Principal’s Message

STAFF NEWS

Miss Dunscombe will be temporarily leaving us from today, to relieve as the School Administrative Manager (SAM) at Clairgate Public School until the end of the term. Mrs Anderson will be replacing Miss Dunscombe on Fridays and in the afternoons on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Mrs Wilkinson will be returning from Maternity Leave next term, working on Mondays until the end of the year. She will be working with our younger students, supporting them with their reading.

SASS RECOGNITION WEEK

Our teachers have a very important job at school, teaching our students, but without the help and support from our dedicated SASS staff our job would be a whole lot busier and harder. Thank you to Mrs Harrison and Miss Dunscombe in the office; Mrs Crepaz, Mrs Staveley, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Alba who support our students in the classroom; Miss Bell our Aboriginal Education Officer and Mr Nick our General Assistant, who all make our jobs a little easier. We are very lucky to have such committed people working at our school.

PARTIAL ATTENDANCE

We have a number of students who continually arrive late to school in the morning. We are required to monitor all student absences, so when a student arrives late, a yellow form is either completed by the parent at the counter or it is sent home for a parent to complete to explain the reason for the lateness. If a student has a significant number of partial absences, it may be necessary for the student to be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO). It is important that all parents complete these forms, putting an acceptable and justified reason for lateness as these forms are looked at by the HSLO. Unfortunately, sleeping in, going to the toilet or running late are not acceptable or justified reasons. We ask that parents work with us to have all students “in line, on time by 10 to 9” each day.
YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP
On Monday morning this week, 3 teachers and 30 very excited students left school for camp. On Wednesday afternoon, 3 tired teachers and 30 very tired students returned, full of fantastic stories of their time away. The teachers were very proud of the students’ behaviour whilst they were away and the feedback from the camp staff was very impressive. It’s always wonderful to hear that our students were well-behaved and lived up to our expectations of being safe, responsible learners whilst out of the school. A big thank you goes to Miss Hassmann, Miss Spooner and Mr Lambeth who gave up their own time away from their families to make this great experience happen for our students.

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE
Next Tuesday, Palvisha, Prarabha, Saad and Denise will be representing our school in the Premier’s Spelling Bee being held at Carlingford West Public School. We congratulate these spelling whizzes for making it to the Western Sydney Regional Spelling Bee Finals and we wish them all the best.

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Tuesday, 26 August, I had the pleasure of taking a group of students to the Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Sportspark. Unfortunately, due to the wet weather only the track events were held for safety reasons. It was freezing cold and very wet but this did not deter our runners. They all gave their best and are to be commended for their efforts. I was so proud of our students who all displayed exceptional behaviour on the day.

NAPLAN RESULTS
NAPLAN results for students in Year 3 and Year 5 who sat the NAPLAN Test earlier this year, were sent home with students yesterday. Please check your child’s bag if you are yet to receive their results.

Lisa Littlejohn
Principal

Student Banking change banking day to Thursdays.

Save the date

What: Grandparents Day 2014
When: Tuesday, 21st October 2014

More details to follow soon!

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Our school values and encourages regular attendance at school. Each week, the class with the highest rate of attendance is announced at our Monday Morning Assembly and draws a prize from the Attendance Prize Box.

This term, we are focusing on getting our students “in line on time” and being at school every day.

Congratulations to the following winning classes for their outstanding attendance:

Week 6 winner: 3/4F
Week 7 winner: 3/4T

Lisa Littlejohn
Principal
CONGRATULATIONS
Award Winners!

Week 7
Teacher Awards (1 point)

KH  Awrang
Shania

K/1R  Polat
Dylan

1/2L  Dakota
Isaiah

2K  Annika
Azan

3-6S  Luke
David

3/4F  Tiara
Hanim

3/4T  Kirusha
Stephanie

5/6D  Rosetta
Bubba

5/6H  Erkan
Natalie

Week 8
Teacher Awards (1 point)

K/1R  Matilda
Bailey

1/2L  Tia
Nicholas

2K  Bryce
Jayleah

3-6S  Emmet
Elijah

3/4F  Chanice
Alexander

3/4T  Aleeha
Serenity

5/6D  Hridhima
Craig

EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

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Please note: Application Forms are available from the office

MindQuest 2014

Glenwood HS on Ferman Ave/Glenwood Park Dr
Saturday & Stanley 8 & 9 November 2014

PLEASE HAND OUT THE BROCHURES BEFORE THE END OF TERM 3

Dear Gifford and Talented Coordinator,

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful support of the NSW Talent Enrichment weekend. Our last weekend held in June at Glenwood HS was very successful.

