



Glengarry News

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REMINDERS

Mon. 10 th March	School Council Meeting
	Hot Cross Bun Drive
Wed. 12 th March	“Cycle to School” Day
Fri. 14 th March	House Swimming Carnival
Mon. 17 th March	P & C Committee Meeting
Thur. 20 th March	Assembly – Room 11
	Hot Cross Buns delivered
Fri. 21 st March	Good Friday)
Mon. 24 th March	Easter Monday) school closed
Tues. 25 th March	Easter Tuesday)

I welcome Mrs Julie Burston onto the School Council. She joins Ms Caroline Noble, Mrs Michelle Leicester, Mrs Shauna Cartledge and Mrs Stephanie Garcia as community, parent and P&C representatives. Meetings are held at least once per term and its purpose is “to enable parents and members of the community to engage in activities that are in the best interest of students and will enhance the education provided by the school.” Two of its duties are to take part in the review of the school’s priorities and general policies and financial arrangements necessary to fund these objectives. The first meeting for 2008 is on March 10th at 7 p.m.

Some of our PEAC students went to an “Adventure Challenge Program” at Challenge Stadium in February. (PEAC is a Primary Extension and Challenge program for years 5 – 7 run by the Department of Education and Training.) It was great to receive a letter congratulating Samuel Griffiths-Hickey, Daniel Emmott, Danielle Williams and Jesse Broomhead for their friendly, courteous, encouraging and enthusiastic involvement.

Congratulations to Jack Sinclair and Lewis Crowford for achieving 100 tokens and obtaining points for their house. Jack is in Dampier and Lewis in Banks. They will receive their house ribbons at the next assembly.

*** Please highlight on your calendars that schools will be closed on Easter Tuesday , 25th March 2008.

Janet Iacomella, Principal



Jack Sinclair – Year 3, Room 8



Lewis Crowford – Year 3, Room 8

HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The House Swimming Carnival will be held at Greenwood Senior High School on Friday 14th March for Years 4-7 students. Please find the program of events with this newsletter.

The focus of the Carnival is participation and good sportsmanship. Students should already know the events in which they are participating. If you have any queries, please see Pam Algar.

Students will need to wear school uniform over their bathers with their coloured House t-shirt, hat, sandals or thongs, sunscreen and bring a towel, goggles, a healthy lunch, snacks and water. Please note there will be NO FAB FOOD OR LUNCH ORDERS on that day.

Students may bring mascots but no crepe paper streamers. Students will be walking to the pool, departing at 9.00am for a 9.30am start and returning at approximately 2.00pm. Students who return to school will be dismissed at the normal time of 3.00pm.

All parents and friends are invited to be spectators. Thank you to those parents and siblings who have volunteered to help. We look forward to seeing you all there. Parents, if you wish to collect your child from the pool it is essential that you advise the House teachers and class teachers prior to leaving the pool.

TELSTRA FUNDING FOR BLUEARTH

We are fortunate to have received funding from *Telstra's Kids Fund* which supports projects including education, sports and recreation, arts and culture. This has been made possible by the generosity of the Ackland family who nominated Glengarry Primary School as the recipient of \$1200. This money has been spent on sports equipment for Bluearth and is being used by all our students at Glengarry.

Many thanks to Brad Ackland who is an employee of Telstra and as such has access to funding every few years. We acknowledge and appreciate your generosity.

Judy Cribb, Deputy Principal

FITNESS TESTING

A note will come home with your child when it is his/her turn to try out for a fitness award. It will ask your child to be at school at 8:30a.m or 8:50a.m. Please return it to me the next day. If he/she can't make it on that day or time, I can easily change it.

I can't wait to see who can gain the highest certificates and to watch them training to become fitter (stronger; more flexible and aerobically fit).



I am waiting for the teachers' negotiations to finish before beginning this before-school fitness programme. Thank you to the adults who have offered to help: - I will contact you when we are ready to begin.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

It is the 25th birthday celebration for Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart.

To celebrate this landmark year, we will attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the most people skipping rope at one time (multiple venues) at 9:30 WST, on 9th May, 2008. We at Glengarry will take part in making history.

The record is based on the number of people actively skipping simultaneously. The record for this activity was last broken in 2006 in the UK with 7,632 people achieving a best-ever, official number.

