita Butler, Nicholas and Sally Clements, Birgit Warland, Christine Day, Vanessa and Rob Hampson and lastly my sweet little helpers on every Friday, Louise and Amelia Miles. Thanking you all – Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Jo Johnsen, Fab Food Coordinator

Here's to a HOPEful future!

It has been a fantastic year for HOPE and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in any way, especially the children who have come along and supported our activities. Here are some of the things that we have achieved this year.

Highlights of the year –

Glengarry has become an official **Waste Wise School** following Miss Pack and I attending a workshop earlier this year. A Waste Wise Policy and Action Plan has been finalised and endorsed by the school – thanks to Mrs Iacomella for her continual input and support.

Our Waste Wise funding application to the Department of Environment has been submitted and all being well, we should receive word over the holidays that we have qualified for a \$2200 grant to carry out our plans in 2009.

As part of the Waste Wise process, we had a **Waste Wise Audit** in September that we held as a HOPE After School Activity. About 30 children helped to empty bins and sort waste from one day at Glengarry. Results helped provide baseline information and inform planning of our Waste Wise plan. Miss Longman's class has been working on a presentation of the data for the final assembly on the 12th.

In February we participated in **Clean Up Australia Day** and in June we had our Worm Incursion which the children loved.

In early September, we undertook an **Environmental Weed Audit** of the Alfreton Reserve bushland. Thanks to all the children who collected, mapped and pressed weed samples which have been kept on file. A display of these results was in the library for a few weeks this term.

On 12 November we took an excursion to **Tamala Park** – thanks very much to Simone Dudley who organised this trip. We had about 28 children and some Mums – thanks to those who volunteered. We got some great comments back from the children and they learnt heaps. Thanks to the P&C for paying for the bus.

We participated in the **Mobile Muster Schools Challenge** – thanks to all those who dropped in their old mobiles – and reached our target of over 14kg (We got 15kg) which means that we will be rewarded with a voucher for 50 native Australian plants (tube stock) which we will use for bushland regeneration next year.

We have initiated the collection of batteries for recycling (thanks again Simone Dudley) and on 4 December a busy bee bundled all the newspapers in the recycling shed to take to sell to the recyclers – thanks to Jane Scott for organising this and taking a ute load down, and to Michael Pannell for taking another ute load and thanks to all those parents that turned up to help bundle papers. We get \$100/tonne for the P&C.

Getting bigger and better...

Next year we hope to implement our Waste Wise Action Plan with the money from DEC. This will involve four recycled fridge worm farms, kitchen gardens, Zero Waste lunch days, Tidy Days, paper recycling throughout the school and more community recycling. The children will be more directly involved in everything as four of the Waste Wise activities will be run by a designated class each term. There will be rewards for kids too.

We will continue to run HOPE After School Activities, do the recycling, mobile muster, Clean Up Day and also want to start a 'Friends of Alfreton Reserve' Group which will enable us to start doing bushland regeneration work.

Thanks heaps to everyone who has been involved this year – especially Simone Dudley, Richelle Bunbury and Kerry Pannell who have consistently helped me throughout the year. Also thanks to all those parents who stayed at activities and also to the staff at Glengarry for supporting what we are trying to achieve and to all the fabulous children who have become involved. Stay HOPEful guys! Merry Christmas to everyone and here's to a HOPEful New Year

Alison Leitch
HOPE Coordinator

LEARNING AREA GRADE REPORT
(Please return to the school office by Tuesday, 16th December)

I would like to request the Learning Area Grade Report as part of the Semester 2, 2008 Reporting to Parents package, for the following students.

Name: _____	Year _____	Room _____
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