Please find enclosed brochure advertising courses for the seventy fourth MindQuest to be held at Glenwood HS on Saturday 8th & Sunday 9 November 2014. 9.30am to 3.30pm. You may wish more students to have an opportunity to attend through advertising the activities in your newsletter. It is anticipated that many of the courses will be full before the closing date. Find free to photocopy any additional information required or ring me for additional information.

Many parents of students from low socio economic backgrounds may find difficulty in paying the course fee of $1.75/NCNS ($3). May I draw your attention to a limited number of part scholarships for the enrichment weekend program, please contact me if you know of students who need financial assistance. I hope that you will promote this program to the staff and students in your school. I have appreciated the wonderful support schools have given in the past and look forward to your continued support in the future.

Glenwood HS is very accessible to meet points of Sydney and the Blue Mountains (20 miles north, 38 mins North Sydney, iniciar Strathfield, 30 mins Richmond, Punchbowl and Hornsby).

Yours sincerely,
Sheleigh Parry
Director, NSW Talent Centre Pty Ltd

At The Meadows we are Safe, Responsible Learners!
In 5/6D this term, we have been learning about rainforests! In small groups we created a poster that reflects information on particular aspects of the rainforest. Students used a range of materials to create their posters and found their information through research on the computers and books from the library. Students then presented their posters to the class.
Over the past 2 weeks K/1R has been learning about fractions in class. We have been learning to make halves and quarters in a very interesting way! This week we made fairy bread in class to demonstrate halves. We then got to eat it!
Happy Campers!

Monday 1st-3rd September 2014

Students from Year 5 & 6 recently returned from the Outdoor Education Centre in Morrisett near Gosford. They stayed for two nights and three days during which time they participated in a wide range of exciting and challenging experiences. The three supervising teachers were extremely proud of the behaviour and maturity displayed by the students.

The staff of the venue, who see several school groups a week, made a point of commenting on the conduct of The Meadows Public School. Stage 3 represented our school very well and this made the trip really enjoyable for the students, Miss Hassmann, Miss Spooner and Mr Lambeth.
Math at Home

Your home is full of opportunities to explore math with your child and build their self-confidence and understanding of mathematical ideas.

The following activities are intended to be enjoyable and engaging, using items that can be readily found in your home. While doing the activities, keep in mind that an understanding of math and a sense that math is enjoyable will help your child develop skills that they will need for success throughout their lives.

**Fill It Up (Grades K-2)**

What you’ll need
measuring cup, 4 glasses of equal size, and water

What to do

1. Pour water at different levels (1/3 cup, 1/2 cup, 3/4 cup and 1 cup) in each glass. Put the glasses next to each other. Ask your child: Are all the water levels the same or different?
2. Ask your child questions to encourage comparison, estimation, and thinking about measurement. Which glass has more water? Which has less? How many glasses of water do you estimate it will take to fill the container?
3. Pour more water into one of the glasses to make it equal to the amount of water in another glass. Move the glasses around so that the glasses that have the same amount of water are not next to each other. Ask your child: Which glasses do you think have the same amount of water?
4. As your child begins to understand more, do activities using different-shaped containers that hold the same amount of a substance (water, rice, and popcorn kernels). This helps your child see comparisons, as well as the different containers.

Various capacities of sized and shaped

Filling empty containers provides opportunities to explore comparisons, measurement, volume, estimation, and geometry.
Newspaper Search (Grades 3-6)

What you’ll need
Newspaper, calculator, pencil, paper, and graph paper (can be hand-drawn)

What to do

1. List it. Give your child the grocery section of the newspaper in order to make up a list of foods that will feed the family for a week and also meet a budget of a certain amount of money. Have your child make a chart and use mental math or a calculator to figure the cost of a few items. If the total for the groceries is more than you have budgeted for, talk about which items can be eliminated. Could the list be cut down by a few items or by buying less of another item? What will best serve the needs of the family?

