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REMINDERS

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| Thursday, 3 rd April | Disco |
| Friday, 4 th April | House Activity |
| Friday, 11 th April | Anzac Service – Choir |
| | Last day of Term 1 |
| Monday, 28 th April | Professional Development for Teachers |
| Tuesday, 29 th April | Students commence Term 2 |
| 13 th , 14 th & 15 th May | National Testing for Yrs 3,5 & 7 |

Hasn't the term gone fast! This is the last newsletter before the holidays, after which we hit the road running with the National Testing in week three for years 3,5 and 7.

Please search your child's bag for the official brochure titled "2008 National Assessment Program". It outlines its purpose and gives the timeline for testing.

At the end of next term your child will bring home the first semester report. It will be in the same format as last year. The one exception is for the Year 6 and 7 musical instrument student report. It will be included as an insert with the semester report.

It should be remembered that the school report issued by your child's teacher is a more extensive and informative report than the NAPLAN.

As part of the Federal Government's Values Education initiative, our school is required to conduct a Values Education Forum.

In conjunction with this initiative, a Values Survey is being sent to all parents in an attempt to gather data about parent's perceptions of the school's commitment to Values Education.

The results from the surveys will be part of a Values/Well Being Forum held at the school on Thursday, 22nd May.

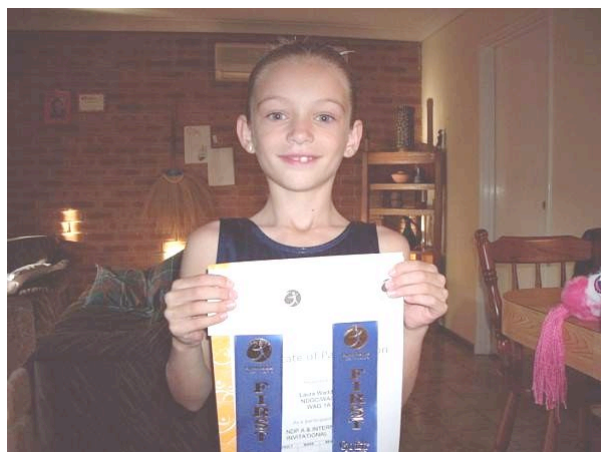
The school has been lucky enough to engage the services of Luke George from Best Performance Pty Ltd to assist in the coordination and facilitation of the project. Luke has presented and worked with over 250 schools in the Values area and brings a wealth of knowledge to share with the community.

More details are provided with the survey.

Congratulations to Laura Waddle who competed in the Western Australian Gymnastics National Development Program & International 5 Invitational Competition on the 30th March and was placed 1st on Beam – (NDP1A) and 1st on Floor – (NDP1A). Laura represents Northern Districts Gymnastic Club and trains at the WA Institute of Sport. A fantastic effort!

Have a safe and active holiday.

Janet Iacomella,
Principal



PARENT REMINDER

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on school premises.

ANZAC SERVICE 2008

Since Anzac Day falls during the school holidays, we will be having our Anzac Service at Glengarry Primary School on Friday, 11th April commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The whole school will attend and we would like to invite parents, friends and relatives to join us.

Each student is asked to bring a flower to school on Friday morning which they will place on the memorial during the service.

Any students belonging to uniformed organisations such as Brownies, Guides, Cubs or Scouts are invited to wear their uniforms on the day.

Students who have relatives’ medals to wear should, as protocol decrees, wear them on the right breast. Recipients of medals wear them on the left breast (except for some specific awards).

We look forward to seeing you at our Anzac Service.
Caroline Markey, Acting Deputy Principal

HOUSE BULLETIN

Tomorrow, Friday 4th April is the last House Activity for this term. It starts at 9 am and finishes at 10 am. The program will be as follows:

- Forrest: Music & Dance in the undercover area.
- Banks: Sport Tabloid on Room 4 verandah .
- Sturt: T & E activity in the Dampier wet area.
- Dampier: Art activities in Forrest wet area.

We would appreciate some appropriate magazines being sent along for the Art activity. Please be aware that these magazines are being used by young children.

Parent help is needed for scoring. Please email or see Miss Algar if you can assist.

On Thursday, 10th April children will eat lunch with their House buddies and be given the opportunity to play with them afterwards . They may like to bring something to share with their buddy, such as a book or small game for after they have eaten. It is best not to send food to share as we have quite a few children with serious allergies.

Pam Algar Email: Pam.Algar@det.wa.edu.au

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are calling for nominations for one community representative on the school council. This person can be any member of the school community. The school council meets approximately once a term. You can self nominate or if you know of someone who may be interested please check with them first before nominating. Please complete the slip below and return it to the office by 4 pm on Friday, 11th April.

GLENGARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL - NOMINATION SLIP

I (print)

nominate (print)

to be a representative on the Glengarry Primary School Council.

Signature of Nominator Date

Signature of Nominee Date

Nominations close on Friday, 11th April at 4.00 p.m.

YEAR 7 EASTER RAFFLE

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Easter raffle. We raised \$418.80 which will go towards year 7 graduation costs. Winners of the raffle were: 1st prize – Christie family, 2nd prize – Sue Green.

Fiona Hart and Carol Munro

FAB FOOD

With the recent rise in food costs, some of our providers have found it necessary to increase their prices. Unfortunately, Fab Food must follow suit; therefore, from term 2 all meals will be \$4.50 per week. I look forward to your continued support.

Simone Dudley, Fab Food Coordinator

WELL DONE

..... to everyone who cycled to school on our recent Cycle to School Day. 160 schools across WA participated, making the 2008 event the biggest success since the program's inception in 1995.

