Dear parents,

**Congratulations to all Place-Getters in the 2013 School Swimming Carnival** – results from the carnival are in this newsletter – many thanks to Mr Graham for arranging these. Congratulations also to those students who went on to the district carnival and especially to those swimmers who managed to place in their various races in such a competitive field.

**The 2013 Talent Quest** is up and running and auditions are currently being held each lunchtime. All the very best to those students who are auditioning and to the supervising teachers.

**LMBR** – The Learning Management Business Reform is being incorporated into GPS now. The finance module will be operational (hopefully) by June this year. This will mean that:
- the financial aspects of our school’s operation will be stored on computer off site (a good thing);
- parents will be able to pay for all items, on line (a good thing);
- the ‘due by’ dates will need to be adhered to as the accounting system will require that (a good thing for teachers, but it will require students and parents to be ‘on the ball’).
- whilst at present we are able to try to ‘fit students in’ to excursions and so on, after the due dates, this will not be possible from this time forward (good for knowing our organisation, but ‘late payers’ from the past will need to be ‘on time’).
- The school will not have the ability to issue cheques as these will all be issued from a central system so any refunds, etc will take time (a good thing but parents will need to ensure that students attend excursions as planned).

The LMBR system is still being developed, but I will endeavour to keep parents informed of changes, as they come to our notice.

**Peer Support** – The Peer Support program is a very well-respected program that seeks to develop friendship patterns between all students in schools. It involves students in activities that will teach older students to care for younger ones and younger ones to feel secure and safe. It involves training the Year 6 students (over two days) to coordinate activities for younger ones. Students will then often undertake school events like Easter Hat parades in their peer support groups. The learning that takes place can be very powerful and often changes the ‘culture’ of student groups and the school in general. It is an exciting and powerful program that will hopefully produce awesome results in the behaviour of our students. Miss Fitzgerald will be coordinating Peer Support at GPS. When we start the ‘Keeping Friends’ module, Miss Fitzgerald will include weekly updates in the newsletter for your information.

**More Congratulations!** – Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving principal’s silver and gold awards at next Monday’s assembly. The students to receive awards are Dhruv Kant, Jeyda Yilmaz, Mitchell Hansen, Elizabeth Sale, Rhys Gibson, Brooke Hansen, Ava Kember, Chloe McLean, Jayden Bush, Kristina Gaundar, Emran Shevket, Sarah Bolehala, Tara Aquilina, Mukhtar Qayom Zada, Jorja Hubble, Ashley Gaundar Jack Vanderlinde and Sarfraz Rana.

Thank you to all parents for sending your child’s awards along -just a quick reminder to please hold any more submissions for awards until Week 6 Term 2.

**Coming Events**

- **Thursday** March 21: Kindergarten Excursion
- **Friday** March 22: Payment due for Jollybops Science Show 9.00am
- **Tuesday** March 26: Jollybops Science Show K-6
- **Thursday** March 28: Grandparent’s Day & Easter Hat Parade
Another Special Congratulations to Justyce Cleverly for being selected as a member of the Blacktown PSSA Zone Netball side for 2013. Well done Justyce!

Expectations – Where IS Your Child? Recently we have had a number of phone calls from very emotional (and some angry) parents telling us that their child has not met them where they had told them to. It is understandable that parents are both concerned and a little angry. Once teachers become aware, they also become concerned and will do whatever they can to help. Parents are respectfully requested and reminded, however, not to express their frustration against a member of staff – we also ask students to meet parents where they have been asked to do so and care that they do as parents ask. I would also encourage parents not to sit in cars at the front of the school at 3.05pm asking office or teaching staff to go and find students as during this busy time, most staff are involved in other matters. I am aware parking is a problem and can only advise parents to arrive earlier, park and then enter the school to meet their children.

Doug Meaney
Principal

GPS Swimming Carnival 2013

Well done to all students for their fantastic efforts at the swimming carnival on Thursday 28th February, 2013 at Emerton. Congratulations to the following students. You will be receiving your ribbons at next week’s stage assemblies.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KANGAROOS** – winners of the 2013 Swimming Carnival.

Final points tally:
- Crocodiles - 122 points
- Dingoes - 175 points
- Kangaroos - 179 points
- Lorikeets - 141 points

**District Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to these students, who represented Glendenning PS at the Blacktown District Swimming Carnival on Thursday, 7th March, 2013 at Blacktown Aquatic Centre:


Mr Graham and Miss Howard, who accompanied these students, were impressed by their efforts and behaviour at the carnival. They put in a lot of effort and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Overall, Glendenning was placed 5th in the district. A superb achievement!

Congratulations to Chloe McLean, Brooke Asbury, Jwakeem Hape Va’a, Zac Asbury and Olivia Steele, who have been selected to compete at the **Sydney West Swimming Carnival**, to be held on Tuesday, 19th March, 2013 at the Sydney Aquatic Centre at Homebush. They will compete in a total of 12 events.

We wish them the best of luck!

Mr Sundstrom & Mr Graham
Swimming Carnival Coordinators

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**GROUP OUTDOOR**

**FUN AND FITNESS!**

- Bootcamp
- Group Outdoor Fitness
- Aqua Aerobics
- Personal Training
- Nutrition Planning

Contact Kathryn Wahby
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50TH ANNIVERSARY AND OPEN DAY including the opening of the Arts Centre will be held on SATURDAY 18TH MAY 11.30AM TO 4PM.

AUDITIONS - Applications close Thursday 4th April
Students with a strong interest in Dance, Circus, Drama, Music and/or Visual Arts are encouraged to audition.

Auditions Years 7 and 8 will be held in May and offers made in June.

Download an Audition Application at www.nepean-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

For further information phone 4728 7200.
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 CANTENE
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 make payments before the due date as paying will result in your child missing an activity.
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.