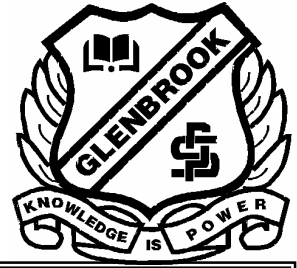


# NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 4

Principal — Mr D Brown

Assistant Principals' Mr R Down, Mrs J Macky (Rel.AP)

Assistant Principal Mr G Wheeler

P&C Meeting 1st Wednesday of each Month

**Thursday 19th February**

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

Friday 20th Swimming Carnival (3 - 6 Only)

Friday 20th CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday 25th Parents Plus Maths program

Friday 27th Clean Up Australia Day

### MARCH

Wednesday 4th AGM P&C Meeting

Friday 27th ICAS Competitions Entries Close

### APRIL

Friday 3rd Easter Service Whole School

Friday 10th Good Friday

## NOTES DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK

- \* K-2 Equipment Fee
- \* 3-6 Text Book Fee
- \* Bullying Survey
- \* Music Program 3-6
- \* Camp Deposit 5-6
- \* Festival of Music 09
- \* Tennis Trials
- \* ICAS Competitions 2009

**THE CANTEEN WILL  
BE CLOSED ON THE  
20TH FEBRUARY DUE  
TO THE SWIMMING  
CARNIVAL.**

**SORRY!**



## Library News

We need volunteers to cover books in both the K-2 and the 3-6 site. If you can help please see Mrs Kirk.

### SAFETY AND SECURITY (in K—2 Classrooms)

Please avoid entering your child's classroom without prior arrangement with your child's teacher. We ask this because of security issues that relate to staff personal belongings as well as confidential information that may be available in the room. We have not had any issues to date but we would like to avoid such issues occurring. Please don't view this as locking you out of your child's room. I know staff have already establish morning routines with some parents and these of cause can continue. If you have any concerns regarding this request please speak to Mr Wheeler.

### Education Tax Refund

The Australian Government is introducing the Education Tax Refund (ETR) to help families to meet the costs of educating their children through assistance with certain education expences. The ETR takes effect from the 1st July 2008. Under the ETR, eligible famlies or independent students will be able to claim: laptops, home computers associated running costs, including leasing, home internet connection, printer, paper, educational software, school textbooks and prescribed trade tools. For more information about the ETR can be found on the Treasury website at [www.treasury.gov.au](http://www.treasury.gov.au) or Bob Debus on 1300 550 605.

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## **Induction Assembly**

Last Friday was the first of our school special assemblies where student leaders received their badges of office. Congratulations to our captains, prefects, house captains and members of student council who have successfully gained positions for 2009. We know that they will do an excellent job in their leadership positions.

## **Festival of Instrumental Music at Sydney Opera House**

A number of students from Glenbrook have been selected to be involved in the festival to be held at the Opera House in May. Recorder teacher Jenny Munday will be working with the interested group to bring them to performance level.

## **Anti bullying update**

A survey has been distributed to parents and students to assist our committee to determine the program direction. The school is implementing the Friendly schools and families program. Data collected at this stage will assist in planning focus areas for the program. We are fortunate that bullying is not a serious issue at Glenbrook, however it does occur and in many cases in subtle ways. My thanks to teachers Janine Macky and Margaret Steed who will be guiding the programs implementation. I intend to update parents through the newsletter during the implementation period.

## **Victorian Fire Appeal**

Our student council recently expressed a unified desire to support the Victorian fire appeal. Members of student council would like all students to wear mufti on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of February and contribute by trying to fill with coins either a model fire truck students have made or a fire fighters backpack. (More to come next week)

## **Clean Up Australia**

Similar to previous years, our school will be supporting the 'Clean up Australia' campaign by assisting around our local area. Year 6 have been invited by Blue Mountains council to be part of a pilot scheme where experienced guides will work with our Year 6 to explore the endangered Turpentine Ironbark forest that adjoins the school property. Students will learn about the flora and fauna of the area, and help clean it up at the same time.

(Notes to go home next week)

## **Teacher Professional Update**

Over the next 2 weeks our teachers are working in stage groups to complete assessment indicators for the first semester that teachers will be using to focus teaching/ learning activities. These indicators will also form the basis when reporting student achievement in the first semester reports to parents.

## **New Landscaping Plans for K-2 site**

We thank new parents to our school Rick and his wife Elizabeth Geohner for their recent landscaping around the K-2 site. Over the weekend several gardens areas were covered with mulch making a noticeable improvement to the grounds. Last year several parents and teachers worked in the heat to get our turfing of the site completed. Plans Rick has proposed will add the finishing touches. Thankyou parents who given their time to assist the school by supporting such projects.