We will again be running our very successful Salvos Drive in second term from Monday 12th May to Monday 26th May 2008. A note with a red bag attached will be issued to every family in the near future. So, now is the time to have an "autumn" clean-up and don't forget to ask your family and neighbours too. Every bag filled is worth \$5 for the school.

FREE DRESS DAY

Thanks to everyone who supported our Free Dress Day yesterday - we managed to raise \$208.00.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Glengarry Primary School will once again be supporting the National Walk Safely to School Day to be held in the first week back next term - Friday 2 May 2008. Stickers and fruit will be available on arrival at school. The objectives of this day are: to promote the health benefits of walking, develop children's road-crossing skills, reduce car dependency, traffic congestion and also vehicle emissions. We hope to see as many walkers as possible!

Sharryn Chapman, P & C President

DON'T MISS GLENGARRY'S BIG NIGHT OUT!!

The class reps and social committee have been working hard on preparations for "*Glengarry's Big Night Out*" on the evening of Friday 9th May. This is our main fundraiser for the year and is raising money for the purchase of a state-of-the-art, computerized *Interactive Whiteboard*, which will be located in the library for all students to use with their teachers.

There will be heaps to do and see on the night including an art show with all the student's magnificent work up for sale; a display of all the puppets the students have been working on so diligently throughout the term; the school choir to delight us with their talent; bouncy castle and much more to entertain the kids.

A number of local retailers will be displaying and selling their wares in the undercover area. Beautiful all-natural skincare products, exotic silk handbags, handmade gift cards and everlasting Tupperware are but a sample of what will be on offer, so dads be assured that your *Mother's Day* gift shopping will be taken care of on the night. We are still in need of more stall holders (maybe a jewellery stall?), so if you know of anyone who may be interested, contact Carol Munro (ph. 0400 183 869).

Food will be available to feed the family with burgers, sausage sizzle, nachos, sushi, drinks, ice creams and gourmet coffees available. All of these stalls will require parent volunteers to both prepare and serve the food, so be sure to contact your class rep to offer a half hour of your time.

This is sure to be a fabulous night, so make sure the date is in your diary, invite family and friends to join you, and we'll see you there! Any questions...see your class representative.

Kerry Pannell, Class Rep. Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Greenwood Senior High School

Application forms are now available for 2009 scholarships at Greenwood Senior High School and also on the website at www.greenwood.wa.edu.au Scholarships are granted in the fields of: community service, sport, the arts, academic. Please direct inquiries to John Rule on 9243 9212.

Kid's Tennis commencing Sat. 3rd May for 8 weeks on Sat. mornings at Duncraig. Fee is \$110. For enrolments or queries call John on 9448 4580.

Nigel's Soccer Coaching School Holiday Program commences Monday 14th April on Glengarry school oval. Times are: Mon, Wed. & Fri. 1.30-3.30 pm – Tues. & Thurs. 12 noon–3 pm for both weeks. Cost is \$60 per week. Forms are available at the school office. For more information call 9203 7989 or 0406 858 727.

Hamersley Rovers Soccer Club currently have a few vacancies for players in our U/7 team. Girls and boys of all skill levels, including beginners, are welcome to join the team. Contact Chris or Tony on 9447 8083.

Subiaco Football District Holiday Coaching Clinic

This is for boys and girls aged 6-12 years. It will be held on Wed. 23rd April from 9.30am – 1.30 pm at Aintree Reserve, Hamersley. Cost is \$35. For more information call 9208 9999.

World of Energy – School Holiday Activities

Mon.14/4-Fri.18/4 “Kids in the Kitchen”– hands-on cooking for children aged 5-12. Cost \$5.50.

Mon. 21/4-Thurs. 24/4 “Junior Science Explorers”– hands-on circuit puzzles for primary school children. Cost is \$5.50.

Tues. 22/4-Thurs. 24/4 “Parents in the Kitchen” – an exciting new cooking session with executive chef, Dale Sniffen. Cost \$20, payable in advance.

Bookings are essential for all activities. For bookings call World of Energy on 9430 5655.

GETTING ALONG

Resilience is the ability to ‘bounce back from adversity’ in order to lead a healthy and full life. It is associated with the prevention of substance abuse, bullying, violence and suicide in young people.

Well-developed social skills can help young people act resiliently. The students have been learning about social skills that are important if we want to get along with others:

- being positive
- being a good listener
- being a good winner and loser
- cooperating and being flexible
- being loyal
- being kind and caring.

We know that people are not born with these skills but have to learn and practise them. We know that if you can get along with people, you have a sense of belonging and feel happier and more confident.

Handling **conflict** well is an important skill for getting along with people and that having disagreements with friends is normal. One way of practising dealing with disagreements in an assertive (or Panda) way involves:

- staying calm and trying to sort out arguments with solutions where both people win
- saying sorry if you have been unfair or done something wrong
- asking for help to sort things out
- saying what you think or feel without getting angry.

There are aggressive (or Bulldog) and passive (or Mouse) ways to deal with conflict that are not always as effective as being assertive.

How you can help your child with these social skills:

- give compliments and praise when your child displays any of the social skills outlined above
- try to model the social skills outlined above yourself
- encourage your child and other family members to deal with disagreements in an assertive way rather than an aggressive or passive way
- have consistent rules about behaviour in your family
- avoid being too harsh with your discipline
- get to know your child's friends (without being intrusive).

Together we can help raise happy and confident children.

This has been taken from “The School Drug and Road Aware” education program titled “Challenges and Choices”. It is available on the internet at <http://www.sdera.wa.edu.au/docs/ActivitySheetsCC4-7.pdf> and has activities to do at home