Dear parents,

Who is this with Caitlin and Anneliese Eves? Our two students were visiting the RHRSL earlier this week and just happened to have time to give the taller red-headed lady – the Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard - an opportunity of a photo with them. Caitlin and Anneliese will now have a very special photo in their album that they will be able to show their family! Could these two students be future Prime Ministers?

Congratulations to Justyce Cleverly. Justyce has been selected as a member of the NSW ‘OZTAG’ U12 Girls’ Team for 2013. Justyce will be going on to compete in the tri-state series in June of this year and we wish her all the very best in the future competitions – well done Justyce!

Congratulations to the SRC - The members of SRC participated in Bandanna Week and did an awesome job of promoting this very worthy cause within our school. As a community, you all helped our school to raise over $570 for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you for supporting the work of Canteen and their National Bandanna Day. This was a great opportunity for everyone in our school community to show their support for young people living with cancer.

A ‘Heads-Up’ - Coming home soon will be notes about our major fundraiser for 2013 and this year’s Easter Hat Parade.

Students’ Awards Parents and students are reminded that this week is the week to bring in their 5 Awards (Student of the Week, Value of the Week, Merit, Citizenship, Perfect Attendance, Presentation Day Awards). Gold and Silver Certificates will be presented at Week 8’s Monday Assembly.

Meet the Teacher /Goal-Setting Conferences 2013. A survey for parents and your child/ren regarding these conferences is now available on the school website: http://www.glendennin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ Just click on the ‘Community’ tab and the ‘survey’ link to access the surveys. We appreciate any feedback regarding school events as all contributions are taken into account and provide us with directions for the future.

Coming Events

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HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Have a great week (hopefully drier)
Doug Meaney
Principal
Plumpton High School

Parent Information Night

Come along to see, hear and ask about the quality education that Plumpton High School can deliver for your child.

Hear from parents, students & our talented staff about the many opportunities we provide students as we aim to cater for your child’s individual academic, emotional and social needs.

See the various quality learning spaces and facilities, observe some of the quality learning products produced by our students, & ask any questions you may have about our school & our educational programs!

At Plumpton High School we are committed to developing students as:

- Responsible, informed & active citizens
- Confident, creative & innovative critical thinkers and problem solvers
- Successful & lifelong learners

By providing:

- A safe, secure & high quality learning environment
- Personalised & differentiated learning
- Quality teaching & learning programs with a K-12 focus
- Modern equipment & leading edge technology
- Strong, innovative educational leadership & quality staff

When: Wednesday 13th March 2013

Where: Plumpton High School

Greater Western Sydney Performing Arts Centre

Time: 6:30pm—8:00pm

Please RSVP by calling Plumpton High School on 96257020 or 96257505 Or alternatively

RSVP to plumpton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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

SCHOOL CAR PARK
Parents are reminded that the school car park is for STAFF PARKING ONLY. Parents are asked not to drop children off in the car park, park in or walk through the car park. There is a gate near the administration office for pedestrian access.

PAYMENTS
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/children’s name
• your child/children’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. Please DO NOT use school payment envelopes for anything other than to make a payment.