2. Shop around. Have your child search for advertisements in the newspaper for an item they have been wanting, such as a piece of clothing or tennis shoes, in order to find the lowest price for the item. After your child finds the best buy, have him or her compare the best buy to the rest of the advertised prices. Are this store’s prices lower for everything or just items in demand?

3. Highs and lows. Have your child search the newspaper for daily temperatures and create a graph showing weekly trends. Ask your child for the differences in temperature from day to day.

This activity helps children see how much math is used in everyday life. It also helps in the variety of ways in which math is used to tell a story, read a timetable or schedule, plan a shopping list, or study the weather.

Other ideas include:

Make up games using dice and playing cards. Try rolling dice and adding or multiplying the numbers that come up. Add up the totals until you reach a target number, like 100. Play the game backwards to practise subtraction.

Ask your child to help you solve everyday number problems. "We need six tomatoes to make our sauce for dinner, and we have only two. How many more do we need to buy?" "You have two pillows in your room and your sister has two pillows in her room. How many pillowcases do I need to wash?" "Four guests are coming to eat dinner with us. How many plates will we need?"

Remember to make maths fun and enjoyable!
Sharing Program

On Thursday 28th August, 2014, The Meadows Public School held a Sharing Program called ‘Wearable Design’. Ten students were selected to participate in the program and two students from our school also took part. Students looked into the design of t-shirt printing. They used various media and an artist case study to learn about specific aspects important in designing a t-shirt. Students also experimented with illustrations and slogans that were then transferred using an assortment of fabric paint onto their t-shirt.
Free Playgroup

Wednesdays/Fridays
(On grounds of The Meadows Public School)

‘Playing helps learning.’ – Play is children’s work.

Playgroup is a place designed to provide the opportunity for children to play, interact with other children, develop social skills and enhance early childhood development of your children.

Come along and enjoy the playgroup with other parents and children at FACES (Families and Children Early Start) Centre

Grandparents, uncles, aunts and caregivers are all welcome.

Where: FACES at The Meadows Public School
       (Located at Fuller Street Seven Hills)

When: Wednesday or Friday (during school terms)
       Time: 9:15am – 11:15am

It is free for families with children from 0 – 5.

Music, painting,

stories, songs,

Craft, outings, play and lots more.

Please visit website for more information
https://sites.google.com/site/sevenhillschildrensplaycentre/home
(Or simply just google ‘seven hills playgroup’)

Download registration form on website and email it back to:
sevenhillsacc@gmail.com

SaCC is a Families NSW funded project for families with children aged from birth to eight. For more information, please phone 9896 7514.

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KIDS CAMPS

THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

Choose from over 30 exhilarating camps at 10 locations across NSW these school holidays.

Our Sport and Recreation Centres offer over 40 activities for kids aged 5 to 16 years. Try your hand at fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, crafts, cooking or flying fox. You’re sure to find a camp the kids will love.

Kids’ Camps from $45 per day

Facebook: NSW Sport and Recreation
www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps  13 13 02
Road safety around your child’s school

Your child’s safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.

STOP! one step back from the kerb.

LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.

LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

Did you know your child is learning about road safety at school?

Community Noticeboard

The Meadows Public School, as a service to parents, will advertise community events that may be of interest.

The Meadows Public School does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organisation of these events.

‘SKOOL IS KOOL WITH KARL’ FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOL

Shop 17, HomeBase Shopping Centre Prospect
PHONE: 9849 3000

For every $25 spent at the Good Guys Prospect, $1 will be donated to our school. Just make sure you mention our school’s name at point of purchase. The more you buy the more we earn.

KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE

SKIN CANCER CLINIC

Appointments are now available at KRMCC’s Skin Cancer Clinic.

Exposure to the sun’s ultraviolet rays can cause sunburn, skin cancer and contribute to visible signs of ageing. There is a higher risk of skin damage, which can lead to skin cancer, during the summer months. Skin cancer is really a year-round issue. That’s why it is important to have regular skin checks with a doctor.

If needed, KRMCC’s mole-scanning technology enables the doctor to build up an accurate picture of changes in the skin and to detect any suspicious moles. Our doctors are able to perform excisions of moles that appear to be of concern and to send them for analysis via our on-site Pathology department.

To make an appointment at KRMCC’s Skin Cancer Clinic, please call Reception on 8822 3000.

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