Dear parents,

**Student Behaviour – Assemblies** - I am very pleased to report that the behaviour of the students at this early part of the year is very good – well done to all students!

**Swim Carnival Reminder** – The swimming carnival is to be held on Thursday, February 28. All parents and community members are welcome to come along.

**Meet-the-Teacher, Student Goal Setting Interviews** – have been progressing fairly well and our thanks go to parents for participating in this new initiative. Change in education is always constant. The goal setting exercise is another aspect of our Positive Behaviour for Learning approach. The main reason for the goal setting is to have students begin taking responsibility for their learning. Research has shown that doing so also helps students to further develop responsibility in life matters generally. Sadly, some students have difficulty accepting responsibility for their actions as they often blame others or have grown up with carers who have ‘done everything for them’. Later in the year, we will conduct our second set of interviews where students will begin to report back about their achievements and future directions. We expect all students to be far more responsible by the time they reach Years 5 & 6.

**Resource Packs** Quite recently there has been some media coverage of public schools and fees. At GPS we do not have any fees. We do not have any voluntary contributions. The contribution we ask parents to make is to purchase a resource pack. In some schools, parents are also asked to contribute to a ‘resource fee’ to cover photocopies, paint, art paper, sports equipment and so on. At GPS, we include all of these things in the resource pack. At this Monday’s P&C meeting, I presented the budget for 2013. The office allowance for paper and mainly photocopy costs amounts to nearly $50000 which is roughly $100 per student. Please understand that when politicians report that public schools provide a ‘free’ education, they are referring to the ‘teaching instruction’ which teachers undertake everyday.

We have made a number of inquiries about costs in other schools and GPS is still providing a very economical approach to your child’s schooling.

Miss Rox has collated information outlining the response rate from classes and the results are shown below. I ask the cooperation of all parents to assist us with our efforts in this area and if you have not yet done so, to pay for your resource pack soon.

Doug Meaney
Principal

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**Coming Events**

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### SCHOOL CAR PARK RULES

Parents are reminded that the school car park is for STAFF PARKING ONLY.

Parents are asked **not to park in the car park to drop children off in the morning or to pick up children in the afternoon**, not to park in or walk through the car park at any time during the day as this is an unsafe practice.

Please park on the street, there is a gate near the administration office for pedestrian access.

### SPECIAL MESSAGE TO PARENTS

When sending payments to school please ensure the CORRECT AMOUNT of money is enclosed in a separate envelope for each activity. (If more than one activity is placed in an envelope your child may miss out on participating).

Clearly mark each envelope with:
- your child’s name
- your child’s class
- name of activity – (ONE activity per envelope) & please put the permission note/s inside the envelope.

**Please endeavour to make payments before the due date** as paying late may result in your child missing an activity. If for any reason you are unable to pay on time, please contact the school before the due date.

All money is to be deposited in the payment slot in the door at the Admin Office.

If additional envelopes are required, they are available at a cost of 20cents each.

When sending payments to school, (for excursion, PSSA etc) please ensure Australian coins ONLY are sent. We are unable to accept foreign currency.
Penrith Panthers “Anti Bullying” Community Carnival Blitz!

Players from the Penrith Panthers will be visiting Glendenning Public School on Monday 25th February, 2013. The players will deliver a brief talk addressing bullying, to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students. There is no cost involved. Students can bring Panthers gear to be signed on the day, however, the players need to visit numerous schools on the day and will NOT have time to sign something for every student.

There may be an opportunity for students to have photos taken with the players for promotional purposes. So, it is important that students have returned their general permission notes (including permission to publish photos in the media) which were sent home at the beginning of the year.

Thank You,
Mr Keyes
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W: www.b2bpt.com.au

SOCCER REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

St Patrick’s Soccer club is now open for registrations for boys, girls, men and women of ALL ages. Located in Blacktown’s sporting hub, St Patrick’s offers a great environment for everyone to play this great sport.

Registration Dates

When: Saturday 2 February 2013 and Saturday 9 February 2013 between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm; and Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12 February 2013 between 5.30 pm and 7.00 pm.

Where: Anne Aquilina Reserve, Eastern Road, Doonside (directly across from Blacktown International Sportspark)

For more information about registration please go to our website www.stpatssoccer.com or call Silvana Martignago on 0422 747 235.

The 2013 season is starting soon so register early to secure your spot at St Pats.
REMINDERS

MESSAGES REGARDING LATE COLLECTION OF STUDENT
Please phone before **2.30pm** with any messages if you will be late picking up your child.

SCHOOL CANTEEN
The canteen operates on Monday to Friday each week.
Any payments or orders for the canteen should be taken directly to the canteen.

LUNCHES
If parents need to bring lunches to school after 9.00am, we would ask that you wait until 11.15am, when you will be able to gain a pass to your child’s class and then be able to take the lunch to your child.

EARLY LEAVERS
When signing children out early of an afternoon, for appointments etc, parents are asked to do so before **2.45pm**. Students will not be signed out after this time.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2012
Mondays: 8.30am to 9.00am
Fridays: 8.30am to 9.30am

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