Look out for more news about getting ready for the record attempt.

Pam Algar, Phys Ed Teacher



Cycle to School Day is next Wednesday 12th March - we have certificates, stickers, tattoos, give-aways and fresh fruit for all our cyclists. It would be great to see lots of students and families riding to school on this day.

So far this year, the P&C have contributed \$6,532 back into the school:

Mathletics: \$2,800; Science Program: \$1,000; Visual Arts (Puppets): \$500; English books: \$500; Health & Phys-ed Equipment: \$832; Chicken Hatching: \$500; Kitchen pantry: \$400.

Crazy Hair Day raised \$243.20 - thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Coming up in 2nd term we will again be organising our **Salvos week**. So, start cleaning out those cupboards now and for every bag we fill, \$5 comes directly back to our school.

Sharryn Chapman, President, P&C

ICY POLES 4 SALE AT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Support Year 7 fundraising at the swimming carnival next Friday – healthy fruit juice icy poles for sale at 50c each.

HOT CROSS BUNS

We are again running the Hot Cross Bun fundraiser. A letter will be sent home with students on Monday for orders. Thanks to Christine Day for organizing this once again.

Stephanie Garcia

FAB FOOD

Just a reminder that Fab Food will be cancelled on the 14th March due to the House Swimming Carnival. Students who have pre-ordered for this date will receive a refund on Friday 7th March (named envelopes will be placed in the black food tubs). Fab Food will resume as normal on the 28th March. The response to Fab Food this term has been great with our weekly record standing at 114 orders! Thanks for supporting this P & C fundraiser.

Simone Dudley, Fab Food Coordinator

HOPE GROUP

HOPE is thrilled to report that 40 Glengarry students have signed up to join the HOPE Group. Thanks so much to Simone Dudley and the other volunteers who ran the first After School Activity last Friday afternoon which was a huge success. We are wondering if any Glengarry parents work for a business or corporation that may like to help us with some sponsorship....we are hoping to get some gardening resources together such as kids gardening gloves, trowels and bags of soil improver, compost and wetting agent. If anyone can help please ring me. We are also still looking for a volunteer to help with collecting recycling one morning a week before school....this could also be a student with a parent helping if any are keen! Thanks.

Alison Leitch, HOPE Coordinator. 9246 0790

HOPE GROUP AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

The first HOPE Group After School Activity held on the 29th February saw 28 budding environmentalists gather to take part in 'Schools Clean Up Day'. The students collected a mammoth amount of rubbish from the school grounds and adjacent bushland, mostly plastic and glass bottles, pieces of paper and food wrappings – half of which was recyclable! Some unusual items they collected were computer parts, a broken table and some spectacles without lenses. The children have done themselves proud and have made a significant positive impact on our local environment. A HUGE thank you goes to the lovely ladies that helped supervise – Judy Saunders, Sally Clements, Lara Martin, Kim Riley and Jane Scott. HOPE to see you at the next After School Activity!

Simone Dudley, HOPE committee member

FOOTBALL TIPPING

There is still one week left to sign up for Footy Tipping in 2008. We still do not have enough families to make it viable to run, so if any families are interested please call me or email me within the next week. If you have any queries regarding the competition, please feel free to give me a call. Tips will be accepted via email.

Natalie Gibson – 9203 7367 or email: keeah71@optusnet.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

A PUBLIC VIEWING NIGHT HOSTED BY THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF WA

See Saturn and its rings, Mars, the Moon and other wonderful objects of the superb Autumn sky through large telescopes.

Date: Saturday, 12th April, 2008

Cost: Full fare \$10; Students \$5, Family (2+4) \$30 (pre-schoolers free)

Venue: South Padbury Primary School

Bring: Warm jacket, Beanie, Picnic tea (if coming early) ** No smoking or alcohol allowed on school property.

Enquiries: Ph. 0417 930 951 / email aswa@aswa.info. Website <http://aswa.info>. No need to book.

TUART HILL BASKETBALL CLUB

The club is seeking boys and girls aged 6-17 for their winter basketball competition. Games are played on Saturdays at Perry Lakes Basketball Stadium. All teams train locally in the northern suburbs with experienced and qualified coaches. For more information contact Helen Fisher on 9448 6238.