David Brown  
Principal

# MERIT CERTIFICATES

K - 2 AWARDS Term 1 Week 3

## BOOK AWARDS

KW Riley Birt  
KE Annaliese Micallef  
1W Bella Bridge  
1/2M Eva  
2R Max Byrne

## MERIT CERTIFICATES

KW Ben Watson  
KE Kinda Mahfoud  
1W Maddison McLennan  
1/2M Gus  
2R Grace

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KW Jessica Culver  
KE Daniel Dehaan  
1W Daniel Bowden  
1/2M William Cooke  
2R Nadia von Schulenb



## Glenbrook Public School Induction Assembly.

### Captains

School Captains	- Angus Johnson	Sophie Peterson
Vice Captains	- Tom Sargeant	Monica Van De Luecht
Prefects	- Arran Seex - Alexandra P.	Joshua Wheeler Kyle White

### House Captains

Barton	- C Reece N. - V Byron Sutherland	Sidney Scott Homulos Kayley Nixon
Evans	- C Amy N. - V Sophie Hartill-Law	Gabriel Cabban-Galtarossa Joshua Hulbert
Parkes	- C Tom Davis - V Lachlan W.	Madeleine Birt Taylor Taite

### Student Council

3S	- Elissa Sargeant	Jeremy Short
3/4F	- Edward Scarlett	Gabi Sproule
5M	- Sophia Malss	Jessica McGhie
5/6D	- India L.	Lucinda Linas
6M	- Annabelle Davis	Ert Kanhaphan
6S	- Jessica Bellantonio	Lachlan McNicol

# Keeping Kids Safe

My name is Amy Mitchell, and I am from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) School of Nursing. I am conducting a study to examine parent management of childhood eczema. Managing a child's eczema can be a difficult, frustrating, and time consuming task for a parent or caregiver. I am seeking parents of children (aged up to 12 years) with medically diagnosed eczema to complete an online questionnaire about managing childhood eczema. I am keen to hear from parents of children with eczema of any severity, from mild to severe. In recognition of their contribution to the study, participants will be entered in a draw to win one of five one-year subscriptions to the Eczema Association of Australasia, worth \$30 each. Details about the study and how to participate can be found at the following website:  
[www.quteeczemastudy.com](http://www.quteeczemastudy.com).

## Car Safety

In 2005, 926 children aged 5-16 years were killed or injured as car passengers on NSW roads. Make sure children are wearing a seat belt or an appropriate child restraint. Check the Kidsafe website ([www.kidsafensw.org](http://www.kidsafensw.org)) or phone Kidsafe on (02) 9845 0898 to ensure your child is using the correct and appropriate child restraint for their height and weight. It is recommended that children move to a lapsash belt only when they have outgrown the full booster seat or when their eyes are higher than the back of the full booster seat. A good adult seat belt fit can be achieved when a child is approximately 145 centimetres tall.

## Crossing the Road

In the excitement of the festive season remind your child that crossing the road should always be done with care.

Important things they should remember are:

- Always cross the road at a pedestrian crossing
- ◆ Always look right, then left and right again before crossing the road to check there are no cars coming.

More information at

[www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/kids/infopacks/Safetytips.pdf](http://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/kids/infopacks/Safetytips.pdf)

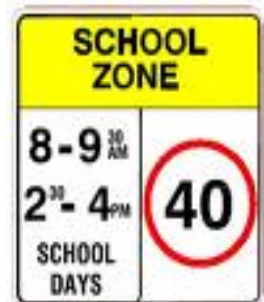


## Don't Risk Injuring a Child.

The 40km/h speed limit in school zones operates between 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm on school days - be aware of the time or you could get fined. Children can be unpredictable and hard to see. It's important that parents and carers observe local school safety initiatives when dropping off and collecting children. Penalties are high, new fines and demerit point increases include:

- Speeding - minimum fine of \$128 and four demerit points
- Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely - \$384 fine and four demerit points
- Double parking - \$231 fine and two demerit points
- Stopping on or near a children's crossing - \$308 and two demerit points
- Illegal use of mobile phone in school zone - \$308 fine and four demerit points.

The worst penalty is knowing you've caused an injury to a child.



For the safety of all school children please do not stop or double park your car on or near any pedestrian crossing, and observe all safety and no stopping signs. For more details on road safety go to [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)

## STOP, DROP AND ROLL

Remind your children about fire safety:

If your clothes catch on fire, don't try to run away - this will only make the fire burn hotter and faster.

### Instead:

**STOP** immediately where you are

**DROP** quickly to the ground and cover your face with your hands

**ROLL** over and over to put out the flames

### In Case of an Emergency

Make sure the whole family knows to call 000 in an emergency, for the Ambulance, or the police, or the fire brigade.

